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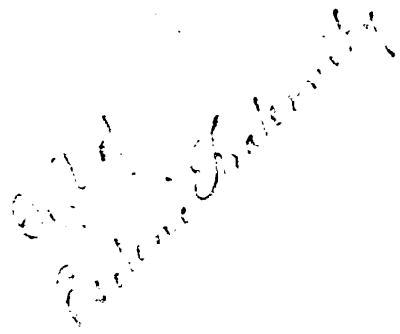


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GLEANINGS FROM THE EAST.

The Path of Enjoyment takes us through the delights of sentient existence; the pleasures and pains of varied experiences in worldly life, till the senses become satiated and the mind,—by the well known law of reaction,—bounds back to a clear consciousness of the utter futility of all that is carnal and material. The evanescent nature of the world and its gaities dawns upon the mind; repentance purifies the soul; a yearning for a higher life springs up, and the Light of the Divine, beginning again to shine forth, becomes the sole object of all our seeking and aspiration. This is the path which is consciously or unconsciously trodden by the generality of mankind—by people who are "of the earth, earthy."

The other path is aptly called "*Nevritti Marga*" or the Path of Self-denial. It implies a course of rigid self-restraint and the preservation of equanimity amidst the pains and pleasures of the world. He who treads this path must learn to retire slowly and persistently within the depths of his own being,

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away from the disturbing elements of his carnal and animal nature. This inner withdrawal from the world necessitates the mortification of flesh, the killing out of mind and desire, by reversing the outward current of the spirit. In short, this path is what the wise men call the Path of *Yoga* or the science of Union,—union of the lower with the higher self, the "Father in heaven."

The *Yoga Marga* (literally, the Path of Union) is open to the select few; its mysteries are in the custody of Masters who reveal them only to those who have attained to sufficient purity to be thought deserving. The end is sought to be accomplished by ways and means too numerous to be mentioned. Each mode or system has its teachers and followers; and it is by actual practice and observation that the efficacy of any particular method can be learned and appreciated.

The endless ramifications into which *Yoga Marga* has branched may be broadly classified under two heads:—viz. *Raja Yoga* and *Hatha Yoga*. *Raja Yoga*, "the prince of all *Yoga* systems," deals chiefly with the control of the mind, and has for its sole aim and object the merging of the individual self into the Self of the Universe. *Hatha Yoga* on the other hand, concerns itself with the body, and seeks the development of psychic powers rather than union with the God-head. Besides the two, there is what in called *Pran Yoga* which is practiced by the followers of both systems. This last practice has to do with the control of the *pran* or vital air, and is held in great repute, owing to its efficacy in controlling and subduing the senses. Though widely appreciated, this mode may well be taken as a part of *Hatha Yoga* and as such is attended with considerable danger to the health and life of a person, unless it is practiced under the immediate direction and guidance of a trained master. Not so, however, with *Raja Yoga*, which suits the most cultured mind and may be practiced with immense benefit to

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the body, mind and spirit. No system is without a value of its own; for each is calculated to suit the needs of a particular stage of individual growth.

Raja Yoga is the crowning pinnacle of all the esoteric systems in vogue. It is pre-eminently the art of Concentration and Meditation. The first step on the Path is *Concentration*; and concentration means the focussing of the outgoing energies of the mind or the down-flowing currents of the Spirit at a particular spot upwards and inwards in the body. Special instructions regarding this process of concentration can only be learned from the Master or the Guide, whose help is necessary in all kinds of *Yoga* practice.

Isvar Chandra Chakravarti, B. A.,
Midnapur, Bengal, India.

ACHING HEARTS.

Oh! when will man e'er understand
And feel another's woes,
And learn to give sweet sympathy
Where bitter anguish flows;
And not unjustly to condemn
And fill the heart with care,
Until, the soul misunderstood,
Deems life a thing unfair.

How many hearts do ache each day
For lack of sympathy,
Until the overburdened soul,
From life, longs to be free.
Would we, more kindly words e'er speak
And criticise much less;
How many souls we would uplift,
And other lives oft bless.

Martha Shepard Lippincott.

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A GENERAL VIEW OF THE OBJECTS OF THIS JOURNAL.

Owing to the multiplicity of ideas that are being sent forth through the different periodicals and by the various teachers; each one having his own peculiar ideas and theories, many are saying: "how shall we know what is the truth?" hence, it is very important that there should be presented somewhere, a generalization of the whole scope of our thought, in order that all may be able to decide whether it is advisable for them, or not.

We lay, as a foundation or corner stone of our building, the thought, that, there is an intelligent, creative mind from which all mentality has been derived; and that that mind is moving not only in everything on this sphere, but is controlling the entire universe, causing it to work together in one harmonious whole.

If you will turn to Number 11, Vol. I, of this Journal, in the article entitled "The Purpose in the Creation of the World," you will see formulated the basic thought, namely, that there is, not only an all-pervading intelligence, which is simply force, but it is a conscious, thinking, knowing organism. See article entitled "Knowing God," in Volume XIII, of the Esoteric, numbers 2 and 3. In this article is set forth something of our idea of the causative intelligence that the Christian world calls God; the Hebrews, Yahveh; the Hindus, Brahm, Vishnu, etc.; the Egyptians, Isis and Horus. Thus it has been named by all the nations of the world, according to their language and ideas.

We hold that, if there is intelligence in the lesser form, the form of an individual man or woman, there certainly must be

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intelligence in the Creator; and we find it a law,—which has been generally accepted by advanced thinkers,—that all men are dependent one upon another, and that the mentality of each is having its influence on all; and that the mentality of all is acting upon and to a great extent controlling the action of each; so that, in the language of the scriptures: "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Therefore, if all are interactive, one upon another, it follows that each is but a part of all; and according to the strength of will (force of character) the individual, has he the power to make conditions according to his purpose.

There is, therefore, in addition to what has been given through the colums of *The Esoteric Magazine* and the *Esoteric books* in general, another line of instructions, which have been running through this Journal and which will continue in the present volume. These methods are intended to point out a course of life that will enable the individual to gather to himself additional powers of mind and body, so that he may rise above and be superior to forcing circumstances. In other words, the object is to present thought in a general way which will enable every one to take hold upon the fountain of mind and will power, and be that which they will or desire to be.

The world at the present time is filled with knowledge, hence, the advisability of publishing this Journal would be questionable, were it not, that, in the multitude of thought that is now being presented to the world, there is a lack of order and system. It is our purpose in this work, not so much to give new thought, for we are under the impression that the words of the wise man of old are applicable to-day, namely: "There is nothing new under the sun," but it is our purpose, in so far as we are able, to draw from the fountains of truth and put it in order, before the mind of the reading public.

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There are thousands who are able to inspire knowledge in great abundance, but few are able to build from that knowledge an orderly structure that will embody the universal whole. We hear almost every one say: "I do not believe this;" or, "I believe that is evil:" thus they condemn a portion of God's work, and would destroy that which is really essential to their further progress and development, through their ignorance of the use it is serving to themselves and the world. Another class, without discrimination, state,—"all is good;" and thus become a receptacle to all things that may flow into them. We believe that all is good; but we make this provision: everything is good in its place; and everything when out of place is evil. Therefore, orderly thought is the most important part of our thinking.

In the effort to put our thoughts in order, we begin by first recognizing God as an intelligent, controlling mind in the whole work of creation; in all the movements of the universe: second, that that intelligence has a purpose, and that everything in the universe is being controlled by that supreme will and caused to work together for the accomplishment of that purpose. If these two thoughts, are accepted by any one, they will naturally bring into activity an interogation.

As we look around upon the world; the plants, animals, man, and the other worlds moving through space, the question ever and anon arises; what use is this, that or the other serving in the object of the Creator's mind? If the object in the mind of the Creator was; as declared in Genisis 1, 26, to make man in His own image and like Him, then, it follows that everything that exists is of use, is serving that object; and you who have through the process of evolutionary unfoldment grown large enough mentally to enter into the finishing work of this cycle of God's creation, may become a voluntary co-worker with God in accomplishing the object for which all

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things exist. You must be a co-worker whether you will or not, but to be one involuntarily, because of the force of evolution, or, in other words, because of the force of the two great factors: desire for pleasure and fear of pain and death; is only to be a mere instrument of the Creative Power, and not a partaker of the ultimate work. It has been said, the difference is: one is a servant, the other a son. A servant serves the master, and gets his daily bread not knowing what the master is doing; while the son is joint owner with the father; a co-worker with him, and knows the father's purpose, and works not for another, but for himself; for in serving others he is serving himself, by accomplishing his own purpose.

Let us return again to our general thought. We have made the statement that there is an all-pervading and all-knowing creative mind, which brought into form and general order, all that is; not only on the earth, but throughout the universe, and that that mind is carrying forward the work of the universe for a specific purpose. This purpose in relation to our planet earth is:— first, to make man in His image and like Him and let them have dominion. The vitality of that mind was formed into a thought and word and sent forth in the beginning into space. That word formed this world; it is the substance and energy of this world and that substance and energy being the result of thought, are essentially thought; therefore, if all that is, is thought substance, then it is conclusive that it was not the purpose of the Creator to create something that was not, but to produce something like to Himself; as stated in the scriptures, that something He called man; not one individual, but the race. For man to be like Him, or Her, or both,— the Creator,— necessitates that he should possess an individualized, intelligent, voluntary existence: this intelligent, voluntary existence could not obtain by any other means than by experience; in other words, experience is the only knowledge.

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While man was created in the beginning by the Spirit,— God; yet there was a method in that creation, a purpose requisite for its accomplishment, and that method was the same that is now active in the world before us everywhere; namely, growth and development. You will readily see that this comprehends, and necessitates, that, man should live in all forms of existence, from the smallest atom of life that started from the creative word in the beginning; up from the unformed life in the waters to the microscopical insect in it; and through the process of the stronger subsisting on the weaker, gather to itself all the multiplicity of life substance and qualities until it stands forth a perfect man.

Man cannot stand forth in perfection until he has lived many lives and been re-embodied thousands of times. Here, you see, we take in, by necessity of orderly thought, the various doctrines that have been promulgated; known as,— Reicarnation, Evolution, Karma, etc.; also the Christian doctrine of reaping that which we sow; all progressing toward a heaven of delight, or retrograding toward a hell of misery.

In this thought, hell means disintegration; while heaven means integration; one is scattering; the other is gathering. Gathering means to possess all things, and to be able to cause all things to work together for our good; to serve our use. Scattering means to become weak and a servant of all or anything that may prey upon us, until the very substance of being is absorbed by more worthy and energetic organisms.

It is a well known law that positive, energetic action is the process of development. The athelete is necessitated to go through daily exercises wherein the will is called into action and the muscles he wishes to develop into motion; this causes them to grow, fill out and become strong and enduring. The same is true in developing the brain and also the powers of the

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soul. Having proven this true, we reverse the thought and without attempting to carry it out here, you will see that the statement is correct when we say: that, life is perpetuated only by constantly resisting and overcoming the disintegrating forces active within and around us. This being true: if we want health, strength or powers, it becomes necessary that we apply methods in accordance with the above laws, in order that we may obtain them. This, then, lies at the very foundation of all that is accounted desirable in life; therefore, we shall endeavor in this magazine to keep our thought closely to methods for bringing desired results.

We think,—if we should be permitted to make comparisons between our work and that of other journals,—that the difference is mainly in the fact, that, we keep constantly in view methods which are practical and immediately useful. Immediately useful, because whoever will apply them will obtain immediate results; therefore, no one need to inquire: how shall I know whether these things are true, or not? for they need only to apply the methods and the results will prove their truth.

We stated above, that, which has been accepted by all, namely, that all life is interactive. Upon this basis we extend our thought beyond the association of man with man, and even beyond the planet earth, and find by unquestionable demonstration in Solar Biology, that all worlds are interactive one upon another. Sir Robert Lockyer is now working on the idea of the sun's direct influence in causing floods, droughts and consequent famines, etc. He has only taken the first step towards the development of a scientific astrology; or, call it Solar Biology, it matters not; but he sees, as do many of the scientific minds of the present time, that it is an unquestionable fact, that, those bodies distant from and beyond the earth are strongly influencing, not only the earth, but also the mental states of men upon it.

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We are again necessitated to call your attention to the idea of God, as set forth in the second and third numbers of Volume XIII of *The Esoteric*. The idea presented there, is, that worlds are born from their central sun and go on growing and developing towards the likeness of their parent; and as this process has been going on through all eternity, it follows that there must be innumerable worlds in space whose growth and development have reached a point so far trascending our most exagerated imagination, that the mind will never be able to approach the least conception of them.

As we have shown in *Solar Biology*, and in the article above referred to, worlds are factors in the work of creation, as the mind organs of man are factors in his work in life; and that these worlds are filling all space with their influence, mental, physical and spiritual; so that from *Solar Biology* we can describe the character of persons from the positions of the planets at the time of birth. One may ask; of what use is this in the great work of attaining unity with God and the highest unfoldment of human life? The use is this: knowledge is power; it is also a means by which we avoid evil results and obtain good ones in all departments of life. Again, it is encouraging to him who is reaching for knowledge to know, that, in all his aspiration, prayer, and the consequent inspiration,—drawing in and receiving,—that there is no limit to the height, depth or breadth of thought which he may gather to himself; for, by the aid of that which he gathers and makes use of to-day, he will be able to reach a little higher, to touch a little finer qualities to-morrow; and by proper assimilation of those qualities, he will be able to reach still higher the next day; and so the human soul; the human ego or intelligence, may go on and on eternally; like worlds in their systems, growing, unfolding and refining. Thus every day will bring something new to him; every year will find him in new wonder spheres of enjoyment, knowledge, power and usefulness.

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Thus, you see, from the above, we take the idea of God not as the narrow minded do, as some great man; but as the fountain and source from which all men, all worlds and systems of worlds originally derived all that they are. God becomes to us in the most comprehensible sense, unknowable; in a more general sense, we know God to an extent proportionate to our unfoldment and development. Seeing in God's creation a method and purpose, it becomes our work to understand that purpose, and to conform our lives to it, and if we look upon God as the cause and producer of all things that exist, then we can see no evil in anything, save in their misuse, or being out of place.

You should bear in mind the following: first, there is a causative, intelligent, conscious existense, which has a purpose and is moving all things according to it, and that nothing can resist that purpose; for there is no power except that which is derived from that original mind. Second, all will, all mind, all life, is God's, and is good in its place and order. Third, the purpose for which all things are being moved is growth and development. Growth and development means that all things are tending toward an individualized, conscious, thinking intelligence, like God who produced them. Thus, you see the truth of the words of Jesus when he said: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." This is also our destiny.

From the above, you will see the effort of this journal is, not to promulgate some specific idea, some system of science, but it is to bring before the mind of the public general ideas, in their proper form and order, which, if received and carried out to their ultimate conclusion, will take in and make plain all knowledge of truth, that is being given to the world through any and all systems.

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OUR LESSON.

"All the world is a stage:" said the immortal bard. We have also heard it said: "All the world is a school," and we like this thought better; for, we do not believe that man plays his little part simply for a show; but rather, that, by innumerable experiences, he may learn the lesson of life; and the question arises: what is the lesson which man is learning?

The child in school often wonders why it must learn so many lessons which it must eventually forget; it cannot see the use to be served by his toil. Pouring over a long and difficult sum in multiplication he can truthfully say: this sum, when finished, will be rubbed off the slate and be as though it had not been: why should I trouble myself to do it? when I become a man it will have passed from my mind utterly; but, with equal truthfulness he might say: though I forget this sum and all the others I may do while at school, yet I will have learned to multpily, and sometime through life it will be of use to me. Here, then, is the secret, the use of all that childish toil, and well the teacher knows, that, although the lesson is soon forgotten, yet the principles learned are not. And thus we, "children of a larger growth," see why we are compelled to labor at what, at first sight appears to be useless tasks.

As we look abroad we see the millions of earth's children, toiling like slaves, building that which may last for centuries, or perchance, not even a lifetime; and, as we contemplate the ruins, which once were cities, mighty monuments to the industry of powerful people long since passed away, we feel like asking: what is the use? of what benefit is all the toil, the

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experiences of man's life? As we might answer the child at its sums so do we answer the man at his labors. "By trying you have gained the capacity to do, and by doing you have learned the law concerning the thing you have done, so that should occasion at any time require, you know that you can do it again." And we perceive that the same law applies in our social relations, "we are all members of one body," and we ask: why is the body of humanity so inharmonious? why this confusion and combat among men? The poet answers: "'Tis ignorance which multiplies the wrongs of human nature," and we see that in the moments of joy we may have experienced, and the hours of bitterness which follow our mistakes; we are slowly gaining, by painful efforts and sad blunders, a knowledge of *social* law, by the application of which we may become harmonious members of the body; for it is not by chance that one is an Esau and another a Jacob, that one is a destroyer and another a builder.

All is governed by law. Nature's laws are man's infallible guide to action. A knowledge of the laws being given, the direction of the effect of an act can always be foretold. He who has a perfect knowledge of the laws bearing upon the work in hand, labors with the surity of a successful issue to his efforts. And it is only they, who, by many experiences, careful observation, and discriminating thought, have gained a knowledge of social law, who can attain and maintain a place as members of a harmonious body.

PHEBE HART.

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NEW PRACTICAL METHODS.

(XIII.)

We closed the preceding number of this series by referring to a scientific method that would aid the intuitions in the proper selection of a companion for life. It is not our purpose here to give a line of instructions according to that method, as the system referred to, *Solar Biology*, is in book form, so that all can study it. This science we believe to be a resurrection of a system that was in existence in a prior age of the world. That it was known to the patriarch Jacob, there is no doubt in our mind, because each of his sons were named according to the qualities of one of the signs of the zodiac, and in the same order. So complete was the order that it would almost seem in place of its being a literal family of children born to the man Jacob, that the historian gave in symbolic language the influence of the zodiac and the nature of persons born in the twelve signs, and that he had reference to what Swedenborg called "the grand man of the heavens" as the father; and the persons born on earth under these signs, as the children. But, upon this subject we will not speculate.

In the early part of our life, we felt that we were called upon by the Spirit,—God, to do some particular work, but what it was we did not know. From a boy of twelve we were devout in the Christian life and had many grand experiences, which we yet hold as precious evidence of our acceptance by the Spirit. When the time came, we were literally called out from the old conditions, and consequently we gave our life without reserve to the guidance of the Spirit. During the fourteen years following we received many wonderful revelations, and about

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that time there appeared before our spiritual vision a system by which the nature of persons, the qualities of the mentalities of the different branches of the human family, could be read correctly; but where to look for it and what to study, we did not know. We studied ancient Astrology, but found it was not there. Suddenly, as by an awakening; by a flash of mentality, the basic principles of the system of Solar Biology were revealed to our consciousness, and in the light of the same mentality, derived, as we most earnestly believe, from the higher spiritual, we brought into order the present system, known to the world as *Solar Biology*. We feel that it is a system given from God for the benefit of the race, as it is a lamp to the mind by which to guide the intelligence in knowing our fellow men. It is also a source of enlargement to the mentality. The man or woman who carefully studies human life, thought and consciousness with the light it sheds upon them, will find that it enters into and forms a part of their mentality; or, in other words, it is a lamp to the mind in almost all dark places of the thought world, and by its means we can know the purposes of human action. We may through intuition know qualities and be attracted to certain conditions, but cannot definitely know what those conditions are, or what course they will take in life; but aided by this system we may know definitely and understand each other, almost perfectly. However, as this systen is in the hands of the public, we will leave it here for your consideration.

You who have followed these instructions up to the point where you have perfect control over the life generated in the body, have reached a point where your consciousness opens up to many new and larger vistas than ever before. It is a high mountain to climb to be able to control your own body, because he that is able to control generation is able to control all things within the limits of his mental comprehension. This being so, you have now discovered the importance of the instructions

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that have already been given, and we feel confident that there will open to your conciousness many new and important lines of practical value, so that you will not be limited to following the instructions of another, but begin to perceive laws, causes and effects, and at this point realize fully that the mind is the only creator. When you thoroughly grasp the fact that mind is the only creator, then you will perceive that you have command of obstacles and power to wisely decide your course in life. At this point two ways will probably open before your consciousness: one is the way of generation and the production of a higher race of people; the other is the way of the Spirit. This latter course is the highest ultimate of human attainment, and only those who have so matured through experience in earthly lives, that they feel they have no longer any use for the conditions of generation, and wish as it were, to leave this world and to live henceforth with God in the Spirit, will decide to enter the straight and narrow path which leads them out of the world of material substance into the world of spiritual consciousness. This way we will probably consider further on in this line of instructions.

Having utilized the faculties at your command, which faculties will be great, because of increased powers of mind, both of the external reasoning and of the interior consciousness, through having control of generation, and having decided to marry and bring into existence a higher race of men and women; there are a few points we which to suggest for your consideration. First, if you are a man of positive nature, you will naturally select a woman of a very negative nature. The womanly part of woman's nature (we say womanly part, because, there are many women who have a predominance of the positive or masculine mentality) seeks a companion into whose hands she can commit her life and all that she is. It is the womanly nature, in its highest and most holy condition, to

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live in the man as fully as man lives in and occupies a house, and it is that condition that really attracts woman to man and man to woman. The statement in the bible: "they shall be one flesh," refers to this condition. When men and women live the true life: governing generation, and are not governed by it, and have mental strength sufficient to subordinate the senses, the mere love of sensual pleasure, then marriage will really mean two becoming one.

Man will find that when he has accepted the companionship of woman from this high standpoint, that he simply opens himself and she enters into him and dwells there, giving him all her womanly powers of vitality, mentality and spirituality; and if she is allowed to dwell there in peace and harmony, the interblending of the two qualities become a creative factor. Its operation is the feminine love and veneration of the masculine mind that is able to control her nature and his own, and to lead it on in paths of peace and harmony, causing her to inspire,—draw in, through idealizing him,—powers and consciousness so transcending anything that has ever been known in the past, that man will obtain much of the God-likeness. Now, in order that this condition may obtain and remain with the man, he must conquer all desire for self gratification. While he should himself be honorable, open, free and deal squarely in all things, yet he must always consider the feelings and desires of his companion; and he should remember this; that, in the way of gratification, or by seeking pleasure in that association, he will destroy pleasure. When the bible said, "thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee," there was implanted in the woman the desire to have man rule over her, but the reason why man's rule over woman produces so much discord and inharmony in married life is, that, man demonstrates in his associate relations with his wife and with the world in general, his incapacity to rule himself, and

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her reason says;— if man is incapable to rule himself, how can he rule my life. Again, in the old relation man seeks pleasure through the sex of woman and thereby destroys the fountains of life and source of love, and the confidence which she originally had in him, and forces her to withdraw herself from his control; and self-preservation commands her to take control of her own life, mind and body. She does not stop here, for realizing his weakness and being cast out of his body as a most sacred temple, and forced to stand alone, she puts forth her mental powers to guide and govern him. Now, if you wait until you have command of yourself in all departments of life, before you marry and take into yourself the sacred life fountains of woman's nature, you will have a consciousness of the sacredness of her life, which will cause you to guard and protect it most zealously; and this consciousness will not only live, but grow in you day by day, creating between you a heaven of delight; and unless you waste the forces generated in her body and your own, she will become a constant light to your mind. Her desires will become sacred to you; her feelings, appetites and passions, which are divine attributes, will be so held by you, that, if weakness of the flesh through outer causes irritate and disturb her mind, you, as a man of power and strength will look upon such effects as a temporary affliction thrown upon her, and with loving sympathy will protect her from such conditions.

Of course, in generation, no matter how high and holy it may be made, there resides sickness, sorrow, and final death. This means a certain weakness of body and mind, otherwise the further results of sickness, etc., could not obtain; but you who are able to conquer the creative forces in your own body and rule them and use them according to the higher law, will never allow the spirit of combativeness to rise between you: always remember, that, what is the woman's weakness is the

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man's strength, and vice versa; thus you will bridge over the sources of inharmony and avoid all sickness and disease, until the time arrives when you have finished your work on earth and have no more use for the body; then you will depart, not merely believing that you are going from labor to rest, but with an absolute knowledge that you have done your duty faithfully to the world. You have lived righteously, therefore, there is a world of peace and rest for you where you can gather up your powers; and after you have rested and gathered up the results of a life time, you can again return and take on a body, and will have the opportunity to choose your own conditions in life, so that the next incarnation will be all that you can desire.

Thus, by living this superior life that we have been hold ing before you, you not only gain a hundred fold during this life time and become wise enough to possess all the necessities, so that the world to you becomes a very good place: not a place of discord as it now is to most people, but a place to gather power, wisdom and knowledge and all the attributes of higher manhood and womanhood; and, after you have gathered all that you are able, you carry it with you into the cause world that lies beyond this; where you will organize it into the structure of your own higher existence, and will be able to bring it back with you to the physical world, where you will stand forth as a man, or woman, rich in wisdom, knowledge and power, and will be great in the estimation of all who know you; capacitated to become more to yourself and to the world than you can now even imagine; for this is the way of all true riches. When we say all true riches, we speak of that which is most prized and desirable to you.

(To be continued.)

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SELF-DEPENDENCE.

Weary of myself, and sick of asking
What I am, and what I ought to be,
At this vessel's prow I stand, which bears me
Forwards, forwards, o'er the starlit sea.

And a look of passionate desire
O'er the sea and to the stars I send:
"Ye who from my childhood up have calm'd me,
Calm me, ah, compose me to the end!

"Ah, once more," I cried, "ye stars, ye waters,
On my heart your mighty charm renew;
Still, still let me, as I gaze upon you,
Feel my soul becoming vast like you!

From the intense, clear, star-sown vault of heaven,
Over the lit sea's unquiet way,
In the rustling night-air came the answer:
"Wouldst thou BE as these are? LIVE as they.

"Unaffrighted by the silence round them,
Undistracted by the sights they see,
These demand not that the things without them
Yield them love, amusement, sympathy.

"And with joy the stars perform their shining,
And the sea its long moon silver'd roll;
For, self-poised they live, nor pine with noting
All the fever of some differing soul.

"Bounded by themselves, and unregardful
In what state God's other works may be,
In their own tasks all their powers pouring,
These attain the mighty life you see."

O air-born voice! long since, severely clear,
A cry like thine in mine own heart I hear:
"Resolve to be thyself; and know that he
Who finds himself loses his misery!"

—*Matthew Arnold.*

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WHAT DOES THIS RESTLESS STATE MEAN?

In this, the closing age of the world's history, or rather, the ultimating age of this cycle, amongst all the varied thoughts that are crowding themselves upon the people, we often hear the questions asked: what is right? what are we to follow? This question arises from the purely intellectual and imitative mind; from a habit formed by the ordinary educational system; that is, the desire to study the occult sciences as they would physics, geometry or any of the educational branches. At this point, the following words of Jesus are most applicable:—"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free:" that is to say, no person can accept as absolute truth what another is teaching, but each one must know the truth for himself. Every individual is thrown upon his own resources and must gather that which is important and useful to him.

It is the thoroughly practical mind which will profit by these varied lines of thought: the mere idealiser is like an apple floating upon a rushing tide; but the mature mind feels from within the need of something it does not possess; the need of that which will lift it into a higher sphere of life, and free mankind from the terrible pressure and routine of its present condition; for, at present, the whole world is under greater pressure than ever before in its history.

Look within; study your feelings, and you will find that there is something for which you thirst; something that you need, which, however, you cannot define. You arise in the morning; you look about you, and see there is nothing to do but to start out to your business pursuits: if you have no business, you feel that you must do something, from sheer desire

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to gratify the restlessness within you. If your mind is immersed in the routine of business throughout the day, at night you come home tired; wishing for something to relieve the strain; but that something is not forthcoming. This mental state opens to many, various temptations to self gratification, by which means they seek to drown that insatiable thirst.

If that desire was defined, it would be found that within the soul there is a consciousness of a high and holy life, in which the whole nature would find a most harmonious expression. It has been truly said "God is Love;" but when we look around us in the present earthly state, in place of love we find hate; in place of harmony and peace, we find discord and turmoil. Then why should the mind seek in that direction for love, harmony and peace? It is to day as it was when the prophet said "The people are saying, 'peace, peace;' when there is no peace." There is nothing but an anxious, restless strain and turmoil, which seems to have for its object, nothing beyond enabling the world to exist another day; and so on day after day, and year after year. Some often ask the question with a deep sigh: Is this all there is of life? And many, oh! how many there are now, who desire to end it all: hence, the prevalence and increase of suicide, and that which is worse,—sensual gratification and general depravity. At present, however, there is a tide of mental research sweeping over the race, which is stimulating many to gather knowledge from the musty rolls of ages past, and thousands are setting forth their ideas as to what is the panacea for these ills. No wonder, then, that the question vibrates on almost every tongue; who is right, and who has the whole truth?

There are certain central truths which are self-evident, and which, if accepted, will enable the mind to answer these questions and start it on the right road to find a solution of all problems of vital importance.

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The central truths are these:—first, we did not create ourselves, therefore, there must be a cause for our existence. Second, that cause must be conscious, thinking, intelligent; for it is self-evident that our conscious intelligence has its origin somewhere; a fountain from which it is derived. Third, that all things are working toward a definite end. Fourth, while each individual is left free to act for himself, yet they are all working toward one general object or ultimate; and they are doing this, because their needs are common, and their supply is common, in a general way, and all life on this planet is governed by certain circumstances, which, when defined, are:—air, water sunshine, and earth and its products; the nature of man and its consequent needs. These are man's limitations which seem to form a lane through which the race is being driven by evolution. If these are all tending,—as it is evident they are,—towards some definite object, then the question before you should be:—what is that object toward which we are being driven by the necessities of the body and mind, and toward which we are being allured by our loves and desires. Then it is necessary that you define what your love is; what your highest ideal and desires are. This will make the sum of your present need. When this is clearly defined in your mind, investigate and see what there is in the world that offers you the most reasonable methods to enable you to obtain these results with the greatest expediency. Such a course of action will define in your mind what line of knowledge you want; and it will also manifest to you the fact that, knowledge in and of itself has no value, but in so far as it is useful and has a practical application as regards yourself; and when that is obtained, you will find it was the thing above all others that you needed.

When your mind has commenced to formulate, then you will cease to inquire for some system of absolute truth, and instead

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you will begin to look for specific truths, and be in condition to take from all systems of thought such suggestions as your own inner and higher consciousness will readily approve. Then you will discern the fact, that, all these varied systems have something of value in them, and also much that is of no value to you. Again, you will discover by experience, that, that which you find is of value to you to-day, will become, as it were, a part of your nature, and thus cease to be of value as a thing to study. In other words, we do not pursue that which we already possess. You will also find that things that were of no value to you yesterday, will awaken a consciousness of value to you to-day. Thus is fulfilled the parable of the Christ, when he said; "Therefore, every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old;" for all this varied thought that is now filling the minds of the many, are things that are new and the things that are old, and they are brought forth for you to look at and examine, to see if they contain the treasure your soul is striving for. If you are wise enough to examine them, you will find there will open before you an "effectual door," a way by which you will have reason to believe you may obtain a most transcendent existence.

When the Apostle expressed the following words: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," he must have been inspired from on high or had an unveiling of great facts in nature; for my own experience has been, that there is a world interior to this material universe, not far beyond us, but within our own immediate sphere; a world peopled with beings so grand, so pure, so transcendently lovable; whose life so exceeds anything that could possibly be expressed by the

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highest soul development of grandeur and excellence, that there are no words possible by which such a state could be conveyed to your intelligence. The reason why no man, even though he lives in continual consciousness of that high state, can tell you anything about it, is, that it is a state far beyond anything that has ever been manifested in the earthly existence; and as language is only a collection of symbols drawn from the experiences of man; and as man has never had these experiences, it follows that language is incapable of conveying such ideas to his intelligence. However, many have lived who through a holy life; a perfect conformity to the higher laws of nature, have reached this most glorified consciousness, this heaven of delight; and they have striven hard to tell us of these things, but all have failed.

The anxious, restless condition that is active within you, arises from the fact that you have outgrown a mere sensuous existence, and that you have the mental and spiritual qualifications that will enable you to rise above the present sensuous state of the world, into a higher one; a state of consciousness wherein you become a fellow of that wonder world of perfected men and women. Ah! there is no discord there; there is no pain; because all live in harmony with the laws of their being. Neither is there sorrow, for they are in the light of knowledge and there is no room for regrets. All is joy, because life bubbles up in its perfection,— pure and divine; because life is welling up in more than abundance and is ever fresh and new; for they have reached a consciousness of an ever-growing, ever-refining source of supply. There life does not stagnate through sameness; because every hour, every moment brings something new, something fresh from the limitless fountain of God's own great nature.

The way to this state is open before you, and each one of the advanced thinkers, so-called, have had a glimpse of this

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way. True it is, that many, oh, so many, have misinterpreted the way, and have perverted it into a way of darkness, death, sorrow and misery. This is the condition of those who are opposing the regeneration, and are teaching the world that the old way of generation is the highest and best. We say this, because to the reasoning mind it is a self-evident truth, from the fact that the history of the past thousands of years proves that this source of life has brought nothing but labor, sorrow and death.

Therefore, we turn back to the beginning, and say, the question is answered when you have lain aside all preconceived ideas, and have taken up life, spread it out before you, and with an unprejudiced mind and a sober, earnest intelligence, thoroughly examined it in all its bearings. You will then see a use in many of the thoughts that are now being given to the world: the way to obtain that which your soul so earnestly desires, which is not only offered you, but which you are daily solicited to accept,—these vital truths, these practical methods, which will enable you to reach a world now unknown, a world of trancendent glory.

I WONDER.

I wonder if ever a song was sung,
But the singer's heart sang sweeter?
I wonder if ever a rhyme was rung,
But the thought surpassed the meter?
I wonder if ever the sculptor wrought
Till the cold stone echoed his inmost thought?
Or if ever a painter, with light and shade,
The dream of his inmost soul portrayed.

Anonymous.

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GEORGE BANCROFT.

According to the order of the tribes of Jacob, as portrayed to us in the Bible, his firstborn son was Reuben,—"The vision of the sun." This tribe exemplifies symbolically the sign Libra, and it refers physically to the reins, and metaphysically to the balances.

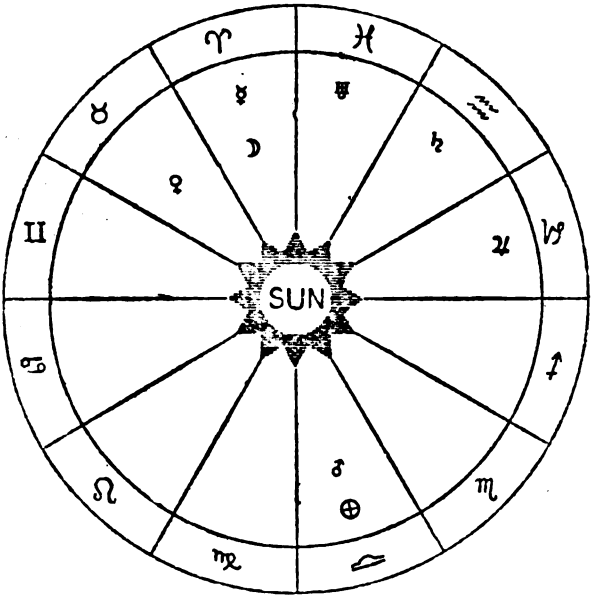
When Jacob called his twelve sons about him, and gave them his blessing as Israel, he said unto Reuben: "Thou art my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power." These were indeed noble expressions, and clearly indicative of the superior endowment of Intuition, Imitation and Foresight, so peculiarly characteristic of Libra. And yet so sensitive are the bodily functions which this sign illustrates, that, equally applicable are the words Jacob felt obliged to add: "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excell."

When, therefore, these two phases of the Libra nature are contemplated, we may easily comprehend why the old patriarch thus expressed himself, and why this sign has ever been illustrated by the balances. In all Libra born people their future must inevitably depend upon the wise preservation of the creative and intuitional forces, whereby the "excellency of power" shall be manifested through them unto the world. Otherwise they may easily become "unstable as water."

We have chosen as a person born in this sign one well known to the world, George Bancroft, who, we believe, illustrates the possibilities inherent to a well poised Libra, or Reuben of the Nineteenth Century. He was born at Worcester, Mass., October 3rd, 1800.

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George Bancroft, Nat., October 3, 1800.



Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Libra	(♎).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Pisces	(♓).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Aquarius	(♒).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Capricorn	(♑).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Taurus	(♉).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).

ELEMENTS.		TRINITIES.	
Fire,	Two.	Intellectual,	Three.
Earth,	Two.	Domestic,	None.
Air,	Three.	Creative,	Two.
Water,	One.	Serving,	Three.

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By referring to the Zodiacal Circle it will be seen that he was polarized in Aries. This position, therefore, balanced his mental trend, and expression, with his earthy basis, and so Intuition and Intellect were allied. The elements of air and fire created power, both in origination and expression.

The element of air, applied biologically, is always that of aspiration, stirring to new inspiration, illuminations or interior conceptions, and when it can fan into a living glow the fire of the human intellect, there may be no measuring its potencey of expression. With Mr. Bancroft this aspirational propensity was very strong. Why? Because Mars in Libra (where he was born) and saturn in Aquarius, formed powerful factors of a dual, energizing character upon his innate nature, vitalizing the reigns physically, and making virile his intuitions, while his nerve power was *spiritualized* into wholesome forcefulness, so that each nerve outreached to understand humanity aright. Instead, therefore, of being "unstable as water," this Reubenite was planetarily endowed to use these affirmations understandingly, and bring into the calm of clear reflection, where they could be freed from prejudice, the actual scenes of his country, without any turbulent waves to distort their faithfulness. We next find that Jupiter in Capricorn turned the goat element strongly toward earnest, honest, climbing; broadening his ideals as to business, and professional attainment. Jupiter here showed unto him the broad field of educational grain, ripe for the harvest; while the "business ability" of Capricorn placed in his hand the sickle wherewith to reap and place it in the storehouses of learning where it might be for the mental nourishment of the people.

Uranus in Pisces enabled him to stand firmly, even though restlessly, upon his own feet,—metaphysically, and push on toward the ever widening accomplishment of the good of the universe.

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Venus in Taurus was a fine ally in idealizing his mental conceptions, and particularly along the lines of occult thought. It carried his verbal expressions up to the Supreme Light of the world, from whence emanated the sunshine of his intellectual atmosphere. This is finely illustrated in his "God in History," written in 1854, wherein he says: "Philosophy comes after events, and gives the reason of them, and describes the nature of their results. The great mind of collective man may, one day, so improve in self-consciousness as to enterpret the present and fortell the future; but, as yet the end of what is now happening, though we ourselves partake in it, seems to fall out by chance. All is nevertheless one whole; individuals, families, peoples, the race, march in accord with the Divine will;—and when any part of the destiny of humanity is fulfilled, we see the ways of Providence vindicated. The antagonisms of imperfect matter, and the perfect idea of liberty, and necessary law, become reconciled. What seemed irrational confusion appears as the web woven by light, liberty and love. But this is not perceived till a great act in the drama of life is finished. The prayer of the patriarch, when he desired to behold the Divinity face to face, was denied,—but he was able to catch a glimpse of Jehovah, after he had passed by. And so it fares with our search for Him in the wrestlings of the world. It is when the hour of conflict is over that history comes to a right understanding of the strife, and is ready to exclaim: 'Lo, God is here and I knew it not!' At the foot of every page in the annals of nations, may be written, 'God reigns.' Events as they pass away, 'proclaim their great Original:'—and if you will but listen reverently you may hear the receding centuries as they roll into the dim distances of departing time, perpetually chanting '*Te Deum Laudamus*,' with all the choral voices of the congregations of the ages."

Mercury in Aries created an intellectual ability, both as to

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study and as to its expression unto the world, with subtle power. Indeed, the winged messenger of the Gods made him the interpreter and recorder unto his brethren of their nation's history, because his mentality was endowed with the interior ability to wisely weigh and reflect the real historical facts of his country, through his birth in the sign Libra.

He early began to be a well balanced man; and, at the age of seventeen, graduated from Harvard College: when only nineteen, and in Germany, Doctor Cogswell of Boston said of him: "He is a most interesting youth, and is to make one of our great men." At the age of thirty-four he had already issued the first volume of his history of the United States: during fifty successive years he labored faithfully to produce a fair and truthful statement of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods, and it is universally admitted the six volumes he so carefully rearranged before his death, form the best history of that time yet issued. While this was his life work, he was politically honored in no small degree. At the age of thirty-eight he was collector of the port of Boston, and at forty-five Secretary of the Navy. The very next year witnessed his advent at the Court of St. James, where, for three years, he represented his native country with great ability. When seventy-one years of age he became Minister to Germany, and during three years rendered a very important service as a well balanced diplomatist, ripe in years and honors.

Perhaps no one act at once attests the universal esteem of his countrymen, and the well balanced breadth of his own mind, more fully, than his call to deliver the oration on the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, before both houses of congress in 1866. He therein showed how deeply and fully he could comprehend the kindredness of souls between men called by God into great service for their country.

Mr. Bancroft was pre-eminently a public man. The Circle

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shows an empty Domestic Trinity. The world was his family. The nations of the earth were his brothers and sisters, and he attempted to honor them in every way. America was his father and mother, and he loved his national parentage with a devotion untiring and intense. In giving his life energies to have her faithfully portrayed, he performed that service which, in a biological sense, the Heavens proclaimed should be done; for, it may further be observed, he was born on Friday, which, in that occultism that always has great truths and facts naturally underlying it; this day of birth proclaimed him a builder, and upon the foundation already laid, rather than as one who laid foundations upon which others should build. The inimitable sky towards which all of nature's building tends, furnishes the color which typifies the builder. The changing hues of its blue are truly emblematic of the varied character of that which human hands and hearts may build.

George Bancroft's fifty years of well balanced historic building, together with his diplomatic services, will stand as his fitting and enduring earthly monument.

As the sunset scenes approached he wrote:—"I was trained to look upon life here as a season of labor. Being more than four score years old I know the time of my release will soon come. Conscious of being near the shore of eternity, I wait without impatience, and without dread, the beckoning of the hand which will summon me to rest."

In his ninty.first year his earthly sun set cloudlessly, and, we may reverently say, the great Libra soul, which had so freely and unselfishly poured forth so much nobility of thought for the uplifting and enriching of mankind, *evermore reflects upon us the white light of Immortality!*

Libra.

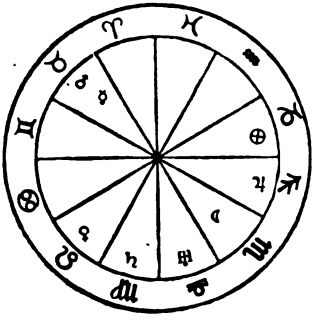
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

S. G. T. January 12, 1847, 3 p. m.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	2.	AIRY,	1.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	1.
REPRODUCTIVE,	3.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	1.	EARTHY,	4.



RISING SIGN—♊.

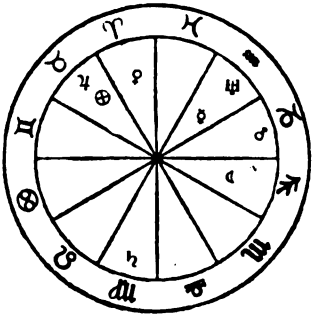
The earth was in the sign Capricorn at the time of your birth; which produces a nervous-mental temperament, a person whose mind is constantly at work with plans and ideals, though somewhat slow in its action. The rising sign Gemini, produces considerable restlessness in your nature; it is apt to give you the desire to be physically active, and to make you somewhat jerky in your movements, through which you exhaust much of your vitality. The moon in Scorpio, the interior reproductive sign, inclines your thought to the mystic and subtle forces of nature. There is a hindrance to free and open expression of your thought and feelings; an interior hiding away; a reserved thought behind the words expressed. This combination is not a very harmonious one for great success in life. It is difficult for you to become acquainted with the realities of the world in which you live: the real characteristics of the people with whom you associate. There are few persons to whom Solar Biology would be of greater value. A careful study of it would unlock the mysteries of human life, which will ever remain a mystery to you, unless you give it special study.

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Astrology, on the other hand, feeds your idealism, and its influence is to blind the consciousness to the real conditions that exist in the world. Uranus in Libra accentuates your inclination toward the occult and mystic and gives you ability to deal with the invisible forces of nature. You undoubtedly have dreams and visions, which are symbolical rather than direct revelations. Saturn in Virgo gives you orderly intuitions. Jupiter in Sagittarius adds to your ideality, and produces in your imagination vivid pictures of how to accomplish great things. Mars in Taurus makes you somewhat irritable. Venus in Leo, gives you ideas of elegance, harmony and beauty, and adds its power to lead you into the dream life. Mercury in Taurus has a double influence; if you are inclined to live the regenerate life, it will add its powers to help you; if the reverse it will help to weaken and deprave your nature. You are a paradox in yourself; having a very practical impractical mind.

E. W. B. May 9, 1876, 7 a. m. Cincinnati, O.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	3.	AIRY,	2.
MATERNAL,	1.	WATERY,	0.
REPRODUCTIVE,	1.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	3.	EARTHY,	4.



RISING SIGN—♊.

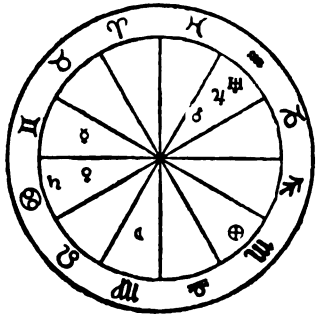
The basic principle of your nature is that of Taurus, the life principle. You generate life very rapidly and have great physical endurance. While there is much in your nature that leads you to abuse the vital currents, notwithstanding you have great recuperative ability. You are swayed by the senses, yet you appear to be moved by the intellect. One philosopher said: "Life flows headlong;" in this way is your life disposed to flow. The moon in Sagittarius inclines you to be impulsive and to act without due consideration; but the rising sign,

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Gemini, being in opposition to Sagittarius, you are sometimes very slow. You ocillate between two extremes. Jupiter, in the sign in which the earth was, produces in you a great deal of pride, dignity of character, high aspirations and ideals; it makes you a good linguist: you would readily become a good orator. Venus in Aries would give beauty and elegance to your expression. But I perceive in the general combination of your planetary positions that you are largely dominated by the spirit of Uranus and Mercury in Aquarius. You are undoubtedly unfortunate in your businss and social relations, which is due to a failure on your part to heed the admonitions of the inner consciousness. Saturn in Virgo will give you fine intuitions, if you heed them. You should study the effect of words upon other minds, for you are apt to say things thoughtlessly, without intent to injure, which would result in injuring some person; no immediate effect might be discernable, but after a time, perhaps one year, or, may be ten years, the injury done to that person will come back upon yourself, having gained momentum and potency, so that its effect upon you will be greater than upon the person to whom the words were expressed. You should develop in yourself conjugality, for you lack discrimination in the sex relation and have in you that which leads to promiscuity. It is this that disturbs your intuitions and brings upon you the failures with which your life is beset. You should study "Practical Methods to Insure Success" and put them into practice in your life.

C. R. M. Oct. 28, 1872. About 2 p. m., Calumine, Wis.

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RISING SIGN—♒.

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The basic principle of your nature, or the spring from which your life flows, is Scorpio, which in itself is the source of all life and of all power. When we say source of all power we mean it is the receptacle of all forces derived from the cause next beyond. Thus you have active within you the consciousness that you are the fountain, and being such there is a deep lain self-satisfaction with your lot and condition in life; a consciousness of dignity, of importance and power. The body or rising sign is Aquarius, which represents the nerve fluids governing the nerves of sensation and psychic perception. Uranus in that sign gives you a great love of the mystic: a strong tendency toward the unseen. Jupiter in Aquarius gives you a natural pride of person, dignity of bearing, love of grandeur and excellence in all departments of life. Mars in Aquarius enables you to inspire knowledge upon any and all subjects: it also contributes self-protective power, love of home and family and unites with Venus in Cancer in giving you a great deal of the mother's love. These tendencies are all lead out by the moon in Virgo, making you very critical, discriminative and exacting. You have deep down in your nature a great deal of jealousy: it may not be active unless some pointed cause should arouse it and then it would know no bounds. You have great power in the eye to cause people to feel that which you wish them to feel, and to impress your thoughts and desires upon them. Saturn in Cancer gives you a strong tendency to study the science and laws governing social and domestic life. You have natural musical abilities, but Mercury's position indicates that you have within you an enemy, which is a consciousness of weakness where there should be a consciousness of power. Mercury in Gemini becomes to you a deceiver. We can make no great attainments in life unless we have difficulties to surmount. Mercury in Gemini makes you feel when you come to difficulties that you cannot proceed further; therefore, in place of success, you start out well, but just when you need power of will, force of mind and determination of character, you surrender, feeling weak and unable to accomplish your purpose. This you must overcome, or Mercury will cause your life to be a failure.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR THE OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

Dear Sir:—The Journal is welcomed as a new old friend. My time has been so taken up that I have but few spare moments for biological research, which I feel has hindered me greatly in the study and its appreciation. However, in compliance with your invitation to offer something pertaining to the subject, I will say that constant dripping of the water wears away the stone. This is true with the subject in question. Any person that will delve along this line cannot help but realize that therein is a key that will open one of the books of life. The application teaches the student that there are realms unthought of by the mortal of the everyday life, which are open and are of great benefit to the one who will have faith enough to apply esoteric principles to that point, whereby he or she may fit themselves to receive the blessings and advantages that are awaiting those who are trying to live by the principles of the higher attainment.

The white light which illuminates pictures unthought of; the silent voice, whish speaks wisdom in more than audable tones; and music, which surpasses anything produced by mortals, are all in the unexplored realms to the many, but are facts to the few.

Thoughts are things. Passion, (anger) joy, sorrow, and worriment, and other emotions, are mediums of transmission of corresponding vibrations that are felt and understood by those whose lives are dedicated to something more than worldly vantage over fellow mortals.

Sickness, or suffering is almost universally self-inflicted, and

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can be self-cured if the patient is willing to come out of the old world rut, and will realize that they have to learn along this line in the prescribed manner, the same as they did to walk, read, or any other of the accomplishments they have heretofore attained.

Since taking up this study I have learned these things and all (and more) is open to each and every one who cares sufficiently for this knowledge, to bury the old self.

I have for sometime been keeping a record of all dates of birth of interest that I could secure for the purpose of finding out and establishing the different facts in regard to the physical and mental qualifications, and will be pleased to collect data along prescribed lines and give you from time to time, as my occupation will permit, the result of my observation.

With best wishes for unbounded success, I am,

Fraternally Yours, Lance.

AUGUST 20, 1901.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Kind Friends:—Enclosed find ten cents for "Sweets." The August Journal came to hand to-day noon.

The two articles "Practical Methods," and "The Purpose in the Creation of the World," have been devoured. Like one waiting for the end of a facinating story, I wait for the next.

I have passed through one of my most trying ordeals and have been able to score one on the side of victory. Since I began reformation ten years ago, at the time of lethargy I would always fall, and great was the fall, so great, that I had given up the attempt at reformation, when your "Practical Methods" was handed me by a friend. Since that time my rise has been gradual: the great benefit in my physical and mental conditions is very perceptible.

The lethargy that I have just passed through, has been one of the greatest in my experience, and I notice, as you say, that the return is monthly.

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I wish you much good; and will try to help you in any way that I can.

Very truly and sincerely yours, J. J. Wiley,
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JANUARY 8, 1901.

EDITOR OF THE OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

Dear Sir:— I have been thinking, during the last few weeks, that it would be better if Esoteric students all over the world could have some means of knowing each other. If some outward sign (as, for example, a pendant) was worn by every person (at his will of course) interested in Esoteric thought, then brother could grasp hand with brother. As it is at present, to speak to most people of these things is to "Cast pearls before swine;" and, therefore, one becomes reticent and loses the profit of interchange of thought.

I think you will not mistake my reasons for this — purely a sign, outwardly worn, by both male and female, so that brothers in Esoteric thought would be able to recognize and approach each other.

I trust you will put this before readers of the Journal as soon as possible. I have only to suggest that a pendant made to represent the diagram facing the Eighth Lecture in "Seven Creative Principles" and with the colors inlaid, the rest being gold, and with the double triangle, serpent, lines and the word *Logos* engraved, would be the very thing. Of course, if the idea is taken up some better devise than this may be brought forward. P. T. O.

As the above suggestion has been offered several times we present it to our readers for their opinion. [Ed.

BOOK REVIEWS.

"THE PHILOSOPHICAL EVANGEL: by Dr. Basile Agapon, Athens, Member of the Society of Psychotherapy, Paris, and other Learned Societies. Edited and Translated from the French by Dr. P. Davidson. Authorized and Enlarged Edition. Illustrated with portrait and autograph of the author, and engravings of

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the church of St. Sophia." This is certainly a unique work: it opens with the following symbol: "According to traditions having a very ancient origin, scattered through the Orient, a celebrated Prince, bearing the name of a very great and holy king, and descended from a very illustrious Royal race, reposes asleep under the Sanctuary of the Temple of Saint-Sophia at Constantinople, since the taking of that capital of the Byzantine Empire by the Turks. Pious persons assure us that they have succeeded in seeing that King half-awake, under the brightness of the candles that God kindled around his bed in the vault of the celebrated Temple." Further on the author brings to light the thought embodied in the quotation, namely, that Christ was manifest that he might bring many sons unto God; in other words, the Christ sleeps in his people, awaiting the time of their resurrection to his likeness, when they shall be kings and priests unto God and reign on the earth. It is a well written work, showing deep thought and research and brings to light many important truths relative to the Scriptures. It is well worthy the study of every Christian man and woman; in fact, every one who is searching for knowledge. It is nicely bound in cloth and contains 130 pages, and is sold for the very low price of 75 cents by Peter Davidson, Loudsville, White Co., Ga.; also, by John Walsh, 89 Cardigan Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

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EDITORIAL.

We take this occasion to thank our friends for the interest they have shown in the selection of the color for the cover of the Journal. We are a little surprised to find that each one of the twelve colors has been selected by about an even number of persons; but, the real preference is for white and gold; therefore, the cover will hereafter be white and gold.

We have reason to be thankful that the Journal is pleasing the public so well. We have never had as many renewals and new subscriptions as at the present time. It is an evidence that there is an awakening on the part of the people to the importance of the truths this Journal represents.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE EAST.

The mind is fickle and restless: its surface is never still: the wind of passions and desires is constantly playing upon it and throwing it into ripples and waves, so that the inner depths of consciousness can hardly be looked into and scrutinized. To still the turbulent waves, and hold the mind in even balance, is the first great object that the devotee must strenuously seek to attain. The Divine Light that is within us is broken and thrown into a thousand coruscations by the restlessness of the mind. The perfect beauty and serenity of the Divine Light can only appear when the waves have subsided and perfect stillness reigns throughout.

To secure equilibrium, the mind must gradually withdraw itself from the outer into the inner world. So long as the spirit currents are diffused all over the body and continue to give life and force to the senses, the mind naturally flies from one object to another; tasting of this and that, and yet, finding

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neither rest nor contentment in anything. But if the vivifying spirit currents can be turned inwards and upwards toward the source from which they proceed, the mind enjoys freedom from the disturbing influences of the outer world; and the stronger is the reversal and convergence of the spirit currents, the greater is the immunity from everything that tires, troubles, and hampers the mind in its upward flight.

To compass the above mentioned end, various methods are prescribed and practiced; and one of the most potent of these, is what is called *Sabda Yoga* or science of union with the God-head. *Sabda* is the Sound current present everywhere within and without, above and below. The practice consists in listening to the *internal sound* that is present within everyone, and that manifests itself to the devotee when the mind has attained to a certain stage of purity and concentration.

It is true that internal concentration will, in the beginning, cause various sounds to be heard; but these sounds have little or no direct connection with the great sound current or Spirit current by which creation is manifested and upheld: they are due to physical causes working within the body, and the spiritual aspirant is not required to pay any attention to these disturbing elements. The mind must go deeper down, until it reaches depths where all turmoil ceases, and the devotee hears the gentle ceaseless flow of the life-giving sound current which draws him upward, and lifts him out of this gross carnal body into purer regions.

The nature of the Word or Sound proper, calls for an explanation, though such is an almost impossible task. The sound has to be felt and perceived within: its true nature can only be guessed rather than grasped by the understanding. Etheric or aerial vibration will not wholly account for it; to postulate something higher and subtler, would be to take a leap in the dark. Modern science now realizes that *harmony*

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is the Soul of the universe; and that Pythagoras' "music of the spheres" may not altogether be a myth. The highest Hindu saints speak of the *Subda-Brahma* (litterally—Sound God); even the Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God." Such is the conception of the first Logos, and it corresponds exactly to the Hindu idea of *Subda-Brahma*. What explanations the acute theologians will put forward, it is difficult to say. To the *esoterist* these hints are sufficient; he reads therein a meaning which he can verify by his own personal experience, but which he cannot bring down to the level of ordinary comprehension.

Isvar Chandra Chakravarti, B. A.,
Midnapur, Bengal, India.

YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

You never can tell when you send a word —
Like an arrow shot from a bow
By an archer blind — be it cruel or kind,
Just where it will chance to go.
It may pierce the breast of your dearest friend,
Tipped with its poison or balm;
To a stranger's heart in life's great mart
It may carry its pain or its calm.

You never can tell when you do an act,
Just what the result will be;
But with every deed you are sowing a seed,
Though its harvest you may not see.
Each kindly act is an acorn dropped
In God's productive soil;
Though you may not know, yet the tree shall grow
And shelter the brows that toil.

You never can tell what your thoughts will do
In bringing you hate or love;
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings
Are swifter than carrier doves.
They follow the law of the universe —
Each thing must create its kind;
And they speed o'er the track to bring you back
Whatever went out from your mind.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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INVOLUTION AND EVOLUTION.

"For, behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind;

"But be ye glad and rejoice unto all eternity in what I create; for, behold, I will create Jerusalem for rejoicing, and her people for gladness.

"And I will rejoice over Jerusalem, and be glad in my people: and there shall not be heard in her any more the voice of weeping, nor the voice of complaint.

"There shall no more come thence an infant of few days, nor an old man that shall not have the full length of his days; for as a lad shall one die a hundred years old; and as a sinner shall be accursed he who (dieth) at a hundred years old.

"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and the work of their hands shall my elect wear out.

"They shall not toil in vain, nor bring forth unto an early death; for the seed of the blessed of the Lord are they, and their offspring with them.

"And it shall come to pass, that before yet they call will I answer; and while they are still speaking will I hear.

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall like the bullock eat straw: and the serpent — dust shall be his food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." Isaiah LXV. 17-25. [From Rabbi Leeser's translation of the Old Testament.]

In all ages of the world, there have been men whose lives were given up to the one earnest desire, to know and do the will of God. These men where called prophets; they have been esteemed by the people of our time as insane or bad men; few have accepted them as good men. In modern times such men are called cranks and eccentric.

It is necessary in the order of involution that there be those who can stand between the spiritual or cause world and the material or sense world; and because the line of connection between this world and the spirit world has been

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most imperfect, therefore, the people have groped in darkness, with only little flashes of light at long intervals, to keep alive the thought of God and their origin. Little or nothing has been known of our destiny. It is a law, that, wherever there is an individual that centralizes his or her whole desire on obtaining knowledge for the good of others, that according to their unselfishness will be the revelation which will flow in and through their organism. The ancient prophets, whose records we have in the Old Testament, were the mystics of their time, and because they believed the word of God as given to Israel, they looked forward to and prayed to know concerning the time when God's Israel should indeed be His people and He should be manifestly their God, their Power and Supporter. They understood that this meant the coming of God's kingdom among men, and they earnestly and devoutly lived and prayed to know when and how that period and condition of things would come to the world. Because of this mental state, every thing that is really to come was foreshadowed to the prophets. When I say foreshadowed, I mean simply this; that the prophets obtained a little shadow of the great truth long before it was to come into reality in the world. The prophet Isaiah in the chapter above quoted, said: "as a lad shall one die an hundred years old; and as a sinner shall be accursed he who dieth at an hundred years old." That is to say, he saw dimly, that the time was coming when death would cease upon our planet, except with those who sinned. This was the thought that Jesus brought to light more perfectly in his gospel, as will be seen by reading the sixth chapter of John.

When the prophet above quoted said: "As the days of a tree are the days of my people," he found in the tree a simile that was sufficient to express the thought in his mind at the time. That he had in mind the tree that lives to a great age, there is no doubt, because he knew, as we do, that there are

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trees whose age is but a few years. For instance, the peach tree in this country will bear but a few years and then die, so that an orchardist continues to replant; and in an ordinary man's life he would live to see come to maturity and die many generations of a single orchard. On the other hand, we are told that there are trees in Palestine under whose shade Jesus sat when he was here 1900 years ago. The Hindu also points out the identical tree under which Buddha sat when he received his great revelation. Thus it appears to us that the prophet really saw and pointed out that the time would come when man would continue in the body indefinitely; but it must be remembered, that man, unlike the tree, grows from the thought consciousness within, for man's body is thought crystalized, and when immortality will have begun on earth, it will be because man has developed to where he has the mental capacity to comprehend the purpose and methods of God in the creation of the world; and through the perception of that purpose and methods, he will order his life in harmony with the thought of God that is active in maturing and preserving the earth, and in carrying forward the work on earth toward the ultimation of His purpose. As soon as the mind of man comes into harmony with the purpose of God, the veil of darkness that now covers the human consciousness will be removed, and man will become conscious of the God of the universe; conscious in His mind and will live from His life.

The present law of involution is this: the highest order of human consciousness is constantly reaching out toward that which is higher; and that out-reaching is rewarded by the inflowing of the higher life and consequently a higher order of thought; and as the higher always condemns the lower, therefore the lower elements of his thought and life are repelled from him and are taken up by those next below, who are aspiring to his likeness. Like the leaf that withers and falls to the earth that it may give

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nourishment to that which comes after it, so in human existence, that which man aspires to to-day, receives and rejoices in, to-morrow is superseded by something higher and better, and is thrown off and taken up by that below it, which receives it, lives and rejoices in it to-day, throws it off to-morrow, that that below it may take it up. So the life currents that started from the highest order of man, descend through all forms of life to the very lowest element in creation, being continually modified to suit the condition of that life. This is involution as manifested in the world; but the highest order of man must of necessity reach out to that above himself; therefore, there must be a connecting link between man in the flesh and God in the Spirit. This connecting link at the present time is called the angels, the souls of men who have developed only a little higher than man, and who act as messengers or carriers between God, the God of the solar system, and man. It is because of this link being broken or imperfect, that the knowledge of the sons of earth is imperfect, and that the descent of the consciousness which will bring immortality is yet waiting for mature man to take his place in the chain of descending life and mind.

Jesus said, when he was here, that he had many things to say to his people, but that they could not then receive them. Some sixty years after he had left the world, however, John was given the revelation in the last book of the New Testament, which he prefaced by the words: "The Revelation OF Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him (Jesus), to show unto his servants things which must shortly (hereafter) come to pass; and he sent and signified (sign-i-fied, or set forth in symbols) it by his angel unto his servant John."

In the first chapter of this book is shown the spirit that is to find embodiment in the people referred to in the seventh chapter, and the condition of that people is brought to light in the fourteenth chapter, where John saw the hundred and forty and

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four thousand, of which it was said to him, they are virgins; and the crowning ultimate of this body was revealed in the twenty-first chapter; thus following the symbology of numbers, —the three sevens.

Now, in these chapters is brought to light; first, that, the first ripe fruit of the creative word that went forth in the beginning to form the world and people it, was to be gathered together and brought into harmony with the mind of the Spirit, and that through that harmony and knowledge of the mind of the Spirit of God, they would take on the glory of His presence and power, and would become kings, having dominion over the earth, and priests, because they were the receptacle of the inflowing life and mind of God, which would flow through them into the race of mankind, illuminating their intelligence and causing them to know and understand the great truths of existence; the way of life, peace and happiness and the cause of sickness, sorrow and death.

When these things are correctly understood by the human family, self-preservation, which is the first law of animal existence, will cause them to reject the evil that brings sorrow upon them and to desire the good, which lifts man into God-likeness and gives him a perpetual existence in a condition of peace and joy.

There have been revealed to us, through long years of faithfully following the guidance of the Spirit, the methods of life that will lead man into the full light of spiritual consciousness, and those methods include all that was revealed to John on Patmos, showing as these revelations do, the necessity of gathering the first mature souls of earth together in one place, where their whole lives, thoughts and efforts can be devoted to cleansing their bodies, developing and unfolding their minds and opening up the spiritual consciousness, thus preparing themselves to become the direct receptacle of the mind and life

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currents of the God of the universe. This will constitute the body revealed to John on Patmos, called the hundred, forty and four thousand. When this body is organized, and the methods that are now known and taught followed, their bodies will be so refined and spiritualized, that they will be to those on the present plane of existence as flames of fire, so that no man on the ordinary plane of life could abide in their presence. They will, however, continue the work of giving to the world knowledge of the methods by which it also may rise into their likeness, and will lead onward and upward those of the race who are sufficiently mature to receive and utilize the instructions; so that there will be those standing between them and the world as angel messengers to the world, and as younger brothers to this exalted body, through whose organism the descending life and mind currents of God will descend directly into the race of humanity; for these are not working merely through the hearing of the ear or the sight of the eye, for the written instructions that are being sent out and that will be sent out to the world are only the second witness of the truth; the first comes to the individual as a revelation; the second, the written word comes as a confirmation, and a putting in order that which they received in the soul consciousness. As this body will live directly from God,—the Spirit, it will continue to receive added knowledge, spirituality and power day by day throughout the endless ages of eternity. The consequence of this added life and power will cause them continually to throw off the grosser elements of the physical structure, as well as the lower thoughts of the soul, to be taken up by that below them, and they will take on the finer like that above them, until their physical bodies will become so refined and spiritualized that they will be invisible to those upon the plane that we are now living on, but will be tangible to those next below them; so that while they ascend by gradual gradation of growth and

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refinement into the likeness of God, the Spirit, into oneness with His body, there will have come into existence on earth a perfect chain of human life, from the highest spiritual to the present condition of the human race, and from that on' down through all forms of life. Thus animal and vegetable life will receive that which will lift them up to a higher plane and will give to the new order of existence a new food supply, which will justify the words that where said to John: "Behold, I make all things new."

All you who read these words and have been partakers of the instructions that have gone forth into the world, are called upon to dedicate your lives to God and to this great work; and when you have lived the life taught in the Esoteric books, until you feel the need and have the desire to die to the world as it is; feel in yourself a repulsion to the old age and order of creation, and all that is consequent upon the old order of generation, and wish to live henceforth in the Spirit, then, there is a place prepared for you of God, where you may gather and become members of this body, priests and kings unto God and shall reign on the earth, which is to stand between God and the human family. This is really the object of the Esoteric teachings and work in general.

You will see from the above, that, our objects are transcendently above the objects of all men that have yet lived upon our planet, and that our methods must of necessity be more perfect, in order to bring about these objects. You will also perceive that it requires a more perfect renunciation of all old conditions, and a more zealous seeking after God and living up to the fulness of all the light and knowledge we possess, than has ever been done by any people. In other words, it demands that we shall be the most perfect, the most zealous and the most faithful people to our knowledge and methods of life, on the planet. This is why God, in symbology, took Israel to Himself,

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where he entered into covenant with them. Prior to entering into that covenant, he sent to Israel the following proposition: "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." The people answered: "All that Yahveh hath spoken we will do." This covenant promise in all its bearings is required of you before you can become a member of that holy body, the first ripe fruit of the earth, the hundred and forty and four thousand that are to become the temple, the dwelling place of the God of the universe, and which, in their organic structure and perfection are to become the God of the planet earth.

It is not you who feel that you are worthy to become a member of that body; but it is you who feel that you are unworthy, but have a desire and are willing to give yourselves without reserve to such a grand and mighty work, who are ready to become members.

You will see from the above article, that, although this magazine is called The Occult and Biological Journal, that its real object is so transcendently beyond anything that has ever been known to the Occult, that its name is misleading when thought of from the standpoint of the occult teachings that are now before the world, but from the standpoint of the interior, and to the world, unknown powers and forces, it is in the highest sense The Occult and Biological Journal, and we trust it will be more so in the future issues. [Ed.

"Oh, ye who seek to solve the knot,
Ye life in God, yet know him not.
Yet sit upon the river's brink,
Yet crave in vain a drop to drink;
Ye dwell beside a countless store,
Yet perish hungry at the door."

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NOTES ON THOUGHT CONTROL.

A man left his home and went to Benares to try and get a Guru and learn Yoga. A Yogi took him to discipleship, instructed him in the preliminaries, and directed him to practice. After a few days the man came back to his Guru, and said that he had been trying hard all the time, but he could not prevent his mind running away from his *Ishtam*, every time he sat down and tried to meditate, to a black cow which he had left at home,—speak to her, give her food, rub her body and so on and so forth. It was hopeless. The black cow had swallowed up the whole of his mind. The man was thoroughly disgusted with himself and was completely dejected. The Guru, on the other hand, who was hearing this with suppressed animation, smiled a smile of joy and encouragement and told him to brace up, his success was sure. He directed him to go to a quiet spot at once and meditate upon the black cow for an hour, after which he was to come back to him.

The man rather crestfallen and vaguely wondering why he should be told to meditate upon the subject which he wanted most to expel from his thoughts, went, nevertheless, to a quiet spot to carry out his Guru's behest. In a few minutes he was with his cow forgetting the rest of the world, going through all the attentions he used to pay to her. The stipulated hour passed away; but his absorption in the cow was growing deeper. After another hour the Guru sent some of his disciples to find out what the newcomer was doing. They went and found him sitting motionless. They called but he replied not. One of them put his hand upon his shoulder and he opened his eyes with a long 'Oh! Oh!' He said the cow had a viscious habit of

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butting at one, and he was playing with her, putting the palms of his hands against her horns. Just then he was pushed from behind, his hands slipped and the horns of the cow were against his chest. That was why he cried out.

The Guru heard this episode with great satisfaction, and directed the disciple to put the black cow in the place of his *Ishtam* for a fortnight. This done, he next directed him to confine his meditations to only the eyes of the cow, in which practice the disciple became successful without much trouble, and his mind thus becoming perfectly one-pointed, soon reached the consummation of concentration — that of attaining the state where thinker, thinking and thought, all become one.

We have, every one of us, our 'black cow,' our pet thought. We all, by a little practice, can fully occupy our mind with it for a short time. The period of such occupation should be increased daily till it extends, say, to an hour. When one is able to absorb the whole of his mind for an hour with the thought of a certain object, forgetting his body and his immediate environment, one should try and confine one's attention to a single part or feature of the object instead of flitting from one part to another. This accomplished, the rest will follow.

A student of thought control or Yoga should always apply himself to its practice if he wants to be successful. Success will come late if the practice is confined to only a short period in the day or night, and the mind is let run wild the rest of the time. If the struggle is carried on continuously the whole of the time one is awake, one can concentrate one's mind with some degree of satisfaction for the little time specially set apart for its practice.

The best way of carrying on the struggle with the mind through the hours of one's duties, in the ordinary work-a-day world, is to try to do a work at a time, keeping the whole mind applied to it during the period of its execution. It is usual

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with us, to work at a thing with the mind hovering about other objects. This should be put a stop to. Let the mind occupy itself wholly with the work at hand. When that is finished, let it do the same with the next. This conduct not only makes the mind a tool in the individual's hand — as it should be, but makes all work the best that could be turned out by him.

A great help to the success of this plan, is to strive and keep one thought or repeat a symbolic word or letter constantly in the mind, during the whole of the waking state, through all work and thought. It should be like a thread running through beads or flowers in a garland. Passing from one bead to another you always fall in upon the thread between.

The mind cannot exist without food. Like an infant it would swallow whatever it could lay its hands upon. So anticipate its unhealthy wanderings by providing it with a feeding bottle. Let the feeding bottle contain such food as will give it immortality. Always present to it the bottle and let it suck of it when it wants any food. A few weeks' steady care and attention may probably be enough to give a taste of the food: once it has perceived the flavour, its desire for other foods will be on the wane. Steady and earnest application then will soon do the rest.

NATURE is ready to give up her secrets if we only know how to knock, to give her the necessary blow, and the strength and force of the blow comes through concentration. There is no limit to the power of the human mind. The more concentrated it is, the more power is brought to bear on one point, and that is the secret.

Vivekananda — in Prabuddha Bharata.

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NEW PRACTICAL METHODS.

(XIV.)

A WORD TO WOMEN.

What has been said relative to re-generation or the conservation of the life produced in the body, is of as great importance to woman as to man. In fact, it is of more importance, as, being governed to a greater extent by her feelings, her thoughts and words are vital, hence, emanate from and react directly upon the sex function.

Nearly all women know from experience, that, thoughts of worriment, anxiety or sorrow deplete and weaken the whole system, because such conditions of mind poison the life and produce what is commonly known as leuchorrhea. It is equally true that happy thoughts and harmonious surroundings conduce to strengthen the vital functions and give power to the whole system. It is not known to the external reasoner what office woman fills in the world of mind and sense consciousness; but it is the function of woman to gather life from the unformed fountain of the astral, and to endow the masculine side of human existence with those thought qualities and powers by which he moves the world in all its interests. The condition of woman; the state of her mind, is the fountain-head of all the conditions in the world. If woman was regenerated and had power over her own thoughts, or was placed in conditions where she could act in harmony with her own nature, then her higher self would reach out into the spirit realm, and bring to the world a consciousness of God, of Spirit, of righteousness and peace, such as the world has never known. It is, therefore, a

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duty devolving upon woman more than upon man, to lay hold of those methods by which her life may be purified and her position elevated to where she has power to command circumstances, that will enable her to live in harmony with her own nature. If she will but take control of her life currents,— the reproductive function,— by her own will, and see to it that her life is not squandered, but economized and utilized, and at the same time study the phenomena of her own mentality and drill herself in mental control, she will find herself possessed of a power, which, without words, struggle or combat, will cause her brother-man to yield to her all she desires, and to give his efforts toward making conditions suitable for her to live in harmony with her own real nature. She should keep in mind the fact, that, she stands between man and the cause world; therefore, the body of womanhood has at its command the conditions of the world.

Do not let any woman who reads these words say: I am one poor, little, weak woman; I cannot do anything. On the contrary, remember you as a woman, though you may be weak now, if you will take control of your life currents and of the character of your mentality; absolutely refusing to worry or be anxious, and place your whole love and desires in the God of the universe, moving forward in harmony with Divine law, you will soon awaken to the consciousness that you are no longer a weak woman, but that you are a mighty power, causing all things around you to take form according to your purpose, and in accordance with your highest ideals, loves and sympathies; so that even your sister woman, will be caused to feel the power of your nature, and will be made to desire to be like you. Thus, one woman may influence her entire neighborhood; and, as at this time many women are reaching out for the higher and holier life; a life more in harmony with their own real nature, it only requires a few who really know

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the truth and live in harmony with it, to bring in a condition that will influence the entire world.

Woman should bear in mind, that, before she can get control of the life generated in the body, she must get control of her mind, and in order to do this, she must overcome the feelings that arise in her body; overcome the emotional part of her nature and substitute for the emotional,—which is the condition in which the ordinary woman lives,—the devotional state; for it is woman's function to be devotional. She should place her mind in the attitude of true, loving devotion to God; for, placing her whole confidence in God will enable her to rest free from all care, anxiety and worry. She even now realizes that she is in conjunction with the cause world, and when that thought is nourished and strengthened, then all fear will pass away, and with it, all its consequences, which are anxiety, fretfulness, jealousy, hatred, false imaginations and a host of other evils that are poisoning the fountains of life of the race.

The reason for our saying, overcome emotion and enter into devotion is, that no normal mental function can be suppressed in the organism without producing a diseased state in the mind, and consequently in the body. Emotion is the first, and might be called the sensational manifestation of the spirit of devotion, and as it is a normal function and a dominant one in woman's nature, it cannot be suppressed without doing violence to the highest and best of her individuality. Wherever you see a woman who has crushed out both emotion and devotion, you find a person who is hard, cold and in many ways repellent, and to a weaker nature will be a source of oppression and disease. Therefore, when woman has begun to think normally for herself, she should keep the thought in mind, that, no attribute can be suppressed, and that there is no attribute but what, if properly guided, will bring good results both to herself and to the world.

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We return now to a more practical thought. There are many women, especially maiden ladies, who, when regeneration is suggested to them, will say: I have lived that life for years; I have never had any sex relation or desires, therefore, I must be living the regenerate life as you teach it. You, who have never had any conscious activity producing desires in that direction, are much further from living the regenerate life than the woman who has activities and desires; because, there has been established in you,—partly through inherited conditions, and partly through your habits of mind and ignorance of laws governing your own life,—a weakness, to an extent, that, before the life generated in the body becomes potent enough to create sufficient activity to be perceptible, it runs away from you, therefore, you are weak and delicate.

If you have passed the age between twenty-five and thirty-five, your health is poor and you have ceased to enjoy life. Some women are even unconscious of there being any waste of the life; but, as we have given special instructions in the booklet entitled "Special Instructions for Women," we will not go any deeper into this subject, further than to say, it is necessary for those who are consciously or unconsciously wasting the life, to rally their will power and bestir themselves to stop all loss, otherwise their life will be one long drawn out sigh.

Many married women will also say, I never had any desires in relation to sex. This is true for the same reason that it is true of the unmarried woman. They do not retain the life long enough for it to become potent, and therefore, their bodies are weak. If they doubt this, they may speak to any really healthy married woman, one who is the expression of health and life; and they will find that she knows what it is to have strong activities, to have the fires of love burn intensely upon the altar of her being; "God is a consuming fire," and, "God is love;"—while she may have had no more instructions

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than those who who have not experienced intense activities, yet she has been fortunate in her parentage, so that she has inherited a greater capacity to retain the life, and perhaps, a greater capacity to create it. But to those who have not this abundance of life we especially speak, because they have gotten into a condition of almost hopeless indolence in regards to their life producing function. It has become so weakened that they are not conscious that there is anything to be controlled; but as soon as they begin to control the life currents, they will find that they have a hard task, because the life will slip away from them in so many ways, and even under circumstances where they are doing their best to prevent it. They should remember, however, that every genuine effort in the direction of controlling the waste of the life strengthens them, so while they may fail a thousand times, they will sooner or later succeed; because, every effort is like using a muscle of the arm, which strengthens it, and the results of such efforts will pay a thousand fold. There is no direction in which woman can turn her efforts with as much profit to herself as this one.

One mistake that is being made by women, as well as some men, who have been reading these instructions, is, that, they get the idea that there must be no conscious activity of the sex function, which is exactly the reverse of what it should be. If that function is healthy and in a normal state, it will work for the purpose of creating life to imbue the body and fill the mind with power and light. Not that it is necessary for a person to indulge in obscene thoughts or impure acts in order to have activity in that direction, but on the contrary, they should be overcome. We are prepared to say, that, there is no person living who is capable of producing life germs, but what, if that life is retained in the body for its use, will find that nature will assert itself and create in him or her intense activities; and whoever takes control of the life and finds these activities

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springing into existence, should make no effort to crush them, but rather to purify the passion and transform it from the old scortatory passion which rules the world, into the true, divine passion, (for if God created the world by generation, then the function of sex is from God). To do this, woman should, as soon as she feels the activities of the sex function, turn her thoughts, love, feelings and desires toward God in the most earnest soul devotion, with the one desire to fill her body with spirit life from God, and to purify and uplift her entire being into His likeness. If she should find that this course suppresses the action of the sex life, then there is another course. Every woman from the time of puberty and perhaps before, has an ideal man who lives in her imagination; one who, to her mind, is so grand, noble and God-like, that she loves even to worship at his shrine. This ideal man who is ever floating above her is, her highest ideal of the realities of divinity. If the above course suppresses the action of the sex function, then she should turn her mind toward that high and holy ideal and love it, and let her purest and holiest love go out toward it, and if she finds that brings her too much into the conditions of the earthly man, then she should turn her mind toward God, and remember that God is love. This will not only free her from that old scortatory passion that is enslaving her to the senses, and which is constantly running away with the vitality generated in her body (her real wealth), but it will bring to her that high and holy condition, where spirit life is inspired; where the seed generated in the body becomes the vessel to receive and hold spirit.

In the old order, the seed is only able to receive the spiritus mundi, or the spirit of creation, generation; but in this higher life, woman will be able to reach above the spirit of generation into that holy Spirit. The word *holy*, primarily meant separate, that which is above, not involved in the material creation. By this means she can elevate her life to a spiritual life and consciousness, and the mind will be luminous and all-seeing and all-knowing.

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MAN.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John XIV, 1.

Man, with all his reasoning faculties, has worked himself into the realm of error through his unbelief, until he has so far lost himself in erroneous doctrines, that his ego has become nearly dormant to the actual truth.

In his cosmic aspect, he is a very superior being to that which is commonly looked upon as a man. External sciences deal only with the grossly material body of external, terrestrial man. For this reason, the man of modern science has become an unnatural being, without any conceivable object for his existence; and nature is to him an organism evolved by accident, and subject to no other than mechanically acting law.

The divine, spiritual, creative and hidden powers of his being and in nature are entirely removed from the field of his perception through erroneous beliefs, and must ever remain in that state, until the spiritual light of wisdom shall remove him from darkness into the glorious light of truth. He was created for the purpose of being the image of God. The glory of God was residing in him, and he was penetrated by the light of divine love.

In man is contained everything: God and Christ; the celestial and terrestial kingdoms. Outside of him is nothing of which he can conceive; he can know nothing except that which exists in his own mind. No spirit or any power whatever can act within him unless it enters into his constitution. Only that which exists in him has existence for him. All of his beliefs, without a realization of this fact, will remain incomprehensible to him.

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It may be interesting and amusing to speculate upon the different beliefs; in it there is no real knowledge; only when man's spiritual perceptions are unfolded and he attains divine knowledge of self, will he know the Christ and all the celestial powers whose aggregate goes to make up the kingdom of God, existing within himself.

Jesus left his precepts by which man may believe and know the truth without cavil. He said: "I am the way, the truth and the life." The pathway Jesus laid down, man may know to be the true one by living the life and confirming the truth in his own being. L. D. N.

THOUGHTS.

Thoughts that are of divine origin: thoughts of truth relative to cause lying next beyond the external, the physical existence, are like germs of vines. The Divine thought becomes the main stalk and its reception in the human mind and the thoughts arising therefrom are as the main branches. When Jesus said: "I am the vine, ye are the branches," he expressed the one great fact, namely, that in all our earthly existence there was originally but one thought active, and the thoughts of all men, no matter of what nature or where they belong, are but the branches of that thought; that is, all the real thoughts of men. There is much that may be termed animal impulse, which is not really thought: these are the evils in the world. There was one thought, which was the Word that created the world and formed us and all else upon it.

Since the time of Jesus the Christ there have been in reality very few, if any, new thoughts in the minds of men, and even that which Jesus planted in the hearts of his people did not take form, only as the outermost branches, and has not yet

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entered into and taken form in the life and character of the people.

In 1849 there were some people who got one thought beyond that of the mother church, and who have been known as the Adventists. That new thought made them drunk with self esteem, the consciousness of self importance; and because of their drunkeness with that one thought they have gone no further. Another thought sprang into existence a little later and took form in the minds of men and women now known as Spiritualists. They also became drunk, and have been revolving around that thought and rested upon it, and have failed to carry it any further than its first manifestation. Many have lived and died, holding on to that one thought; that one little branch, nearer the divine. Another thought dawned upon the race about 1874, that of mind healing. It is but one thought, but it is still nearer the divine source. It has, however, never been traced to its source or its ultimate, but men and women have, as in a delirium, repeated it over and over; and many have died repeating it, thinking they had it all. But the thought of all thoughts is being held out to the people and few there seem to be who are able to lay hold upon it and trace out all its branches and at the same time to realize that their own existence, as well as the existence of all thought, is dependent upon the vine itself, and that the vine itself is dependent upon the One who planted it,—even God.

"'Tis not the skill of human art
Which gives me power my God to know,
The sacred lessons of the heart
Come not from instruments below."

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HON. JOHN D. LONG.

As we take up the prevailing characteristics of the Sign Scorpio, for this number of *The Journal*, we note, at the outset, that, according to the Scripture account, the second son of Jacob, Simeon ("that hears or obeys") typifies that Sign. When the Patriarch blessed all his sons, he declared of Simeon that, "instruments of cruelty are in their habitations;" and designated thereby, that this tribe was of a positive nature, and wrestled with rigor to conquer whatever stood in their way.

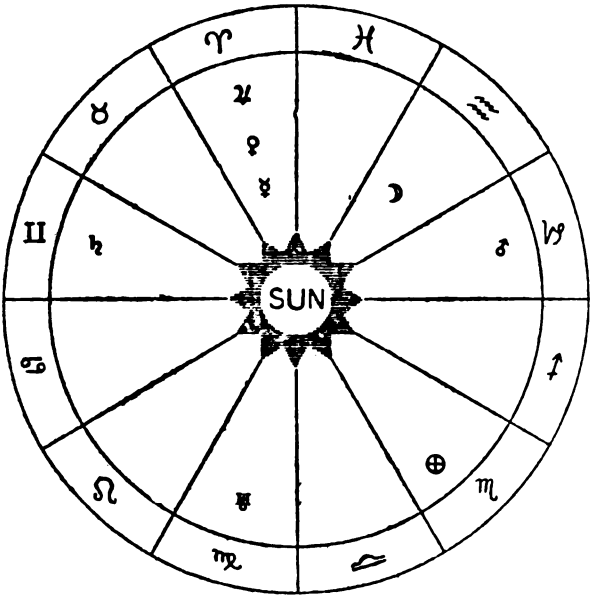
In those ancient days when "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" was the almost universal procedure,— even among God's chosen people,—the Simeonites had their mission in conquering obstacles by the force of warlike instruments. In these later days, the pen and the voice are becoming mightier than the sword among them, for they are powerful in the production and presentation of original thoughts.

As a modern well known Simeonite, we select the Hon. John D. Long, and will planetarily depict his natural characteristics as deduced therefrom.

Born at Buckfield, Main, October 27, 1838, it will be seen, as the circle is inspected, that, his mental trend is established by the moon in the sign Aquarius, which, beyond all other signs, would fix his mind firmly and clearly upon the people, and with the earth in Scorpio, create a union of water and air in fine relationship. The water of assimilation is stirred into constant activity by healthful nervous breezes that cause clear apprehendings of the sentiments of the people, so that, public life has become to him a part of his being. It is an historic fact, that, people of all grades delight to touch elbows with him.

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Hon. John D. Long. Nat. October 27, 1838.



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Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Gemini	(♊).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Capricorn	(♑).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).

Elements.		Trinities.	
Fire,	Three.	Intellectual,	Four.
Earth,	Two.	Domestic,	One.
Air,	Two.	Creative,	One.
Water,	One.	Serving,	Two.

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The next planetary affirmation, that of Uranus in Virgo, is more metaphysical than physical. Every phase of the Virgin's power of discrimination and intuition is intensified by this position, and much of the earthly element is eliminated to make way for the play of those finer forces, that, in human life, are bound into oneness so completely at the household table, and in association with kindred souls at banquets in the breaking of bread. He would make sacred all such gatherings, and like the Master, have good fellowship the basis of an enlarged heart power.

When to this we add the value of the position of Saturn in the sign Gemini, we find that his discrimination and his educational outreachings went hand in hand in his earlier years, so that as he acquired knowledge he became eager to make practical demonstrations of it, and thus he planned and mapped out through this metaphysical incentive, his individual progress.

Mars could not be in the sign Capricorn, with our subject's other affirmations, without making his knees strong to pursue the upward pathway of business prosperity for the maintenance and perpetuation of the home. Uniting with his earth in Scorpio, it made him powerful in the origination of ideas and methods, coupled with an ability to "put them through," because of an inherent confidence in himself, and faith that what he proposed must be right.

A glance at the circle shows, that, in the sign Aries (the upper brain) Jupiter, Venus and Mercury are unitedly expressive. Being at the head of the Intellectual Trinity and also at the head of the Fiery Triplicity, these positions become of exceeding consequence. Great Jupiter idealizes his brain, so that it has the loftiest aspirations toward unusual attainments. No formulation of words can quite express the ideals of his aspirational mind. Venus shows him what the love life should be:—draws him a picture of domestic felicity that is an earthly

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heaven: whispers to him of the true poetry of life, and sometimes leaves him alone in his dreams,— silently happy!

Murcury vitilizes his brain physically, and blends into a subtle oneness the bestowals of Jupiter and Venus. The messenger of the Gods becomes winged when he stands before the people and voices patriotism, duty and honor. The reflex of the multitude so touches his inner being that a psychic fervor is aroused, particularly when hearth and home are involved, whereby he is enabled to cement into sacredness the friendships of childhood, causing life to assume a grander aspect. So in a threefold way is our subject privileged to serve country, home and humanity.

The Rising Sign at his birth was Virgo. This denotes physically, a short, plump body with digestion somewhat doubtful, but mentally with an appreciation of best things, and considerable sensitiveness, with a nervous trend which would be assuaged whenever he could summon about him the finer conconditions of a social, political, or moral order. Both body and mind would most naturally partake of the virgin fineness, so that he would constantly outreach for corresponding consummations.

The position of the Rising Sign in the East at the exact time of his birth furnishes us this symbolic picture: an extensive forest in the distance; the sun is just peeping above the horison and flooding the tops of the trees with his glowing rays. This denotes what the Greek cynic Diogenes was looking for with his lantern — *a man*! Yes! a man among men. One who spontaneously elicits the good will and plaudits of his fellow-men. Thousands will look up to him for light and guidance.

He was born on Saturday, and the mystic color which typifies his life work is gray. He neither lays foundations nor builds structures, but becomes the protector of the beautiful

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edifice; he realizes what a noble Temple of Humanity has already been built, and in constant process of building; so that he would fain gather his brethren therein for peace and safety, that they might enjoy the larger life day by day, with ever increasing happiness, wrought out by an undoubting faith in the constant development of the human soul. He would join with others in adding to this Humanitarian Temple, that its protection might be so ample, that, every American, aye,—every person on this planet could find within its enclosure the peace that passeth understanding!

Our Secretary of the Navy is preeminently an intellectual man, a thorough student, and yet stands by birth upon that plane which the Ancients called the Serpent Principle, and which in our modern idium means wisdom. He illustrates remarkably, how this wisdom force of a psychic character and the human will, when united with a brain richly endowed, creates a mentality that comprehends and goes out to all the people. This is supplemented by Saturn's mission to spiritualize his outreachings for knowledge, and Mars' potency in adding clear, strong aspirations toward business success, and so be a whole man among men,—a genuine leader in the nation!

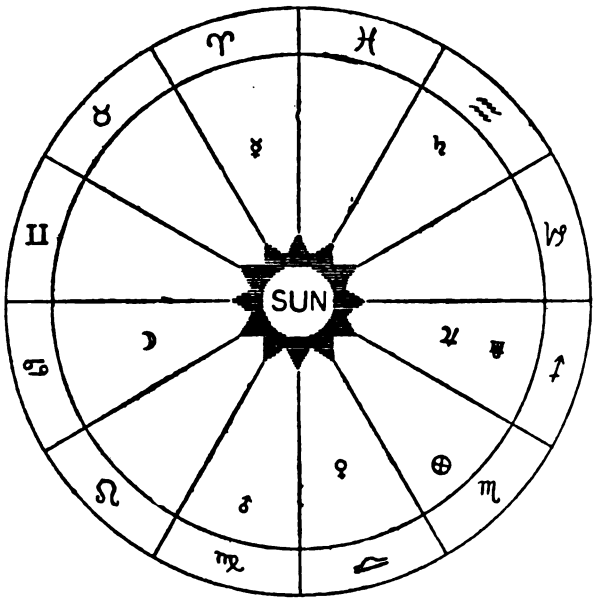
Libra.

HON. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

As the writer completed the delineation of the Hon. John D. Long, the terrible news of President McKinley's death, and the accession of the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt to the presidency, was announced, and as Mr. Roosevelt was born october 27, 1858, (just twenty years later than our Secretary of the Navy) and therefore comes under the sign Scorpio, we will here present a brief delineation of the new President, as of special interest to students of Solar Biology at the present time.

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Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Oct. 27, 1858.



Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Scorpio	(♏).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Cancer	(♋).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Sagittarius	(♐).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Aquarius	(♒).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Sagittarius	(♐).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Virgo	(♍).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).

ELEMENTS.		TRINITIES.	
Fire,	Three.	Intellectual,	One.
Earth,	One.	Domestic,	Two.
Air,	Two.	Creative,	Four.
Water,	Two.	Serving,	One.

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It will be observed, by reference to the zodiacal circle, that, Mr. Roosevelt is polarized in the sign Cancer, and consequently partakes of the sensitiveness of that sign, combined with the psychic strenuousness of the earthy plane upon which he stood at birth.

The waters of November and July commingled and a gulf stream of great power resulted. The positiveness of the serpent or wisdom power, unites with the delicacy of the home instincts, so that it is as though his right hand were raised to strike a powerful blow, which a kindlier feminine thought parried into a different direction, so that its mission was to lift up and not to strike down. He is a paradox unto himself in so far as earth and moon are concerned.

With metaphysical Uranus and ideal Jupiter in Sagittarius he could not be otherwise than positively executive, both in the physical and mental sense: whatever he undertakes must be done.

Saturn in the sign Aquarius is exceedingly significant. This is the sign in which our lamented President McKinley, and our martyred President Lincoln were born. More than any other it represents the people, and it is now the ruling sign of our age. It is of the utmost consequence, therefore, that Saturn, the planet of more distinct planetary influence, in the Esoteric sense, than any other, should have been at his birth in the sign that governs his every nerve, and enables him to touch the people in the finest way. It will be found that, as he moves on his executive duties, a calm overshadowing of spiritual power will pervade his whole-souled positive nature, and the people will comprehend it and say—Amen.

Mars in Virgo and Venus in Libra act as neighbors (see circle) in creating a distinct discriminative and intuitive individuality. Mars' power in the earthy sign Virgo may be at times over positive in its physical import, or in its virile discriminativeness, but Venus is in the sign of the balances, and so joins the reasoning and intuitive faculties in a unity of power

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of an idealistic character; thereby offsetting Mars in its disturbing tendencies.

Mercury in the sign Aries is grand in its twofold capacity; first; in enabling him to have a strong upper brain capable of intense mental application, and second; in being equally powerful in expressing what ever he may have acquired. This expressiveness firmly balances Venus in the seat of the intuitions (Libra), so that his interior nature amply supplements intellectuality with ideal thought, while his psychic plane, of such tremendous will power, causes his utterances to be of a clear, comprehensive nature, and in accordance with the advanced thought of the twentieth century.

He is particularly originative in his thought and action (four in the Creative Trinity). He must, to be natural, act from those interior promptings that fill his being: he cannot be an imitator.

Born on Wednesday, his mystic color is that of the varying hues of the violet. Symbolically, he belongs to that class of persons who finish and perfect the foundation stones for the temple of Liberty and humanity, after they have been squared and roughly hewn. Those, whose souls have been awakened, sacredly perform this work under the full consciousness of the great importance of having each stone exact to the architect's plan, clearly realizing that the superstructure must have a solid foundation to be permanent, and so, without a fear, put their completed task into the hands of those who are to lay the foundation.

The Solar Biological elements connected with our new president are of a combination which all may well study with satisfaction, and expect that the influences of the moon in Cancer (the home sign) will so ameliorate his masterful nature, as to make his final thoughts, utterances and acts, of that same sacred nature as pervades the ideal home life, taking from it into the broader arena of his country,—over which he is now the head and father,—the realization that liberty, home and country are one and inseparable.

Libra.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CHICAGO, ILL. SEP., 19, 1901.

Dear Sir:—Accept my thanks for your consideration of my inquiry, and your very excellent and interesting answer thereto. Every indication points to my being able to assemble a valuable addition of argument and opinion on the subject at heart.

You will pardon me for troubling you with a further inquiry: it has been in my mind often and long, as it doubtless is in the minds of others.

In your valuable magazine for September, you refer to the inconceivably advanced state of other planets, and other beings living upon such worlds. This seems a very natural conclusion; a logical fact of universal evolution. It is conceivable that *man* should evolve to a state where he could communicate with other worlds, even objectively: but is it reasonable to think that he would not take advantage of that attainment?

Assuming that there are other beings inhabiting a planet, the light of which reaches our earth, and they have a perfect knowledge of the forces of vibration—sound, color, light, electricity, etc., why do they not come to us, or deliver to us that knowledge we so much need and desire? There must be in the higher spheres, I judge, microscopists as well as macroscopists.

I am impressed in this connection, as with the spiritual science generally, by an axiom recently advanced by Prof. Charles Richet: "That certainty (conviction) does not follow on demonstration, it follows on habit;" but, when the possibilities of objective communication and demonstration, by an intelligent manipulation of the forces referred to (vibration) are so apparent, it is almost inconceivable, at least incredible, that, if beings exist capable of such manipulation, they would not exercise their attainments, as we would do under like conditions.

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I might elaborate the question, but you are doubtless familiar with it, and will readily understand what is in my mind.

If agreeable to you, and you have not covered the question in the magazine, you might give your observations in answer, through its columns.

Again thanking you for your courteous letter of the 10th instant, I am with great respect,

Very faithfully, Robert J. Thompson.

Ans.—The inquiry of our friend seems to me, might be summed up in the following words:—If, as is probable, or as we believe, the inhabitants of the outer planets of our system, as well as all other suns and systems, are as advanced in all powers, capacities and civilized facilities as the age of their world would indicate, why is it that, although we cannot communicate with them, they do not communicate with us?

There are many reasons why the planet earth knows so little of other worlds. Reasoning from analogy, we see that as the mental abilities manifested in science and invention increases on our planet, the soul powers of the race proportionately increase; and, as we now stand, as some would think, almost upon the pinnacle of scientific attainments, but in reality just upon the verge, there is a mental wave sweeping over the planet and occupying the attention of all people, more or less, relative to the powers of the soul, to a higher consciousness than has been known in the past. The land is full of "advanced thought" literature; psychometry and thought transference come in for their share; so that if the progress that is now going on in all lines, continues harmoniously, the time is not far distant when there will be a number of people capable of leaving the body and traveling to other worlds; seeing and knowing the knowledge that is there stored, in so far as they are capable: they will also be able to hold conversation with people thousands, if not millions of miles distant. The inhabitants of the planet earth are now receiving knowledge from other worlds just as rapidly as they are capable of utilizing it. In order to understand the answer to the above question, let us imagine for a moment, a people, say, for convenience, on the planet Jupiter, who have reached a degree of scientific unfoldment, mental development, etc., a few million years in advance of the people on the planet earth; what use

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would telescopes be to such a people, if by a few moments concentration they could be in mental rapport with any world, no matter how far away, and hold conversation with the people there, as well as with the people on any part of their own planet? Of what use would the telephone, or telegraph be to them? None at all. While we would be calling up a business man to communicate with him through the most advanced method we have,—the telephone, they could, through the mental telegraph, communicate their business in a quarter of the time. Of what use would the telescope be to them when they can go out and explore a world, perceive its systems and know all about it more accurately than by physical sight through the most powerful telescope, by means of which we obtain our knowledge, which is merely speculative?

Why do they not visit our planet and give us knowledge? The answer is this: first; a busy man has no time to indulge in idle curiosity, and the more highly developed a people are the busier they are; therefore, they would not come to instruct a people until they were ready to receive instructions. There have been numerous visitations to our earth from other worlds, but the visitors found a blind people who had no eyes to see them, and a deaf people who had no ears to hear their words; but to one who has ears to hear, and eyes to see they occasionally come and give knowledge, which is usually sufficiently in advance of the masses to cause the people to call the recipient of such knowledge a crank, a dreamer, or worse, a charlatan. When the people of our planet have advanced far enough to utilize a new science, that science always comes to them, and as soon as a person advances far enough to be able to grasp and utilize any new and important thought, they always obtain that thought.

The object of the Esoteric work has been to furnish a method of life which would put those who practiced the teachings in a condition that would enable them to see and hear, and give them a mind capable of receiving, understanding and utilizing the conditions and knowledges that are now pressing in upon the planet from every side. It is because of the necessity of new methods of life, in order that a new and higher state of development might obtain, that we have confined ourselves so largely in the past to practical methods, by which the body might be refined and sensitized, the brain capacities enlarged and the soul freed, so that man might be able to reach out beyond his present narrow confines into broader fields of knowledge, power usefulness.

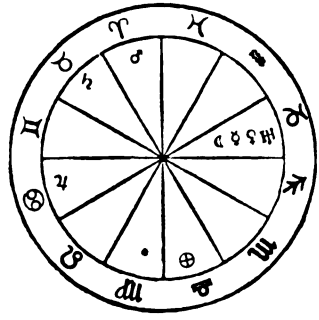
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

B. Y. O. Sept. 28, 1865, 12 noon. Alden, N. Y.

Trinities.		Triplicities.	
Intellectual,	2.	Airy,	1.
Maternal,	1.	Watery,	1.
Reproductive,	1.	Fiery,	1.
Serving,	4.	Earthy,	5.



RISING SIGN—♎.

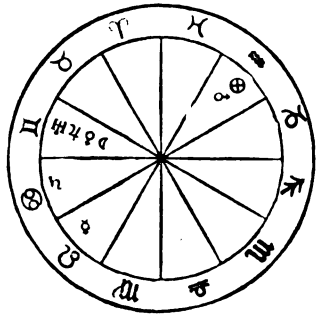
You were born with the earth in the airy sign Libra, the head of the Airy triplicity, and the reproductive trinity. You have five positions in the earthy triplicity and but one in the Fiery and one in the Watery; these conditions unite with the Libra base to make up a rather remarkable nature. Nearly all the planets are in the heads of trinities, which makes you feel that you are or should be, under all circumstances, at the head of whatever you are engaged in. So strong is this tendency in you, that, if your nearest and best friends tell you to do anything, it would be almost impossible for you to do it, even if you were just about to do it before you were told. You have your own ideas concerning everything and brook no interference from any

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one. The rising sign Sagittarius makes you impulsive, positive and combative. Jupiter in Cancer gives you a grand ideal of an elegant home, a nice family and beautiful surroundings. Saturn in Taurus is also greatly in your favor, giving you an orderly mind, great love of the sciences, especially the natural sciences, and makes you quite a genius, in your way. Mars is in the sign it governs, according to geocentric astrology, and as you have no home positions except that of Saturn in Taurus, it will wield a very strong influence over your life. Uranus in Capricorn inclines you very strongly toward the mystic. Venus in capricorn gives you a love for the invisible; and Mercury in Capricorn gives strength and determination in the pursuit of whatever you undertake.

G. Y. H. Jan. 28, 1901. 6.30 p. m. Woodville, Ore.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITY.	
INTELLECTUAL,	4.	AIRY.	6.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	1.
REPRODUCTIVE,	0.	FIERY,	1.
SERVING,	2.	EARTHY,	0.



RISING SIGN—♌.

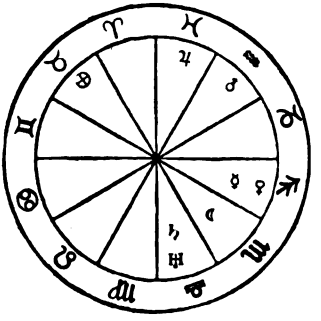
This child has a peculiar nature, as expressed by the positions of the planets. Born with the earth in the sign Aquarius, and Mars also in that sign, lays the foundation of her nature. The Aquarius nature is ruled by the practical as well as the public interest, much more than by love. Mars in Aquarius gives its innate qualities to the nature, therefore, we must read this character as, not only the Aquarius nature, but also the Mars nature. Mars in this case will give a great deal of ideality and mental activity, and will cause the child to appear, in many respects, like an Aries person. It will be loving, kind and sympathetic; but, like the cat, "don't make it mad." Leo was rising at the time of birth: this sign is the opposite of Aquarius, which gives the child two extremes of nature; that of love and emotion, and the

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exact antithesis; thus this child, when she becomes a woman, will ocillate between two extremes, and it will be very difficult for her to understand herself or be understood by others. A third widely divergent nature is found in the position of the moon, Uranus, Jupiter and Venus in the sign Gemini, which is the imitator and expresser of thought,—the word form. Thus the moon leads out or expresses the two opposites of her nature, and she will find that she can express volumes of love and emotion, and she can lay these aside and become the the Mars-Aquarius woman, hard, positive and practical in the extreme; doing that which seems pleasant to her mind, regardless of consequences. Thus, if this child is properly reared and educated, she will be adapted as a novelist or actress, being able to assume almost any condition and make herself feel that condition. Mercury in the body sign gives her a strong, vital body. Saturn in Cancer gives her order in the home life.

M. C. Nat. April 26, 1850. 4.35 a. m.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	1.	AIRY,	3.
MATERNAL,	0.	WATERY,	2.
REPRODUCTIVE,	5.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	2.	EARTHY,	1.



RISING SIGN—♈.

The earth in Taurus, which is the mental fountain; as it governs the creative life currents and the lymphatic system of the body, gives you a great source of vitality, physical and mental endurance, and capacity to persist in and accomplish whatever you undertake. The rising or body sign is Aries, which is harmonious with the base, Taurus, but it places your body as the head or ruler of the interior; thus it is difficult for you to have a correct understanding of what interior thought, feeling and consciousness really mean to the average spiritual thinker; yet the position of the moon in Scorpio helps you out in

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this direction, as it leads your external thought into the interior and causitive. It causes you to look behind a person's words for the cause and purpose; it also produces in you an inclination to think that a person has a meaning beyond that which is expressed. This is emphasized by the position of Jupiter in Pisces. It has been and is the bane of your life to imagine a covert purpose in the actions and words of those with whom you associate; many times causing you to imagine evil where none is intended. So potent is this imagination in you, that, there have been times in your life when you repeated something another had said to you, and which displeased, and you unconsciously added thereto a great deal that had not been said. This only illustrates a characteristic which has been a source of great trouble to you. Uranus and Saturn in the sign Libra gives you clear psychic perceptions. You have dreams and visions, so that there is no doubt in your mind in regard to the realities of the spirit world. These positions unite with the basic principle to cause you to feel that you can read the thoughts of others; and you may, to a certain extent, but we would advise you never to put any confidence in your own ability to do so, especially when the confidence of a friend is involved. Mars in Aquarius gives rise to the expression in you "the world is my family." Venus and Mercury, the planets which govern the domestic, love and sex life are in the sign Sagittarius, giving you a desire to serve those you love, and although your love of one is not strong, yet, your faithfulness to your own is made enduring by the position of these planets.

BOOK REVIEWS.

"THE BREATH OF LIFE." "DEEP BREATHING AND THE SOLAR PLEXUS." "THE BREATH OF LIVES, WHICH IS ZONE." This pamphlet containing three articles is worth many times the price, which is twenty five cents. There are two pages in it, which, if carefully read and thoroughly practiced, will be worth thousands of dollars to many. We therefore heartily recommend it to all our readers. The author, Rev. S. C. Greathead, is one of those noble souls who has followed the light which has lead him out of the bondage of the church and into a condition where he undoubtedly needs the attention and assistance of the public. The pamphlet under consideration was printed for the exclusive purpose of conveying the thought. You are not buying paper nor excellence of workmanship, but excellence of thought. Address Rev. S. C. Greathead, Clifford, Mich.

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"THE WISDOM OF PASSION or the Motives of Human Nature, being an entirely new view of the Human Passions." By Salvarona. This is a volume of 248 pages of closely printed matter. The author is undoubtedly a man of deep research and thought, and the book opens to the mind of the reader many new fields of research into the psychology of the human mind. To my mind, however, there is a very serious omission in the beginning of the work, as the author does not define the meaning he attaches to the word passion. While of course the word has a broad meaning, yet the book seems to entend it to cover almost every sensation and emotion; in short, everything that arises in the mind, except cold, hard reason. If we had time to give it more careful and thorough reading, we might attach greater value to it than we now do: However, there is enough original thought in it to make it well worth the price. Published by the Mystic River Book Company, Everett, Mass. Price, $2.00.

EDITORIAL.

We are sorry to find so few contributors to *The Journal*. The excuse seems to be general,—there is so much to do. It is an old adage however, that, "Where there is a will there is a way." One of the most prominent business men of Boston has been writing the delineations signed "Libra" and he intends to continue to do so. We think, if he can find time to do this, that some of our friends ought to be able to take up some other line of practical value to the people.

The Journal is having a very cordial reception, especially among those in the higher walks of life. We speak of this, because, there are many who have the idea that there is only one, here and there, who would be interested in the line of thought it contains, and through that are hindered from presenting it to those who would really become subscribers. We know that those who have had no experience in the advanced thought and who become subscribers to *The Journal*, are instrumental in bringing more new subscribers than those who have had long experience on these lines, because they present the thought to others without fear of rebuff, or that persons would not be interested, etc. We therefore, ask the friends of this thought

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not to hesitate to present it to any and all persons, because the world is growing rapidly and the spirit of knowledge is active in the mind of the people, especially those in whom you would least expect it. It is not the advanced thinker, who thinks he has it all, who would be interested in this thought. It is with the advancing thought of the age as it was with Israel that went out of Egypt: those who went out all perished in the wilderness, but the children entered the promised land. Those who have left the Egyptian darkness of thought and have gone out in the wilderness, the new conditions, are apt to think they have done all there is to be done, but those who have studied least and have been skeptical in all the so-called new thought ideas, are the ones who are now ready to take up the work and carry it to ultimates. Therefore, there is an opportunity for every one of our subscribers to do an important work in the world; not only by the introduction of *The Occult and Biological Journal*, but especially with "Practical Methods to Insure Success" and "Special Instructions for Women."

Remember, when you are working for the thought we are presenting to the world, you are working for yourself, for you cannot help others without helping yourself; in fact, you cannot help yourself without helping others.

It would be a very interesting character study, and some valuable thought would no doubt be brought out in *The Journal*, if the subscribers of Volume I would send us the color, which to their eye, was the most attractive of the twelve, and along with it their date of birth and hour, as nearly as possible; also the choice of color and date of birth of as many of their friends as possible. This would be an advantage in the study of Solar Biology, as well as in many other directions. We would publish the colors selected, the dates of birth, the nationality of those born in foreign countries, and state whether selected by male or female, but, would omit names and addresses.

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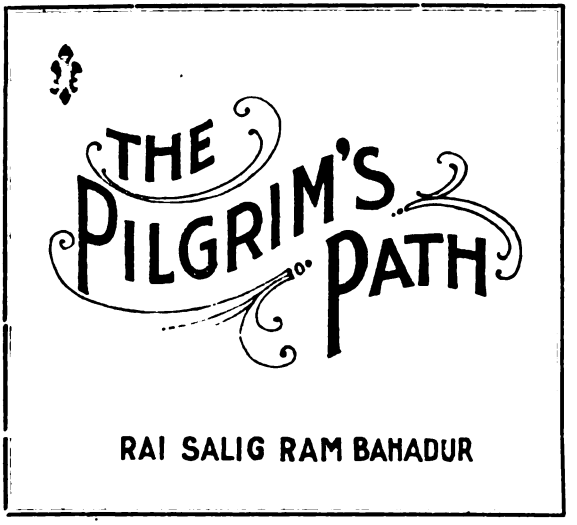
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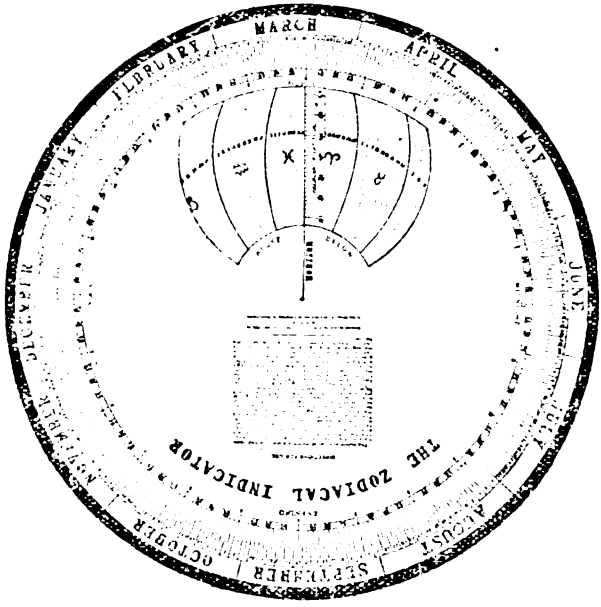
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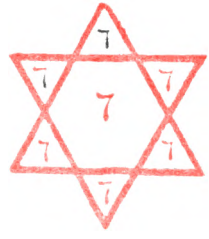
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When we consider the knowledge which the greatest teachers of all ages have labored to give to the world, we perceive it was not what is ordinarily termed scientific, for such appears to have been considered by them of secondary importance. That which Jesus tried to give the people might be divided under two general heads: the first related to an understanding of man's relation to God, and the second, of his relation to his fellow man.

According to the words of Jesus, the laws most important for man to know and live in harmony with, are those relating him to God. Man lives in God as the fish live in the sea; yet, even as the fish know little or nothing of the sea, man knows but little of God, though he may know enough for it to be of great use to himself.

Although God is the storehouse and source of all life, and

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we live in him, yet, we perish for lack of a hold upon life; as a fish in the sea might perish of thirst.

The central point of Jesus' teaching was, that, man could gain such a knowledge of the sea of life in which he lives, that he might live in and from it forever. He said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

One grave error which has crept into the minds of his followers, is the thought that he meant, by following his teachings, that they might, after death, enter a state of eternal consciousness; hence, they are left to conclude that the death of the body is unavoidable; and so firmly is this thought fixed in their minds, that, even while standing about the grave of one just departed, they will cry: "Oh, grave! where is thy victory?" The victory of the grave is plainly perceptible to those who recognize that Jesus came to teach men how they might not die.

It would seem that the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead is a sad mistake, seeing it is encrusted with so many palpable errors; and so easily does it explain the apparent necessity of dying, that, men have not striven to understand, that, by learning to know God, they might attain immortality. But, even though man should attain it, an endless existence would be of little satisfaction he him, if his relations to his fellows should remain as they now are; for, the sad struggle of man with man makes this world a social battle ground; and we feel safe in saying, that, immortal life is scarcely desirable until there is a more satisfactory adjustment of the social conditions. This is the second great truth which Jesus tried to teach, and he expressed it in the words: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

All knowledge might be classed under three heads: first,—in the order of importance,—is that of man's relation to God, whereby life may be indefinitely prolonged. Second: his

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relation to his fellows, whereby his social condition might become most happy; and third: the arts and sciences by which he may provide himself with all the necessities and luxuries of material life.

Usually, however, man reverses this order and seeks first the good things which his scientific knowledge and skill provide: secondly, the social good, and last, if at all, a knowledge of the fountain of life, that he may live to enjoy those things which he has gained. Surely, in this he is like the one who built his house upon the sand, and which fell and caused him the loss of all his labor; for, of what avail to a man are the good things which by arduous effort he has gained, if the social condition is such that it makes every man his enemy, so that he must lock himself behind iron doors, and hire men to guard him, and be in fear of his fellows all his days, lest they take his goods or his life. And even if the social state were such that man need have no fear of his fellows, if he could leave his house unlocked and his treasures unguarded, knowing that no thief would rob; of what avail would all this be seeing he must soon die and leave it all?

God is the life of the world, and a knowledge of God is a knowledge of life.

A man's religion is simply his belief of the unseen, and we look forward to the time when the glamor of "churchiness will be taken from it and the laws and methods whereby man may obtain an unfailing supply from the fountain of all life, be certainly known and intelligently applied.

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The function or office of the feminine principle in nature has been little understood in the past, although it is very evident when the mind once lays hold upon and gets an understanding of the world of creation; from which standpoint much that is now mysterious will be revealed to the mind.

There are two great factors in creation: the first is the feminine love principle; love reaches out and gathers to itself its object. The primary object of love was God; therefore, the feminine partook of the life qualities of Deity,—spirit life, and formed its ideal into the image of man; it threw around that image a binding and controlling influence that limited it to the uses for which the original ideal was conceived.

In order that this thought may be understood, let us examine the above statement a little. We are told that God is Spirit, and Swedenborg said: "God created from Himself." If these two statements are true, then it follows that all is Spirit. Spirit in its purity is plastic, unformed, all-pervading, *omnipresent*: it needs a collector and former: the feminine holds this office. The quality of spirit is not changed by being gathered together; ensphered and bound in an image or form; but, it gives it direction, tendency, and, by virtue of form, quality. There is no individuality or consciousness without form. For example: if a cup is filled with water, the water assumes the form of the cup: nevertheless, there is no difference between this water and that which runs in the creeks and rivers and that which is tossed in the great ocean; and, before it was taken from its fountain, it was one with all

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the water in the world. The water that forms the river is called a river, simply, because it is a large current of water, bounded on either side by embankments, and which ultimately finds its way to the ocean. Human life or spirit, call it what you may, is one with the great ocean of Divinity, and the love passion draws from the fountain; and the organism in which the love is active, is the cup, the vessel to receive the waters of life or spirit, to hold it and give it form and function for a separate existence. This is the office of personal love,—mother love.

There are two loves, however: that of mother love and that of love for the husband. The former is preservative; the latter, creative. Man's existence, and of course, woman's, is absolutely dependent upon the love spirit active in woman's nature, and therefore, the love of woman is nearest the love of God of anything in the universe. But, here is a fine line of discrimination: it is woman's love of the personality and form of the image that has brought selfishness, with all its attendant evils in every department of human life. The thought, that, it was woman who fell and led man into the fall and out of Eden into labor, sorrow, sickness and death, is a great truth; but, that truth is simply this: the woman began to love the image which she had formed, in place of loving the divinity embodied in that image; and because she loved that image, her desires would have it and its benefits and advantages above and over all other things. Here began the realm of struggle and combat, because it was selfish. While woman loved the divinity that was manifested in man, they were in paradise; in the Eden of God; in the joys of the eternal Spirit consciousness. Now, if woman is to lead man back to Eden,—as most of our thinking women assert,—she must change her course and cease to lead him away from Eden as she is doing at the present time.

Women who are following these instructions should so control their love nature, that, they will not love any man or external

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form. Remember, that, external form is only the image born of the ideal active in the mind of parents prior to and at the time of conception; but the qualities embodied in that form, that give life and animation to that image, are of God, the immortal Spirit. Therefore, let your love be not to a man as such, but to God as embodied in the ideal that has ever floated above you. This is the first step toward Eden again. This accomplished, and the waste of the life overcome, you will be placed in touch with the consciousness of the Spirit of God, of angels and holy ones. This consciousness and the mental state arising from that unity, will reveal to your consciousness the fact, that, there is a companion soul; that the soul that you have idealized and which has ever lived in your imagination lives in reality, and that that soul is your complement; and the unity or oneness with that soul will give you the key to paradise once more; will give you power to remove the flaming sword at the east of Eden and to enter into the gate of the city again.

We return again to the thought, that, this high ultimate will never be reached, only through the love of woman. Here we stand at variance with many women who are before the world as teachers and leaders, but, who are actually occupying the sphere of man and not of woman; who hold that woman must overcome love. If woman is the gatherer and former of the life substance of Deity, she must also be the preserver; therefore, if immortality ever comes to the physical structure of those in the form, it will come through the perfected love of woman and her office as a gatherer and holder of the life,— spirit; but for woman to gather and pour out the life into the organism of the object of her love, when that embodied object is under the dominion of generation, is to accelerate the power of scortatory passion, and even though he were striving to overcome it and live a higher life, it would set on fire his passion nature to an extent that would make it

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impossible for him to reach the high goal: therefore, in all our work in the past we have held to the one thought: the absolute necessity of men and women first conquering generation. Generation must have passed away; been eradicated from the organism of man and woman before regeneration can begin. Generation belongs to the descending currents of involution, where the spirit of God is being drawn down to earth, and incorporated in form, and caused to serve according to the nature of the image formed. Regeneration comes by the reversing of the currents of life from involution to evolution, or from the descending into matter to the ascending out of matter. Thus, in place of loving the individual form and desiring above all else his personal supremacy, pleasure and importance, the love must be of God, of the God that is therein incarnate. But in order that the mind of woman may take hold of this thought, she must first seek God through devotion, until she is conscious of the presence of the Spirit, and when through regeneration and soul devotion she comes into conscious touch with the spirit of the Highest, then she will see in the object of her love the spirit of God, and will love him as God, not as man. Then the spirit of the descending currents of involution, which have been called by one author, the scortatory passion, will have passed away, and that pure and holy love which is like that of the angels and is God-love, will take its place: in that love are the ever descending and ascending angels, administering spirits of the Father.

When it was written: "Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man," it was in anticipation of the time when the regeneration should take the place of generation; when all love is devotion, and through devotion the life currents that have been called passion will be turned backward from their descending inclinations, and caused to ascend through the body and take

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form in the whole organism as a flame of divine love. This will awaken within the organism a keen discrimination between the Holy Spirit and the spiritus mundi, or the spirit of creation. Here is born immortality. When the prophet said: "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water," he referred to generation, in which God is forgotten. God is not remembered in that creative act, but the man and the woman are simply merged in each other. They should first seek and find unity with God, then, in their relations, God becomes the fire that burns upon the altar of their being.

While the above thought belongs exclusively to the final order of regeneration, yet, as woman stands between God and man, as the creator, she must be more perfectly in divine order than man, even if she purposes to perpetuate the work of creation by generating her kind: if that is her purpose, she must remember that her office is to bring into the world sons of God, not perverted animals to fill almshouses, insane asylums and prisons; neither is it her proper function to bring into the world men and women to support Medical Docters and to spend a life of suffering, disease and depravity.

Woman, when you realize that your office is to gather, direct, and embody the spirit of God in the form of your offspring, then you will indeed become the mother whom all will call blessed; then you will bring into the world men and women posessing minds illumined by the spirit of God, and therefore, capable of knowing, and living above and controlling the passions that have brought to the world sorrow, labor, sickness, pain and death.

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THE CENTRAL SUN.

In a dream I stood upon a hill; it was night, and as I looked up at the stars I felt a desire to know more about them. Presently I found that some one was standing by my side, in appearance he was a man of thoughtful mein. With a gentle voice he said: "I have come to show you some of those things you wish to know." While he was yet speaking we began to rise from the earth, up into the night: out of the earth's shadow into the sunlight: on upward, until I saw that we were approaching Saturn. Soon, we were near it, and this vast planet with its wondrous rings and system of moons was spread out before us. We approached one of these moons — small indeed compared with its primary, but more vast than the earth we had left behind; and as we reached and sped over its surface I observed that it was in a condition comparoble to the early geological ages of the earth, and likewise, the inhabitants were a crude race, half-man half-beast. After a long time spent in observation, poised above the planet and its system, my companion spoke, as follows. "You have observed that the inhabitants of this little orb do not turn toward the sun as though it were to them a luminary; but toward the planet around which they revolve, as though from it they received their light and heat, as indeed they do; although, to your eyes the light from the body of Saturn is mostly reflected sunlight, yet, where the sunlight does not strike, you can perceive a faint haze or phosphorescent light: it is this light which these crude people see by; for, they cannot see the light of the sun, it is too refined for their organs of vision to cognize. They can see nothing more refined than this hazy light from Saturn,

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which is the radiance of the life of the people there, and this radiance is a brilliant light to them." These words recalled to my mind the statements in holy writ, that, usually, when angels appeared to men they would shine as with their own light; and of the time when the men of earth would, through spiritual development, shine also; as the angel said to the prophet Daniel: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."

"The light from a star is the radiance of the life of the people there, except it is reflected, as is largely true of the planets; but, that reflection may be, and is invisible to coarser eyes; and this brings up a question you have often asked: 'Why is it that every planet, and the sun as well, being many times larger than all its attendant orbs combined, and by far the most notable object in its system, yet, as we look abroad through this galaxy, we look in vain for such a center: one central body whose bulk surpasses that of all these myriad millions of suns combined; for, they appear like a swarm of bees, moving as they do, with apparently, no definite center of motion?' The answer to this question is easily found by following to a ligitimate ultimate the facts already observed."

"The inhabitants of this satellite cannot see the sun, because its radiance is too refined for their eyes to be affected by it; but you see it plainly: you look at the sun and see a fiercely blazing ball of intense fire, but that intense flame is but the normal atmosphere of those who inhabit that sphere; or, more correctly, they have reached a degree of development, like the man who appeared to Daniel, of whom it was written: 'And his face (was) as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire:' also, as it was written of Jesus, while upon the mount of transfiguration, where his true self was manifested in the glory which he left, that he might come and teach the world.

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'And his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.' It is this fiercely intense life radiance of such glorious beings which causes he sun to blaze with its unapproachable glory, and which sets on fire and transmutes into a more subtle substance the material of which it is composed; hence, the reason scientists observe the sun as a mass of flame." Then I thought of him whose appearance was like one of the gods, whom Nebuchadnezzar saw walking in the furnace which was heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated, and through whose power the three Hebrew children were unhurt; also of that city that is some day to be on earth, which would need neither the light of the sun nor of the moon, and by whose radiance the earth would be lighted.

My companion continued: "The inhabitants of the sun behold that glorious flaming center around which all the bodies of this galaxy swing in their mighty orbits. To you its light is invisible, it is spirit radiance, and is not perceptible to the physical senses. Although this light shines upon the earth, yet, the inhabitants are unconscious of it."

"It may at first sight appear strange to your mind, that, a body however vast yet lacking in materiality could attract and hold in place the myriads of suns composing our galaxy; but it is not; for a few moments observation will show you that the powers and forces of nature are not equally dependent upon the bulk, weight, nor density of matter for their manifestation to the animal senses. You are unconscious of the tremendous energy stored in two clouds floating lazily overhead, until, suddenly there flashes forth the lightning with terrific violence; yet a child's hand or a wind blown feather could easily pass through them."

"Thus you can see how there could be in this galaxy a central body so vast that the human mind could form no conception of its size, so refined as to be invisible, and yet so powerful as to hold all these myriad millions of suns in place as the sun holds its planets or a planet its satellites."

PHEBE HART.

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PEACE.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." Isaiah XXVI: 3–4.

There is no one condition so important to life, health, and prosperity in all directions, as that of peace. The mind must have a certain amount of peace in order to work harmoniously. It is true that there are those who can continue day after day in the hardest struggles of life and seem to enjoy it; but such natures are at peace with themselves, even when in struggle, because that is their nature. They are makers of such conditions, and they have a certain morbid enjoyment in it, which is a condition of peace of mind. However, no one in this world knows what true peace is, but, shall we say the true Christian? well,—yes: because there are none who have that peace unless they are in reality Christians. They may be called heathens in their belief, or infidels, it matters not; if they so live that they obtain that peace that Paul referred to; "the peace that passeth understanding," then they are true Christians; but, that peace cannot be obtained only through a life so conformed to Divine law, that, the whole being is in perfect harmony with the purpose in creation; and not only so, but there must be a fountain of love toward God and His law. Isaiah says: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace:" not partial or intermittant peace, and disturbance further on, but "perfect peace." Our Christian brethren sing: "No storm can shake our inmost calm," etc. When we have complied with the requirements of the Spirit and have that perfect peace, then these words are true; no storm of passion of whatever nature can shake that inmost calm. If the

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mind is stayed on God and has that perfect trust in Him, then that perfect peace will come. The word stayed does not mean to make loud prayers and many of them, but to keep the mind unmovably fixed on God. How fixed on God? Not fearing that we may displease Him; but, like unto the one the prophet spoke of "because he trusteth in Thee;" for, fixing the mind on God is the same in nature and kind as is experienced when we love and have perfect confidence in anyone; and if we love a person with all our life, then our mind seems to be always in touch with that one; if our thought is not in touch, then there is something deep down in the soul that is in conscious touch continually. This is the condition referred to in the above verse. This will indeed make calm the mind, peaceful the soul and luminous the intelligence.

At the present age of the world, the occult and magical powers are occupying the attention of the majority of people, and in all the books and teachings concerning the attainment of these powers, the one who has attained them is always described as a person filled with that deep interior peace and calm; who cannot be ruffled or disturbed; who has found rest of the soul.

Much is being said about the masters of India who have found this rest; but, there are two things to be considered regarding this; one is, that, the writers do not know what this perfect peace is: they never saw a man who was in possession of it: the *swamis* or *masters*, while they have a degree of self-poise, nevertheless, lack that deep interior peace; and why? are not their minds stayed on God? Some of them are so firmly fixed on God, that, no matter where they are or who they are talking to, they keep up a low chanting, lest the mind waver for a moment. That very fact in itself is proof, that, they have not that perfect peace or it would not require this constant effort to keep the mind stayed on God; yet,

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we do not say that none of the masters in India or other countries have this peace, for, wherever there are souls that honestly, earnestly and unselfishly give themselves to God; seeking to do his will, and keep their minds fixed in loving devotion to their highest ideals of God, they will obtain that peace; but, in the Christian nations, among the many who are seeking these occult powers, the majority have an ideal active within them, that it is these powers they want. They want power other men have not, in order that they may use it for their own satisfaction. They read, concerning the masters, that, this peace comes because of perfect unity with the Spirit; yet, they read this as many read the Bible, with a preconceived idea; they have the one thought so firmly fixed in their minds, that they want power for their own purposes, that they can see nothing else. When they read or hear lectures on the subject, that one thought is so large it blinds the eye, closes the ear, and stops the understanding of everything else.

It is needless to say that such persons will never attain perfect peace, neither will they ever attain true magic powers: they may attain a certain form of black magic, or magic arising from a strong will that controls certain laws of nature; or they may learn some of the ceremonial magic, by which they may be able to accomplish certain results; but, in place of such persons finding peace, they always find the opposite; unrest, disturbance, and anger; all the passions are rampant, and the whole being is a seething caldron of unrest.

We are prepared to say, from knowledge gained by years of studying of these subjects, that, there is no such thing as great and superior power over life and death and all the forces of nature, except, through the unity of the soul with Divinity; with God in the true ideal; even though that ideal may not be formulated and put in the same words as the Israelites or Christians would put it.

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It is surprising how every one is seeking in every imaginable way except the right one, for that which can only be attained through unity with God. This fact is illustrated by many of the Christian Scientists of the present time, who are using their psychic powers and its effect on the astral, as a means for the accomplishment of all they wish to attain. Some even expect immortality in the flesh through the creative power of mind alone; but, the fact that the spirit of man, the animating principle of all men came from God, and is a part of the Divine substance, makes it perfectly clear, that, it is impossible for those high ultimates to be reached by any other method than the spirit consciousness of man returning to and becoming one with its fountain or source. Those who look within and say, that, they recognise no God except the one in themselves, have closed the door against their unity with the All, and have set limits to the consciousness of their own soul and to its powers, so that that position of thought excludes the possibility of their obtaining that for which they hope. When Jesus said: "I am The Way, The Truth and The Life," he announced the fact that there was no other way, yet he admitted that there was another way to a certain extent, when he said: "he who climbeth up some other way the same is a thief and a robber," that is to say, those who seek magic powers through the spirit of the mundane, may obtain many powers that are similar in appearance of manifestation to the Divine powers, which Christ possessed, and which all will possess who follow his example.

Whoever wishes that perfect peace, must first recognize God as an intelligent, living, loving source and fountain of their own being, and in connection with that, they must seek and find acceptance,—conscious acceptance, by that high and holy intelligence that is called God. The Esoteric Students that are trying for the attainments, as well as the occult students all over the world, when they begin to strive for mastery over self, soon

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find that they have, in place of a realm of peace, entered a realm of struggle and combat. This ought not to be so; if the student would only remember, that, to be a student of the occult; a follower of true Esoteric Principles, it necessitates, that, they first be a Christian in the highest sense of the term; that is to say, the Church used to have,—and in isolated individual cases now has,—those who live in that loving devotion to God, and they who do can be recognized: as you meet them on the streets you can see in their faces a deep, soul calm and peace that is found with no other persons in the world. Now, we must be as wise as the children of Israel, for, when they were lead out of Egypt by the spirit of God, they were commanded to borrow of the Egyptians "jewels of silver and jewels of gold," which they did. We are going out of Egypt: the time is near at hand when the people that are members of the Christian church will come out of it in great numbers, and in coming out of it will take a step higher, because the church is becoming so worldly and selfish, that, as soon as a member opens his soul to God and receives added knowledge, he is an once persecuted by his brethren and by the church as a body; thus, he will be driven out, as were the children of Israel out of Egypt; but as they come out they should remember, and those who have not been members should also bear in mind, that, the jewels of devotion and spiritual unity with God, are the foundation principles upon which alone they can build a structure of peace, harmony and success. Therefore, you who have not had this Christian experience that brought perfect peace through devotion, should get it at once; but in getting it, it is not necessary that you should let go of methods that have been taught in Esoteric writings; but on the contrary, you should cling to them still more firmly, and embody that high and holy devotion along with the spirit of righteousness which is characteristic of the true Christian Church.

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When we were but a lad of about twelve years old, we realized, and frequently said in the meetings of the church, that, it was an easy thing to lead a Christian life if we live close to God, but, that it is a very hard thing to live far away from God. It will be a very easy thing for you who are following the Esoteric Teachings to maintain that perfect peace; to conquer the passions and all the evils of the flesh at the same time; in fact, it makes the conquest very easy where a constant conscious unity with the Spirit is maintained. Then, you will realize, that, while you are necessitated to do all in your power, yet the words of the prophet will be true, when he caused the people to say: "Thou (God) hast wrought all our works in us." God is Spirit; the fountain and source of life; but, He is not a great man, a way off somewhere, that favors you in this, that or the other; but, it is the descent of the Holy Spirit, which Spirit becomes as it were you yourself, adding to you spirit consciousness and supressing the lower and sensuous conditions: thus, by a determined effort on your part and that loving devotion and confidence in God, you reach out and gather the higher and holier mind conditions, and repel from you all the low sensuous ones of earth. This you can readily see is the means by which you can obtain that for which you are now struggling so hard and so often fail to obtain.

If this is your course of life, then failures will virtually cease; not that you will be free from temptation, nor the allurements and deceptions that arise from the invisible, for there will be many trials in that direction; for instance; if your mind is stayed on God, and you have the realization in your own soul of that spirit of peace, power and righteousness, then beware lest you be deceived into resting and living in the song of life; for, as soon as you settle down in that state, all the inverted powers of the world will rush in and overcome you. This peace does not come to give you rest from your work,

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but, to give you power to do and accomplish: for, ever keep in mind that doing and accomplishing is the one great central ideal.

When God sent the word into space, "Let us make man in our image, etc.," that word went forth with power to do and accomplish; and it has been going straight forward working and accomplishing that for which it was sent. It is still working; as Christ said when he was here, "my Father worketh hitherto, and I work," and if we are to be the sons of God we must enter into his work, and that means that quiet, peaceful, but unyielding will that moves steadily forward, that cannot be changed or hindered, and has a definite well defined purpose, and is working in the limits of that purpose perfectly. He who finds this path, while he will find a path of peace, yet, he will find a path that necessitates great dilligence; but, in that dilligence there is no haste: it is simply doing to-day,—this moment, and let every moment bring its own duties as well as every hour. Therefore, you need take no anxious thought for the morrow, but remember that the Spirit of God which fills the universe and possesses all power, also resides in you, therefore, sufficient unto the day is the evil and the good, the the power and the use. Thus your peace will be as a river: in the absence of all anxiety it will flow onward forever.

The man is a bigot who says a thing does not exist because he does not know of it. It is a mark of ignorance for anyone to deny the existence of anything. A wise man may declare what does exist, but only the fool can negative it.

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VISIONS.

As the Twentieth Century opens, and its distinct influence is realized, it will be found, that, the pressure of the mystic forces upon humanity will constantly increase, and that upon those who are the more highly attuned to the spirit's power, there will be manifestations of much practical import; and these unfoldings will often be prophetic and frequently assume the form of visions, and from the deep silences will they proceed.

Those born in the sign Sagittarius will become modern Levites indeed, and their ever faithful natures will be more and more plastic to the finer spiritual impressions, so that symbolic expressions will burst forth.

We recognize in the nineteenth century how clearly John G. Whittier and Philips Brooks were Sagittarius born seers and prophets, and that their words are an inspiration unto us as the Twentieth Century assumes sway.

In the majestic march of the New Thought movement, we must often pause and reach forth in the silence of expectancy, for the "still, small voice" to instill into our souls *the power of an endless life* made manifest in the eternal now; whereby, some shall have visions, and others be inspired to interpret them, and all strengthened for the daily experiences which are our common lot; and those who simply *stand and wait* shall be recognized as living pillars of strength unto those to whom the visions come.

The silent force of aspirational thought for the common good, shall yet be acknowledged to be one of the immeasurable foundations upon which the New Thought temple shall be built. We must all do our duty in this regard. We must not only make way for the Seers and Seeresses of this development period of the new age, but extend unto them our earnest God Speed.

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ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Referring again to the Biblical history of Jacob and his twelve sons, we find that the third son was named Levi—"one who is joined, held or associated;"—and most truly typifies the sign Sagittarius, in which fidelity and faithfulness are the dominant characteristics, and of which the Centaur, armed with bow and arrow, is the symbol. On the higher planes, his arrows are sent with fiery intensity at all wrong doing, and he is indeed joined to humanity, not alone as a faithful archer and with protecting valor, but as a strong pillar in the upholding of humanity's temple of safety and honor.

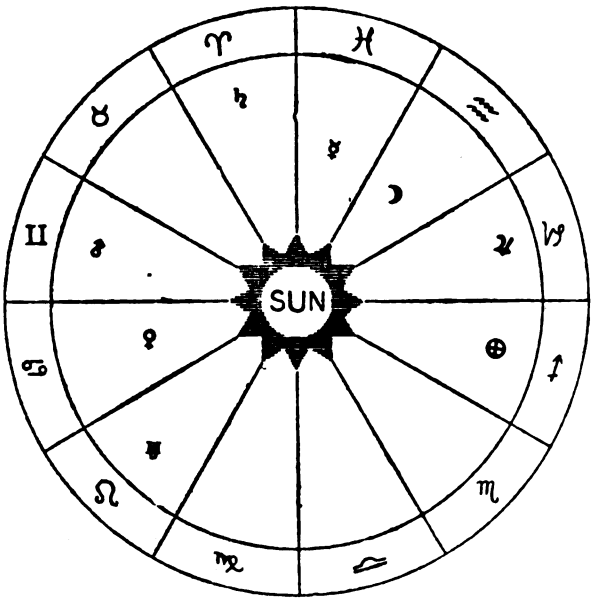
Illustrative of this sign we select two distinctive characters, whose careers, in their progress and evolutionary development, are well known and worthy of emulation; we refer to Andrew Carnegie, born November 25, 1835, and Mary A. Livermore, born December 19 1820.

Andrew Carnegie, Nat. Nov. 25th 1835.

Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Sagittarius	(♐).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Aquarius	(♒).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Leo	(♌).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Capricorn	(♑).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Gemini	(♊).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Cancer	(♋).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Pisces	(♓).

Elements.		Trinities.	
Fire,	Three.	Intellectual,	Two.
Earth,	One.	Domestic,	Two.
Air,	Two.	Creative,	One.
Water,	Two.	Serving,	Three.

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The Zodiacal Circle shows, that, at Mr. Carnegie's birth the earth was in the sign Sagittarius and the moon in Aquarius. This combination forms an unusual plane of positive, psychic, perceptive power, combined with an intense determination to execute faithfully whatever should be undertaken; while the polarity in Aquarius, takes him mentally among the people.

To this Sagittarius-Aquarius base upon which he first looked out upon the world, we find that Uranus in Leo brought a heart which naturally attuned his mentality into spiritual or metaphysical channels, thereby refining his discriminations and conclusions; while Saturn in Aries, in an equal degree, harmonized his intellectual expressions to accord with his hearts decrees. Thus should heart and head move him forward without dissonance. Indeed, Saturn at the head of the fiery triplicity, with Uranus in Leo, (its interior) and the earth in Sagittarius

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as its expressor, furnishes him with a three-fold power of energy, wisdom and executiveness.

Jupiter in Capricorn becomes his ideal interpreter of what is possible in business, when co-operating with the fiery triplicity. It enables him to have conceptions of great things, not only in business affairs, but, in the sense of attainment, morally and religiously. He easily becomes the White Goat which climbs the mountain with sure-footed agility, and at its summit delights himself in its pure atmosphere, and would fain help others to make the ascent.

And yet, with all his virility as a business climber, and man of the people, Venus in Cancer takes him into the home with such graciousness of feeling, as to what it should be, that, his whole nature is softened into a keen appreciation of what all other homes should be, and so philanthropy is born. He who can sense for others as quickly as for himself, finds that the Golden Rule is real, and in proportion as he practices it does he grow into Christ-likeness.

When Mars in Gemini is considered in conjunction with Mr. Carnegie's other planetary affirmations, we are at once impressed, that, here is the source of his desire to express himself intellectually unto the world in such a way as to be practical and enduring. He would that none in the future should be ignorant or illiterate, and so, builds store-houses in which to preserve and make available for future generations the wisdom and information of the generations gone before, even to past ages. He recognizes the great fact, that, "thoughts are things." and that their evolutionary fruitage over the ages is immeasurable.

Mercury's position, just entering Pisces, has double significance. It indicates a positive, yet subtle, nervous power and a degree of restless activity that brooks no delay in doing or accomplishing what he wishes to undertake.

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Born on Wednesday, his mystic color is violet, and its changing hues typify his various moods. He belongs to that class of people who finish the foundation stones for the Temple of Liberty and Humanity, and hand them over to those whose mission it is to put them in place ready for the grand superstructure to be raised thereupon.

He is one of God's noble men, planetarily, and by virtue of experience reaffirming the grand realities which Solar Biology teaches is possible, and which earnestness of purpose demonstrates can be accomplished in a single lifetime, for the uplifting and enlargement of his fellow men. Libra.

MARY A. LIVERMORE.

Mrs. Livermore, unlike Mr. Carnegie, is a distinct Sagittarius, her Earth being twenty-seven degrees in that sign. Her polarity, in the sign Gemini, balances her mentally and physically and creates an orderliness that has easily induced the acquisition of knowledge and its practical application through the executiveness inherent to the earth in Sagittarius.

Uranus being in Gemini has raised her arms upward as well as outward, so that the inspirational currents have been drawn upon, and her soul as well as her mind, educated. The fire of her Sagittarius nature has been generated into a living glow by the airy services of Gemini, enriched by this metaphysical endowment of Uranus, and the universality of the moon; sometimes a prophetic flame has been awakened; and as a born Levite, Mrs. Livermore has been a *genuine priestess unto humanity!*

Saturn in Libra balanced her being into a spiritul understanding far exceeding all which the intellect could produce. Her intuitional nature became the seat of wisdom and no

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antagonising logic could set aside her—"*thus sayeth the Lord!*"

Jupiter in Virgo idealized into greatnes all her virgin nature, and endowed her with marvelous oratorical abilities that swayed and magnetized all who listened. In this sign, Jupiter also enduces excellent digestion, and thus enabled her to have a healthy body which fittingly corresponded to the greatness of her soul,—equalizing the physical and metaphysical in such a way as to enable her to have and express normal ideas concerning the world about her, with a keen discrimination as to what should be done to make it better every way.

With Mars in Cancer (its best position) the home was comprehended aright and a vigor of ideal attainment therein induced, so that she became the ideal wife and mother, and so the constant instructor of others in that direction.

Venus in Pisces idealized her restlessness, and induced a desire to aid everywhere in uniting those who in the Love-life belonged together, whether in the individual home, or the union of North and South, as in our nation. In this, her endowment of Mars in Cancer was co-operative, as witnessed in her untiring labors in ameliorating the horrors and results of internecine war.

Mercury in Aquarius had an important bearing upon her life work, as it strengthened her nerve power, so that her whole system was permeated with an electrical vigor and mental ability to apprehend in the most subtle way, the people as they really are.

The Intellectual, Domestic, Creative and Serving trinities were equally endowed at her birth; and so, although born in a fiery sign, she has been able to maintain an equanimity of thought and action far beyond the usual. Besides, it is specially worthy of note that Saturn in Libra, Mercury in Aquarius, and the Moon and Uranus in Gemini form an Airy Triplicity of the most expressive character. Saturn, as already indicated,

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being in the seat of the intuitions, at the head of this triplicity; established a spiritual basis of comprehension: "the messenger of the gods" Aquarius, at the interior of this triplicity, creates an aggressive nerve power simultaneously with a clear understanding of the people; while the moon and Uranus in Gemini enabled her to express to the world with wonderful accuracy all for what the triplicity stands. This three-fold force of expression is the nearest possible alliance to that which we call Divine; or the outflow of the interior or higher self, when moved upon by spirit power.

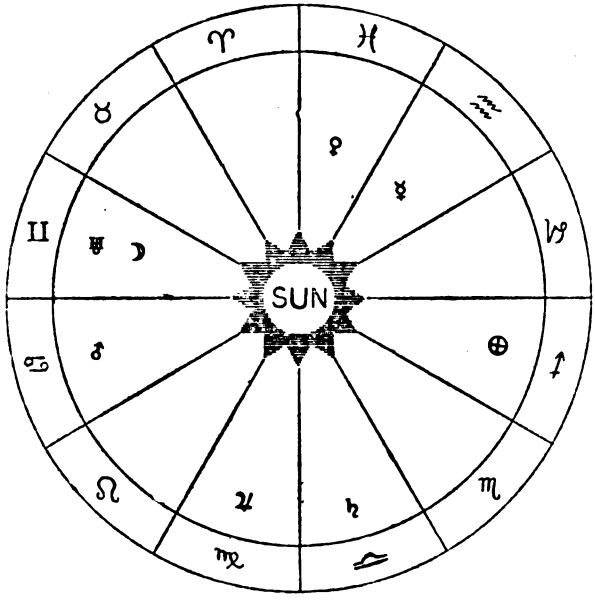
Aside from her Biological individuality, considered from the zodiacal circle as such, she was greatly blessed by marrying a noble Gemini born man. At his death she testified that her development and growth was very largely due to him. His June air kept her December fire in a constant glow; and its radiance was far-reaching. His Gemini versatility and inspiration was a delight to her prophetic and executive nature. Herein is exemplified the value of mating when the elements balance each other in dual oneness.

Her Rising Sign, as well as her Earth being in Sagittarius, her physique was naturally of a muscular order that furnishes physical and mental vigor, and inclined her to atheletic exercises, so that body and mind might be attuned into healthful unity.

Born on Thursday, her mystic color is white, and she was one of the chosen ones who lay the foundations with careful precision for the Temple of Humanity. Therein does she join the leaders of thought and expression in all ages, who have invited the multitude to build their life structures wisely and well, so that they shall be of an enduring character.

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Mary A. Livermore. Nat. Dec. 19, 1820.



Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Sagittarius	(♐).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Gemini	(♊).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Gemini	(♊).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Virgo	(♍).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Cancer	(♋).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Pisces	(♓).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Aquarius	(♒).

Elements.		Trinities.	
Fire,	One.	Intellectual,	Two.
Earth,	One.	Domestic,	Two.
Air,	Four.	Creative,	Two.
Water,	Two.	Serving,	Two.
			Libra.

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To Thee, dear Lord, on bended knee,
I offer all that's best in me;
My soul, my life, my heart to Thee,
O, Ark of Rest.

Ah, see, dear Lord, my weakened hands;
Help my frail fingers loose the bands
That hold me in the Desert Sands,
Thou Mighty One.

To Thy dear gaze I bare this heart;
It's wounds will never cease to smart,
Until Thou wilt Thy love impart,
O, Flame Divine.

O God, inclose me in Thy Fold,
As now the earth to me is cold,
And in Thy Form my love behold,
O, Radiant One.

Through earth's pale mist Thy Face shines clear,
Through earth's sad veil of blinding tear
I Thee behold, Thou Savior dear,
O, King Divine.

Then fold me close on Thy great Breast,
And in Thy love, O, grant me rest;
Love of Thee is love that's best,
O, Friend of Friends.

Forever Thy dear love shall be
The charm that draws my soul to Thee,
A captive; thus make me not free,
O, Kings of Kings.

O, God, how long has been the way,
Through gloom, before I saw the Ray
That led me to Horizon's Day,
O, Tree of Light.

To live before Thy face a day
The Flaming Sword my feet must flay;
Strength to endure, for this I pray,
O, Word made Flesh.

Margaret Inez Katherine Kern
in "The Rustle of His Robe."

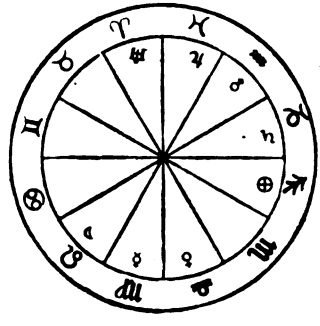
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

Z. M. C. Nov. 28, 1885, 2 a. m. Waverly, Iowa.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	1.	AIRY,	2.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	1.
REPRODUCTIVE,	2.	FIERY,	3.
SERVING,	3.	EARTHY,	2.



RISING SIGN—♎.

At the time of your birth the earth was in that active, energetic sign Sagittarius; therefore, you love to be on the go, and to be always doing something. The rising sign, which governs the physical body, was Libra, which inclines you to be tall, willowy, and graceful in form and motion. You are thought to be self-willed and often obstinate. The rising sign also produces in you the exact opposite of the influence of the earth sign; therefore, you have periods in which you do not care to do anything but lie around and dream; and if there is any one thing that disturbs you more than anything else, it is to have any one tell you to do or not to do a thing.

The moon was in the sign Leo, carrying you backward into the heart. This backward polarity makes you very uncertain in your own

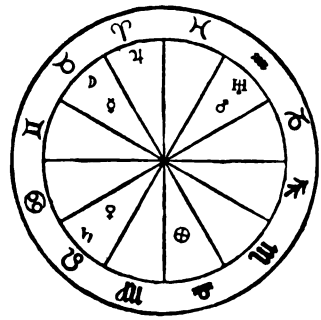
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course of life, and yet your rising sign leads you to feel that you are certain; therefore, you oscillate between a positiveness that feels certain and a negativeness that is entirely at sea.

Uranus in Aries, together with the position of the earth and moon, makes you feel that you are a prophet, and you are so positive that you are correct in your prophesies that you feel disturbed if others do not look upon them as infallible. You should overcome this, for you will find by observation that you are frequently in error, although very often you are correct. Jupiter in Pisces opens you to selfishness and to imagining evil. Mars in Aquarius gives you ability to protect yourself among the people. Venus in Libra gives you a very intense and ardent love nature, even to a weakness. Mercury in Virgo disqualifies you for any pursuit in life, save that which belongs to the lines of chemistry.

L. O. Sept. 28, 1874. 5 a. m. Chicago, Ill.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	3.	AIRY,	3.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	0.
REPRODUCTIVE,	1.	FIERY,	3.
SERVING,	2.	EARTHY,	2



RISING SIGN—♍.

The earth being in the sign Libra, and Virgo rising at the time of your birth, you are governed by the psychic perception and intuition; and as these qualities are led out by the moon in Taurus,—which is the interior of the intellectual trinity and the fountain of mind quality,—you have ability, through your Libra nature, to inspire knowledge and power from the spheres, limited only by your mental conception. Virgo rising gives you fine discriminative abilities; too fine in fact for ordinary lines of thought. Being polarized, as it were, in the fountains of mind, you should be an inspirational speaker or writer. Uranus in Aquarius would ally you to spiritually inclined people.

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Saturn in Leo adds her qualities to your whole nature, giving you order, elegance and harmony. You are seldom at a loss to know what to do or how to do it; that is, you should not be, because, you have everything present and at your command. You lack confidence in action, however: and there is a struggle in your nature; but, when you overcome this struggle and gain self-confidence, your life will be a success. Jupiter in Aries gives you a vivid imagination and very exalted ideals, and endangers you to overreaching in what you undertake. You are apt to start on too large a scale, and have too much self-esteem; but, strange to say, this position does not give you proper self-confidence or reliance upon your own abilities. Mars is in Aquarius together with Uranus; thus the arena of combat is between yourself and the public thought. You should ignore public opinion and go on confidently in your own way. Venus in Leo gives you a very strong love nature, and there is an indication that the domestic life will be a bondage to you in your attainments. Mercury in Taurus works either for or against you; if you take control of the sex by the will, it gives you power in that direction: if you allow the sex to control you, it will give its power to destroy you.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Yes, Brother; let us have something by which we shall know each other, seeing we are all blind still. Union gives strength, and maybe, here and there two or three will be gathered together in "His name," and so get their request.

I suggest that it be something small and neat, not gaudy.

Fraternally yours, George Soul.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA. SEP. 29, 1901.

THE ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO,

Gentlemen—The suggestion of "P. T. O." I think is grand, and suggest that we would all buy from the Esoteric Publishing Company so that the profit would go to help the good cause.

Very truly yours, B. Jenny, Jr.

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WEIMER, CAL. SEPTEMBER 17, 1901.

Mr. H. E. BUTLER.

Dear Sir:—In the September "Journal" a correspondent urges an outward sign for Esoteric students. As we are appealed to for opinions, I would suggest the following as being inconspicuous and to the point. Let each wear the sign of his or her nativity. The design to be on a stick-pin, or ring, could be enameled on gold as fancy of wearer should dictate.

Sincerely, Virginia Mitchell.

PORTLAND, Ore. SEP. 19, 1901.

EDITOR OF THE OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

My Dear Sir:—If we shall know each other there, why not know each other here?

I think the suggestion of "P. T. O." a good one, and I say "Amen," if you really know what it means. The pendant should be neat, strong, and not larger than a five dollar gold piece, and not to cost over three dollars, or five at most. They should all be made out of the same metal.

Hoping that the truths taught by *The Occult and Biological Journal* may soon bring forth fruit in every heart,

Fraternally yours, George Wigg.

GLASGOW, OCT. 19, 1901.

THE ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.

Dear Sirs:—I observe there is a feeling abroad to have an outward symbol or token of *esoteric belief;* a very good suggestion; but, as all such tokens are, as a rule, made use of by the unworthy, the esoteric student will ever need to be on his or her guard against imposters.

My opinion is, that, the true Esoterist needs no outward sign whatever; because, when he or she happens to meet a true brother or sister there is a mutual inward soul recognition, rendering any outward symbol unnecessary. That is always my case; but, of course, every one may not be able to do so,

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especially at the beginning; therefore, it might be of advantage.

I would suggest the double pentagram with seven rays between each point. This would be the symbol of life and death combined with seven rays representing the seven creative principles between each degree or point: thus expressing in figure that which really obtains, vis., that life and death walk hand in hand.

Yours fraternally, J. Healy Fash.

TOLEDO, O. OCT. 7, 1901.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.

Dear Friends:—In regard to the letter by "P. T. O." in the correspondence department, I would like to say that such a badge might be useful in some cases; but in my experience the greatest enemies the Esoteric work has, are those who pretend to be or think they are Esoterists, when their lives show that they are not; these are the ones who would be most likely to wear the badge; though I would be glad to become acquainted with others who are in the work, I remain,

Yours fraternally, L. H.

DENVER, COLO. OCT. 7, 1901.

EDITOR, THE OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

Dear Sir and Brother;—Volume II, No 1—September 10th, 1901, letter by "P. T. O." in regard to outward sign, pendant, etc:—

My observation relative to Society Pins, charms, badges, etc., worn by members of the numerous so-called secret societies of to-day, lead me to the following conclusion:

The member being silent the Pin speaks for him or her as follows: To the public in general and to members of the fraternity in particular—"Please observe my membership: should I not wear this pin, you could not, for the life of you, by my conduct and behavior; by my going and coming; by my way of transacting business; by my manner of enjoying myself;

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etc., determine that I am a member of this society;—it is true, our laws, rules and regulations, under which I am a voluntary obligator, require of me a different mode of living and a higher moral standard — but being still human, please take the badge for the deed — I am proud of the Badge — (but I ought to be ashamed of myself)."

Another objection to an outward sign is the opportunity which a well bred "swine" might be afforded to abuse the "Pearl." We are all students and there is none of us so keen but he will find his master.

In our line of study, and until we are fully aware of "acceptance," accompanied by practical interior leadership, is not solitude rather advisable? And does not interchange of thought, have a tendency to retard, instead of promote progress?

I have that faith and confidence in our interior guidance, that, when the time is ripe and the tool is fit, the Master will arrange for exchange of thought, as well as for anything else, which to him, in his supreme wisdom may appear meet and proper.

An "outward" sign to be warn by an Esoteric student appears to me rather inconsistent, if not altogether contradictory.

Fraternally yours, F. Ferlen.

As will be seen there are two opinions concerning the wearing of a badge, as an external sign of interest in the Esoteric Movement: one for and the other against. For myself I feel that it were better *not* to have such an external sign, for two reasons: first; as it has been remarked, there is a class of persons who seem to delight in being outlaws of society, and yet ally themselves to every new thing that comes along, as a means by which they may obtain recognition. Second; others would obtain the badge and wear it as a means by which they would hope to introduce side issues and perverse ideas, claiming such as being The Esoteric Teachings.

There is, at the present time, a continually increasing ferment in the minds of the people; and during this transition state of the intellectual theories and doctrines of the world, we deem it wise that every individual stand alone with God and work out within themselves their own problem. Better results would obtain by so doing.

The Esoteric Movement is not intended as a social movement: it is a movement to lead the inner consciousnes of the individual into conscious unity with the mind of the Spirit. It means also that those who would reach the highest goal of attainment, must pull themselves out of the body of humanity as it now exists, and ally

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themselves to the body that the Spirit only is forming, and to do this it is necessary that they realize the fact, that, they are alone with God. The words of the prophet concerning the Christ: "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me," applies to every one who would receive the annointing from on high; and when you can realize what it is, in all its glory, to stand alone with the Spirit,—God, and be happy in it, then, there is a place being prepared to receive you, where you can abide with Him and be free from cares, anxieties and constant friction of the outer world. [Ed.

WINDSOR, N. S. SEPT. 17, 1901.

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Dear Sirs:—Enclosed is an experience of a lady of a very materialistic turn of mind. If you can give light upon it, and it will be of interest to others, it might be mentioned in the *Journal*, Sincerely, Clarissa A. Murphy.

I have no belief in spiritualism as commonly understood, I know nothing of any occult science and yet have had a peculiar experience for which I cannot account, unless, on the ground of an excessively nervous temperament and a decidedly strong will.

Not long ago I read Braim's "Mystery of Fate" and was much interested in the part relating to concentration of mind.

Febuary 23, 11.30 p. m. I took for the subject of meditation "Soul and Body." Knowing I possess a corporeal existence and believing firmly in a spiritual agent animating the same, it occurred to me to try to separate the two for a time, accordingly, exerting all my mental energy towards the accomplishment of that purpose, the following strange experience was mine:

A growing numbness possessed me; an inability to move or speak; intense pain; a gradual fading away of my surroundings; a darkness that could be felt and heard; "a silence, implying sound," broken by noises discordant and harsh; glimers of light; sinuous rays of red flashes; streaks, sheets of color—all the colors of the rainbow merging at last into a brilliant white light, inexpressible in its intensity; a peace passing understanding, wonderful melodies, undreamed of harmonies; an indiscribable struggle with an indefinite something; a lessoning of the intensity of the white light, the blaze of color, then darkness and pain, followed by hours of utter exhaustion.

Something happened,—I know not what—I can almost grasp it yet, it eludes my grasp; something I saw and heard and felt that haunts me; a consciousness of incident I cannot recall.

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Ans.—The above experience was the effort to separate her consciousness from that of the physical body; she really separated the real self from the body and went out journying to the source of her attractions, wherever that may have been. The darkness and discordant sounds were the conditions that surrounded the planet earth. The experience plainly shows that the soul went out before it had proper preparation for going. While there is no doubt that the method she adopted was the right one for freeing the soul from its bondage in the flesh, yet it is very unsafe for a person to do this until they have reached high attainments in the regenerate life, in the overcomings of the lower nature in all its forms. Frequently, when persons go out this way before they are ready, other influences, dark and oppressive, will rush in and take possession of the body; and that may have been partly the cause of the depletion for many days after the experience. True, the first time a person thus separates themselves from the body is much more difficult than afterwards; but, we would not advise any occult student to try the experiment, because results might follow that would be injurious for the remainder of this incarnation. [Ed.

BOOK REVIEWS.

WOMEN REVEALED is the title of a book by Nancy McKay Gordon. To our minds it surpasses all her former works, both in excellence of thought and manner of expression. While there are points in the book with which we do not altogether agree, yet it contains so much to elevate woman's ideals and to interpret to her inner consciousness, desires and soul powers, that we recommend it to those who have sufficient discrimination to think for themselves. We do not believe that any book is infallible, but that all books should be examined and criticised by each individual; and the errors of to-day may become the truths of to-morrow: but, in regard to the book under consideration, it is really the best work we have ever read on woman, her nature, aspirations and powers in relation to her brother man. Published by the author, 6214 Madison Ave.. Chicago, Ills. Price $1.00. Also sold by The Esoteric Publishing Co., Applegate, Cal.

NOTE. Some of the friends of *The Journal* are very much interested in the book entitled "The Wisdom of Passion" which we reviewed in our last number and with which they were not altogether satisfied; we therefore give place to the following review by a Boston friend. We may not have done the book justice, as we gave it a very hasty reading. [Ed.

THE WISDOM OF PASSION. A most remarkable book with this title has been recently produced by a gentleman in the suburbs of Boston, who has given his very soul to its production. In it, he proves that the passion forces are the spiritual forces, and that they are the human engenery that create the marvelous results of our recent time, and in this twentieth century will unfold for us more and more

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of that which is truly spiritual and so, enlightening. The author lays stress on the nature of the soul itself and its laws. The whole of passion is depicted as subject to this, and its philosophical value is therefore immense. All this is new to most minds and needed the indorsement it already has from five of the leading philosophers of five universities, together with those advanced thinkers individualy who know the truth of all he asserts, is the best proof to my mind that the Twentieth Century was awaiting it with intense interest. The writer has perused it with much satisfaction and profit. It accords to what this Journal stands for in many particulars, and its readers will be spiritually enriched when they have absorbed its soulful teachings. Published and for sale by the Mystic River Book Co., 62 Clinton St., Everett Station, Boston, Mass. S—.

EDITORIAL.

BROTHERHOOD OF DIVINE SHIRKERS.

THE ORDER OF THE STELLAR SERENITY.

If you will look at another star I will try to supply my side of the triangle.—THOREAU.

Simplify, simplify, simplify! —*Thoreau.*

Let us spend one day as deliberately as Nature.—*Ib.*

Fulfill the superior engagement and neglect all the rest.—*Ib.*

Do what nobody else can do for you. Omit to do all the rest.—*Ib.*

It is astonishing as well as sad how many trivial affairs even the wisest man thinks he must attend to in a single day. I know many men who stand at a desk the greater part of their lives and glimmer and rust and finally go out there. If they *know* anything, what under the sun do they do that for? *Ib.*

"At a General Court held at Boston in New England, on the 7th day of the first month, 1643-4" "Wassamequin, Nashoonon, Kutchamaquin, Massaconomet, and squaw Sachem did voluntarily submit themselves" to the English; and among other things did "promise to be willing from time to time to be instructed in the knowledge of God." Being asked "not to do any unnecessary work on the Sabbath day, especially within the gates of Christian towns," they answered, "it is easy to them; they have not much to do on any day, and they can well take their rest on that day."—*Thoreau's "Sunday."*

In instituting the brotherhood of Divine Shirkers, we are actuated by the single motive, of reducing to actual practice the sublime teaching of Thoreau, on the inherent wickedness of superfluous work and

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of superfluous obligations. The new gospel may be summed up in the words NEGLECT OF (CONVENTIONAL) DUTIES.

We seek to apply to events, honors, amenities, and duties, the profound saying of Socrates "How many things are there here which I can do without" uttered as he gazed at a rich man's *impedimenta*. The disciple of the new faith must look at the foolish acts which absorb the time of most men and women and say to himself, in a spirit of ecstatic resignation, "How many things are there which I can do without!"

We have no right to reproach Thoreau for not issuing more definite instructions for the benefit of those who wish to simplify their lives, for, as many as are led of the spirit of Divine-Avoidance-of-Customary-Duties will be able to supply their own instructions. But, it may be well to place before novitiates of the new-old cult, a few counsels of perfection by the help of which they may become creators of time itself:

Print over all your doors the words "My Duty to God and Man is summed in the words, Neglect of Conventional Duty."

Begin each day with a resolution to gain at least an hour that day by shirking some "Duty." As you grow stronger in will-power this work will become easier.

Resolve to read no daily, weekly, or other periodical for a month, and note the immense gains of the experiment.

Leave all but absolutely business letters unanswered for a month, and then honestly ask yourself;—has anything been lost thereby? Think of the gain in manhood and womanhood when friend thus dares to confront friend with the question: What good, if any, do your letters do me or mine you? and dares to abide by the test: Is there real profit to character in the correspondence?

We can make conquests of eternal time — conquests greater than emperialism ever dreamed of — by boldly abolishing the absurd claims of friends and relatives, of all those persons and things now holding us in contemptible slavery. Foolish papers, foolish amusements, foolish friends — we should banish them all for a month, as an experiment; if it succeeds, the experiment may be indefinitely continued. Our friends will here be seen to be our greatest enemies. But let us boldy proclaim that we are not ashamed of this gospel, by

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inscribing on our door, "Dante locked the door and put the key in his pocket. I believe we value only those who do so."—*Emerson.*

Follow these rules and there will be ample time for all deep things of the Spirit — for all vital interests.

In thus following the faith of the Divine Shirkers, you obtain a sense of the amplitude of time for all purposes — you acquire a Divine content, and you may possibly become acquainted with yourself.

Will friends kindly suggest which of the following names is best adapted to express the new faith of the Divine Shirkers?— The order of the Stellar Triangle: The Knights of the Stellar Serenity: The Comrades of the Midnight Stars, or the Order of the Elevated.

The above is taken from "Life and Beauty" a small magazine published by L. N. Fowler and Co., 7 Imperial Arcade, Ludgate Circus, London. We regard this as a sign of the times in which we live. This movement if properly started is destined to have a large following; because, there are multitudes of people who are tired of working, and almost enslaving themselves for others' eyes and for the sake of appearences.

It seems to be the order of evolution for peoples and nations to begin with living simply and naturally; but, as time rolls on pride and aspiration lead them into a struggle for supremacy: fashion following, enters into and ramifies all departments of life.

There are many, who, having acquired wealth, keep an army of servants for no other purpose whatever; there may be two, three or four in the family proper, and eight or ten servants to serve them. This involves care, continuous anxiety and struggle; and the time has come when the people are beginning to ask: what is it all for? what is the use of this? why cannot people live simply and naturally? why all this artificial life? This

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questioning and discontent on the part of the many is growing and must continue to grow until some radical changes take place. What these changes are to be be is but conjecture.

It is this discontented circle that leads society, controls business and stands at the head of the moving power of evolution; for all this struggle is but the method of evolution for developing mind powers in the race, and it is this class that must take the initiative in order to become free from the bondage and servitude into which its members have voluntarily entered, and which they must perpetuate or radically rebel against. This rebellion against it would mean that they will abandon their luxurious homes, servants and surroundings, and go out with nature and live simply.

We have seen the trend of social development leading in that direction, which would mean that the people will abandon all that they call civilization and go back to primitive conditions; thus, all that has been gained would soon be lost; for, in such a people the inactivity of the mind, would be in ratio to the previous activity; which would cause degeneration in the offspring, and that degeneration would be rapid, until the condition of the American Indian would largely obtain among them.

This thought has led us in the past to question, whether the many abandoned cities on the American continent were not the results of this very condition now before us. We have read of abandoned cities in different places on this continent, regarding which, explorers have conjectured as to what became of the people. There were large cities with acqueducts, wondrous roads and all that indicated high civilization, standing intact as if abandoned by the whole people at once.

The question has been asked: was it some fearful pestilence

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that destroyed the inhabitants, or was it because they were overrun by some enemy? Many other conjectures have been offered as to the cause of their abandonment; but the possibility of civilization going to such extremes as to become so irksome, that, the people abandoned all the works of their hands and went out into the wilderness to live simply and naturally, does not seem to be considered. This conjecture on our part as to what has been, is based on what appears to be coming, and will inevitably come, unless, there is brought to the world something that will take the place of this selfish struggle for supremacy. We believe the design in the mind of the Creator, to create man in His image and like Him, is to be ultmated in this world; therefore, the Esoteric Movement; and we repeat what we have said before, that, unless some movement like the Esoteric comes to the rescue, the world will be thrown back thousands of years, to struggle up again through another cycle of evolutionary development. It is because of this, that we are solicitous that the higher thoughts based upon the purpose of God, see Volume I, No. 11 of this Journal, should have a standing and should be ultimated with those people who have outgrown the present order of civilization, and who are groaning and sighing for relief from the burdens that are heavely pressing upon them.

The Esoteric Fraternity was originally designed as a begining for a new and higher order of development, and although it has seemed that, the adversaries were determined beyond all precedence to deceive the public mind concerning the nature of this movement and to crush it, yet it still lives and moves quietly forward, and must live and ultimately become the hope of the class of people above mentioned.

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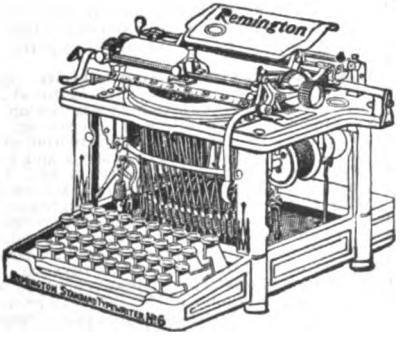
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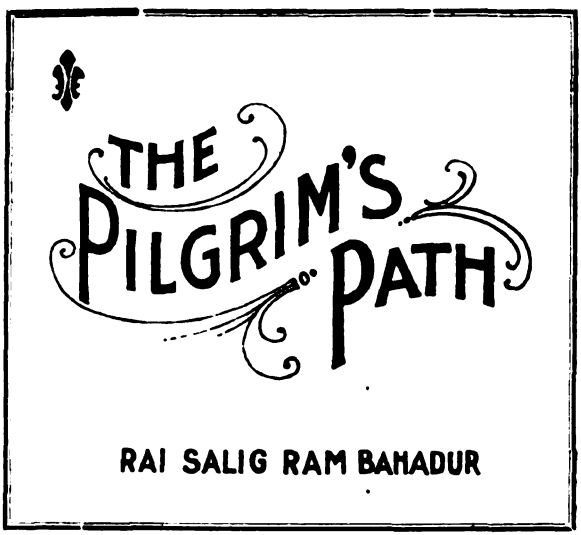
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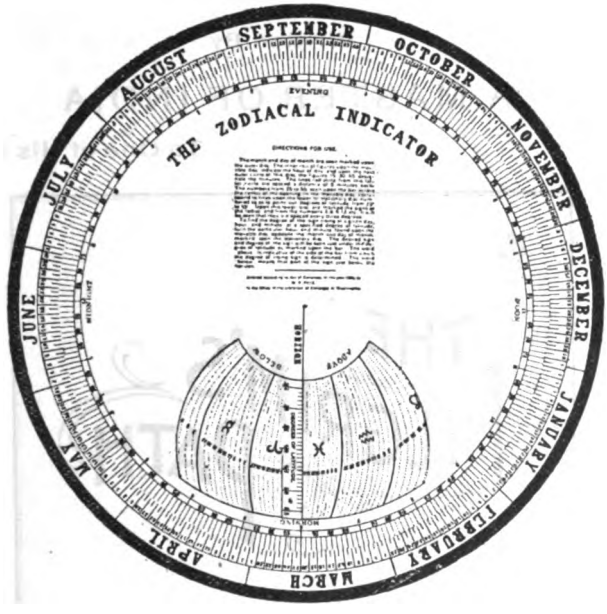
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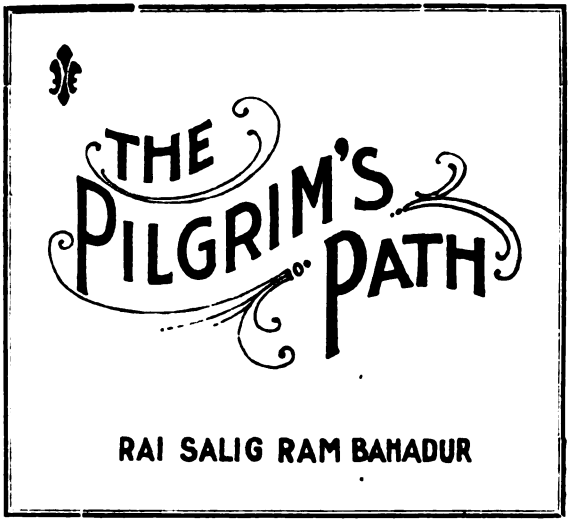
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Is there any one who has not, from time to time, wondered, more or less sadly, if there is such a thing as happiness, and how it can be obtained?

There is such a thing, and whoever wishes this priceless treasure may possess it.

Happiness, in the highest sense of the word, cannot as a rule be the possession of extreme youth, it is the reward of a well disciplined nature: a nature from which evil thoughts, wishes, and desires have been gradually eradicated. Many imagine, that, happiness can be obtained by pursuit; but, the true secret lies in forgetting that there is such a thing as individual happiness.

As we journey through life, trials beset our path at every turn and corner, and so long as we rebel against these trials, just so long will we be delayed in obtaining that which Trine calls, "What All the World's A-seeking."

As each trial comes, if accepted in the right spirit, it may be turned into a stepping-stone to the full and complete possession of happiness. In this way the nature will be purified and chastened until the capital I is forgotten.

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The fact that each possesses a distinct individuality need not be lost sight of,—that part of self which is sacred; without which no good can be accomplished, either for others or for the individual.

The secret of that happiness which is as nearly perfect as can be experienced in this world, is in remembering that we each and all are part of a whole. Whatever good we accomplish is for the good of humanity; and it is not only our duty but our privilege to live up to the best that is in us. Of course, some can do better than others because of greater abilities, but, that need not depress any one; as their talents are great, so are their responsibilities in proportion.

As we learn more of life and its mysteries, the knowledge is not to be selfishly kept to ourselves, but it is to be passed on to our fellow beings, that they too may possess this happiness. No one can understand what a wonderful thing it is to be one of the great human family, until some, at least, of life's problems have been solved.

It is well to realize the fact, that, we are nothing in ourselves, but that we have great responsibilities, because, we are part of a wonderful and powerful whole.

When each learns to live more for others and less for self, to rejoice in their good fortune or accomplishments; evil will be gradually banished from the thoughts, and in the character of the thoughts,—that which makes life itself, the good and pure will be cultivated in their stead: the evil in the nature will be done away with, and the true secret of happiness will be learned.

It is not easy to obtain happiness, it requires years of incessant struggle and encouragement of the good as found in the nature of the individual. Discipline of self is the only way to obtain real happiness.

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A THESIS ON MAN.

Without stopping to inquire how, when, or where man first came to be man; I propose to consider, in a brief and general manner, man as he now is.

That man has his beginning, not only as a race but as an individual, in a sphere differing from the world of external effects, has been a belief cherished, to some extent, by all nations of whom we have any knowledge. Many have also believed and taught, that, to this first estate man returns after the dissolution of the physical body; but so vague, so indefinite, so chimerical have been these teachings, that, the scientific world has come, as if by general consent, to look upon all that relates to an individual existence prior to that of the physical structure as super-natural, and as such, opposed to all natural science, and unworthy of the attention of scientists. Hence, while the ignorant still worship the olden theories, and follow in faith those ancient teachings without one intelligent idea of what they subscribe to; more advanced minds, who have learned to investigate nature through her externals merely, have vibrated to the opposite extreme, and accept nothing which cannot be made apparent to their physical senses.

In the light of this external investigation, man has his beginning somewhere in the invisible territory between conception and birth; there being as many differing opinions upon the precise point at which individualization commences, as there are speculators upon the subject,—which is very good evidence, that, science has not yet become positive in this department of nature; also, showing that at least some of the

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theories which claim to be deductions from positive science deserve no more authoritative name than individual assumptions. Having thus the precedents of "Received Authorities," I shall not be alone if my deductions prove fallacious.

I have spoken of a class of minds which must see with the external senses ere they can believe; these for convenience I will term the Perceptive Class. There is a higher class of semi-external minds who are able to trace invisible effects from visible causes, and vice-versa; these I will call the Reasoning Class. There is still another class, distinct from either of these, differing as much from both as does each from the other, which I will name the Intuitive Class.

Through this last, the intuitive, the idea of man's prior existence is again revived,— but not in its super-natural view; and in harmony with the new view entertained by this class, I propose here to assume, (a) that man as an individual, is heaven-derived, angel-born, prior to and independent of his external body; and (b) that he is the builder, not the result of his physical form.

As it is the body and not the spirit of man of which I am here to speak, it would be foreign to my present purpose to adduce the proof in support of this assumption,— although this would afford much matter of intense interest to all philosophic minds, and even to the merely curious, who could so far allow their prejudices to rest, as to listen to some of the demonstrations which have been made to me touching this point. I will not here speak of this individualized entity; this first projection; the real Man: as a soul, as a spirit, as a part of God,— because these terms have been prostituted to such promiscuous use as to have lost their significance; therefore, I must try to find a term which is more definite, one at least to which so many vagaries are not attached.

From Intuitive Perception it is evident, that, man first

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individualized in the interior world of life, usually denominated the spirit world; that he there possesses the human form; that he is there a real, material being, but of such subtile materiality as to be invisible to our material senses,—according, in element, with what we understand as *vital electricity*, or rather, *vital magnetism;* being subject to and controlled by the laws which regulate this etherium. For present convenience I will designate this ethereal being as the *germ* of *man*, —it being both the ultimate and germinal of human life. This *germ* is then the basis (however unsound it may seem to the externally enlightened) upon which I propose to build this superstructure—the human body.

This new being, this vital-magnetic principle, this *germ*, at that particular time which nature indicates as the proper season, is introduced into and incorporated with the vital and typical forces of that male organism which has been selected as the father of its first human stage of development. This vital and typical force all physiologists are still obliged to acknowledge, lies back of and out of the reach of their investigations. I thank them for their honesty! So, here again science is lame and inefficient in solving the problem of life; and yet, with how much assurance she puts forth her conclusions up to the very point of total darkness. We are told, that, cell action is the very essence of physiological science. Ask what causes or projects cell-action, and the answer is vital-force. Press the question one step further, and ask, what is vital-force,—and science is dumb. (I use the word science in its popular sense.)

But to resume our subject: I said, that, this ethereal being, which we are considering, mingles with the ethereal elements or vital-force of the male parent: while resident within this organism it appropriates to itself, by virtue of its elective affinities, such elements and forces as are essential to its future unfoldings; and while this germinal or first stage of physical

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development is in progress, the male parent is as legitimately pregnant as is the female during the next more advanced stage. When in this first stage the process of assimilation and preparation for the next is completed, the male parent as truly gives birth to the new being, as does the female at the completion of the second stage. This germinal being, in taking on its visible materiality, passes from its first stage of growth before it has become in any way visible to the external senses; and even at this point, the time of its first physical birth, can be presented to the eye only through the aid of a powerful microscope.

At nature's appointed time, the new being is received by the female parent,—which brings us to that point of our subject at which Obstetrical, Anatomical and Psychological Sciences commence an investigation of this subject: but, their researches, having hitherto been conducted from the exterior, through this second stage, have been subject to the wildest fantasies. How could it be otherwise, so long as investigators were entirely ignorant of and totally blind to all the interior principles which form the basis of all subsequent action?

I will now glance rapidly over some of the most striking points which perceptive induction and intuition have revealed to my mind, touching this second stage of physical growth. I can, of course, in the short space alotted me here, scarcely sketch a skeleton of my subject; but I shall endeavor to portray most vividly such points as are not generally admitted, leaving untold much that is of common acceptance—though none the less important for being common, if true. Accepted truths need no advocacy, while new truths must at least be presented ere they can have a practical existence.

Let us keep in view then, that, there is an individual intelligence engaged in this labor; that this same intelligence is seeking an outward expression and at the same time an inner growth of its own being; in other words, that it is building

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itself a house in which it may live and come in contact with such elements as are essential to its present and future wants. It has now passed its first rudimental stage, and has received its introduction to those conditions which are adapted to its continued growth. As it has been in magnetic possession of the vital forces of the male organism, so now it is in similar possession of the female, prepared to select therefrom such elements as it needs for its further progress. Now, let us glance for a moment within the *uterus*,— the nest of the new being during this second stage of human development. As Nature always provides beforehand for all the wants of her children, she has provided food for the earliest wants of this, her embryo charge, in the refined *ovum*, which is immediately seized upon and appropriated for its use; and the instrument through which this food is furnished, its peculiar situation and construction, should, ere this, have led anatomists and physiologists to at least *guess* more correctly whence the futher supplies of food were derived, from which this little being is fed. The *fallopian tube*, with its hand-like extremity; its delicate fingers, grasps from the ovary and brings forward this first supply, placing it within the *uterus* for its hungering inhabitant, who thankfully receives and appropriates it to its necessities; nor is the work of this little hand yet finished, nay, but just begun, for it must continue unceasingly to bring the needed sustenance until this stage of growth is finished.

Let us leave our charge for a while to dispose of its first provisions, and look about a little for a further supply; for, to my mind all the theories extant fail to meet this demand. Therefore, while I pass lightly and rapidly over many points which are of themselves, perhaps of paramount importance to this, for a new and general student of this branch of medicine, yet, I must be more minute here; because, to be true to my higher intuitions, I must advance views which are found in no

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books, and by thus disturbing the composure and self-satisfied dignity of authors, these views will of course be submitted to silent contempt or to severe criticisms; after they have outlived the first burst of ridicule which ever greets the appearance of a new found truth, prior to any candid investigation. Of all this I have no fears, for truth cannot be destroyed, however it may be opposed by error.

Let us turn now to the investigation of a set of organs in the human system called *serous membranes*. Anatomists define these as *shut sacs*, whose office is to envelop and lubricate other and more important organs of the body; but, to my mind, these *shut sacs*, these envelops are the most interesting organs in the human economy,—the really internal of the entire structure, every other organ of the system being outside of these. Some authors assert (and project labored arguments to prove) that the *mucus* surface of the entire digestive canal is really as much the outside of the body as the *epidermic* surface, and those parts which are embraced between the epidermic and the *mucus* surfaces are to be considered the real interior of the body. In view of this innovation upon old established theories, may I not be permitted to make a closer division, and assume, that, the interior of the *serous membrane* is the real interior of the whole structure? That the *serous tissues* form one entire chain through the entire system, I cannot for a moment question; and that the secretions from these tissues all mingle and converge at one point, is also as rational to my mind as that the blood from the various parts of the system is connected in one harmonious circuit. I fully believe that a small amount of that close, minute investigation which has been given to the circulation of the blood, when applied to the secretions of the *serous membranes*, will open a new field in the rich domain of science, and reveal to the searching eye beauties in the human structure, which, until the present,

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have been hidden under the pall of ignorance. Look a moment at the *arachnoid*, the serous covering of the brain. If the only purpose of this is to envelop the brain, and its secretions are only lubrications for that organ, how is it that it is not next to the brain? For what purpose was the *pia-mater*,— a far less delicately organized structure,— inserted between them? Trace the *arachnoid* down the *spinal cord*, thence along the larger nerves; where does it cease to exist? What responsible anatomist will risk his reputation by positively asserting that it is not continued through the entire course of every nerve-fibre which enters into the construction of the entire system? If thus continued, may it not communicate with every other *shut sack* in the body? What part is not connected by nerves to every other part? Again; if these tissues are but lubricating envelops, why are organs of so much importance in the human economy as the *kidneys* left unenveloped and unlubricated by them?

The *kidneys* are the only organs of much moment which receive no substance from the general system which can be of further use in the vital economy,— save such fluids as enter there for the support of the immediate structure of the organs themselves; everything else which is delivered to the *kidneys* by the system, is to be thrown off rapidly as effete matter, which would be injurious to retain. This being the legitimate function of these organs, they are the only ones which have nothing to impart to the *reproductive system*,—which to my mind accounts rationally for their not being more intimately connected with the serous membranes; for I am prepared to assume and to defend, so far as my feeble power can defend anything, that, the *serous membranes* instead of being fragmentary; divided into numerous *shut sacs*, are all *connected* into one great unshut sac, the outlet of which is through the the *genital organs* of either sex; and that the secretions of

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these tissues constitute the elements for the reproduction of the human body, being the concentrated essence of the entire system, secreted for the special use of the *genital system* in the performance of its legitimate functions. I cannot pass this point of the investigation without digressing for a moment to call attention to the thought, that, as one of the great objects of human life is propagation of the race: this fluid (*serous secretions*) being elaborated from the system for this special purpose, and hence containing the great amount of vitality necessary for such use, cannot be trifled with and expended for other and useless purposes without a great sacrifice to the whole vital economy. We are told that "A word to the wise is sufficient," but, as it may well be doubted whether those are wise who need this hint, perhaps it were well to say still more plainly, that, those who prostitute the *genital system* to other than its legitimate use, do so at a fearful cost, which will sooner or later be brought up against the spendthrift, telling deeply upon his vital wealth.

Now we return to our criticism upon Athorities: Wilson says —Page 547—"The *peritonæum* is a *serous membrane* and hence a *shut sac*;" and then goes on to say:—"A single exception to this character of the the *serous membranes* exists in human subject, and this exception is found where the *peritonæum* is perforated by the open extremities of the *fallopian tubes*, and thus becomes continuous with their mucus lining." Now, even supposing for the moment that the *peritonæum* has no connection with the *pleura* and other great *shut sacs* of the body (which is scarcely possibile, considering the proximity of the *pleura*;) how can the *peritonæum* with any show of propriety be called a shut sac; and so important an outlet from it as the *fallopian tubes* be called a "perforation" into this *shut sac*, which forms so important a feature in the anatomy of the abdominal *viscera*? Is not every other organ there

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distinct from and outsite of this? Is not this most sensitive, the most delicate of all organs found in this region? Aye: surgeons have been compelled to learn that it is at a great risk they injure this organ, in consequence of its extreme sensitiveness to injuries of every kind: being on this account very difficult to treat. Is it for one moment to be credited, that, nature has provided these most delicate of all her textures, the *serous membranes* generally, for no higher purpose than to pack other organs of far less beauty and refinement of structure? Were this the highest purpose of these membranes, would it not be more in harmony with what science reveals to us of nature's operations to find the most delicate surface of the envelopes turned toward the enveloped organs? and yet every anatomist can tell you, that, although the surface of the *serous membranes* which is in immediate union with the organs which are enveloped in its folds, is very smooth, soft, and in every way suited to the condition and function of those organs, the opposite surface (that which is folded upon itself and is the internal of itself) is far more nicely and highly organized. Why this nicety of structure on that surface which is farthest removed from the seat of usefulness? Are we accustomed to find nature thus prodigal of her labors? And look at the secretions of these membranes,—the most refined, the most sublimated of all the secretions of the body; the most highly organized, the most organizable, the very essence of the whole system, aye, and for the very highest purposes too, when comprehended.

As sensible were it to call the stomach a *shut sac* perforated by the *œsophagus* or the *duodenum*, as the *peritonœum* a *shut sac* perforated by the *fallopian tubes*. The *pylorus* is a no more important and indispensable an outlet from the stomach than these tubes from the *peritonœum*.

Now, we are prepared to return profitably to our embryo charge which we left feeding upon the ovum. By the time

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this supply is exhausted, nature responds to the magnetic demands made upon her, and has now begun to supply the rudiments of an independent digestive and circulatory system, upon a plan graduated to the increasing necessities of her new protege. This new provision, the *placenta*, is sufficiently attached to the parental structure to secure its own vitality while it performs a separate function,—that of receiving, digesting and fitly preparing the food which is to supply the demands of the new organism building within its domain. For this purpose this new circulatory system is soon put in motion, and here we legitimately come to the application of what has been previously said upon *serous membranes*; for, let me say, that the elements, the food which is to be digested and prepared by this new system; for the support of the new being which is to be there unfolded or dressed, is derived directly from these membranes,—the *serous membranes*; and conducted to the *uterus* through the *fallopian tubes*. However much this may conflict with the previously established anatomical and physiological theories touching this stage of growth, certain it is, that, this nourishment is in some way derived from the mother; and if my view is incorrect, let science correct me by pointing out a better solution of the question: from what source is the food of the embryo and *fetus* derived? Until this is done, I assume that the theory above stated rests upon as good a basis as any yet projected. Having now arrived at a point in our subject which is less complicated, in-asmuch as external observation can here define with more certainty, I will pass on hastily, touching upon the more prominent points in passing, to the completion of my subject,—it having already outreached the limit I had proposed for my entire theme.

That which at our last examination was a mere speck, a point, even to the assisted eye, has now assumed a visible form, the rudiments of the human; at first faintly discernible, but

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gradually increasing, exhibiting more and more perfectly to the external that form which resides in the interior, until every limb, every feature is anatomically represented; then, taking on physiological action, it begins to exhibit signs of an independent life,—feebly manifested at first, but gradually increasing, until, like the structure, every part is represented in function; and now, it is able by its own inherent nature to maintain an independent or isolated existence; or, in other words, it has outgrown the necessity for immediate circulatory connection with the parent; and our little fledgling leaps into outer life, the germinal fully expressed to external sight; born into its third and last stage of human existence, the type of every spirito-human being; a germinal spirit within a germinal body; the spirit being the cause, the body the effect,—the expression of the cause; which brings us to a just appreciation of the Physical System of Man—the subject of this Thesis. We can now view it simply as it really is, the casket which contains for a season only, the jewel; the *real man*.

As the inhabitant of this structure is endowed, by virtue of his origin, with a progressively unfolding nature which never tires of progress, it is self-evident that the house in which it lives must in some way be made subservient to this nature. As the body is justly adapted to the necessities of the spirit at its first entrance into an external existence, it is evident that progress of the spirit must be impossible unless there is also a corresponding progress in body; hence, nature, ever provident here as elsewhere, has, in the beautiful adaptation of her harmonies, provided a supply adequate to the demand. This object is secured by connecting with the body such a combination of powers as will enable it to seize upon and appropriate to its own use such materials as are needed to enlarge those parts which the interior demands should be enlarged; this is made secure by what we call the appetite, seconded and aided by

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the *digestive* and *circulatory systems*. And in proportion as this demand is made and harmoniously supplied, will both internal and external be harmoniously unfolded, or grow in accordance with the highest capabilities of that interior life; and so, also, in proportion to the discord between the demand and the supply will discord exist in the development of the two; and in proportion to the discord in the development of the spirit and the body will the best interests of that spirit be prejudiced: hence, the great and vital importance of a correct appreciation of these relations, and all their dependencies. When the body and the spirit have thus grown together, until the body is no longer capable of expression or refinement, and the spirit, through its instrumentality, has progressed to an appreciation of the invisible, no longer needing the external senses through which to grasp the elements necessary to its further advancement; then dissolution or decay commences,—slowly, but naturally and surely the vital principle is attracted and withdrawn from its connection with the external, and transferred to the new structure which is to supply the needs of the next stage of existence into which the spirit is preparing to enter,—which, by way of distinction from the present form of life, we term spiritual, but, which in reality is no more spiritual than these forms which precede it,—all being spiritual, or different forms in which the spirit manifests itself.

The dissolution of the body is marked to external perception by a gradual diminution of the active energies of the entire system; every part feels the change; the bones lose their animal portions, approaching the earthy; the muscles become soft, losing their contractile vigor; all the other tissues lose their energy; food that is taken into the stomach is imperfectly digested, as imperfectly assimilated,—hence the constant waste of the system is imperfectly renewed, and thus all parts being imperfectly nourished, universal emaciation, or technically,

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atrophy, is the result; until, being no longer adapted to the increasing wants of the spirit, it is forsaken like a worn-out and dilapidated dwelling, and left to crumble into its original elements; while the newly-fledged inhabitant is born into those invisible elements and conditions, for which its external life has furnished the necessary preparation; where it awakes to a real consciousness of its existence as a spiritual being,—supposing, of course that it has lived the true natural life, and has been naturally born into the spirit spheres.

In that state of existence to which we have just ushered the spirit, it meets its eternal conjugal associate, in accordance with the great unerring law of affinity; and the natural fruits of this union being other germinals—like its own beginning, the entire circle which we distinguish as human life is thus completed.

Thus have I been taught by Intuition, and find nothing in science which militates in the smallest degree against these teachings. True, they are not in harmony with the theories of Authorities; so neither do authorities harmonize with each other; but these new teachings harmonize with all known truth; and to all lovers of truth and eternal truth do I dedicate this hasty, imperfect effort to reveal a glimpse of that light which has reached my own mind from the world of reality, which is rapidly opening to those who have an ear to hear or an eye to see.

Marenda Briggs Randall.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil.

I. John. III, 9–10.

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NEW PRACTICAL METHODS.

(XVI.)

Those who have followed these instructions up to the present point, we believe, have been presented with methods that will lead to all the essentials of life, and which will produce in them and their offspring a higher and nobler manhood and womanhood. They present the way by which the world may take a long stride forward and begin another cycle of evolutionary development.

With this change in the order of life, which is made essential because of the great perversion and distortion that now exists; there is a period of great suffering and trial for all flesh: a time when old systems, not only of thought in the line of the sciences, but in religion and business, will be broken up, thrown into chaos and pass away. It will be like one who has through the growth and development of a neighborhood outgrown the old house and goes to work to tear it down to build anew: the tearing down of the old, of course, makes great confusion, disorder and apparent desolation, until the debris is all cleared away. This has been the stress of all the prophecies of the last four thousand years; for we do not exclude some of our modern prophets from the list.

If this condition is coming; if the prophets from antiquity to the present time are not mistaken; then, we are rapidly approaching a time of, not only destruction of the old business habits, thoughts and religions, but, great destruction of life. During this period, the unfit, among whom, we are sorry to say, are many good people, will pass out of the body. During this time of trouble and destruction there will be but one

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hope for all living, and that hope will be in God, the Creator and Preserver of all his people; because, a higher order of civilization of necessity means a drawing near to God on the part of the people that will remain: drawing nearer the source of their being, and thereby being made partakers of a new and higher life quality than that which has animated the people during the centuries past.

We all agree to the one fact, that, there is a source from which mind, creative power, vitality, if not spirituality, is derived; but, among the people of the earth that source has many names. One fact remains, however, that, if the people will rise above, beyond all preceding thought, life and conditions, they must come into more perfect rapport with the source of being. If this time is upon us, then, these instructions have a double importance, and we hardly need say to you, that, it is important that you weigh carefully the two ways that are set before you; for, there is set before you in these instructions the way to a higher sphere of life, and you may follow them to perfection and still have hope of becoming the father or mother of a beautiful family: one that will be an honor to you through life and for generations to come. But, there is another way that will open before you, or, in other words, if you live up to the instructions thus far given you will be conscious, through the inner intelligence and the power of a spiritual mind, that, you stand upon the threshold where two ways meet: the way of generation, of a domestic life with wealth, honor and all that makes life desirable on the one side, and the way of spiritual consciousness; oneness with the Father and a life perpetual, on the other. Now, you are brought to where you are to choose between the two: one offers the abundance of this world, the other the riches of a spiritual consciousness: you cannot have both. If you choose the path which leads to the abundance of this world, then, if you follow the instructions thus far given,

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you will have a long, useful and comparatively happy life: after which will come the dissolution of the body with a bright hope of a future and higher incarnation on earth, in which the two paths will be again presented to you. If you choose the other path, you may be as was the Nazarene: poor, despised of men and accounted a vagabond upon the earth, but you will be conscious interiorly that you are a member of the Angelic Host and that your association is with them and not with men; and no matter what conditions may surround the physical body, the joys of heaven will ever illuminate your mind, and a consciousness that you are one with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will ever be yours. Yes, more; the time is ripe and the knowledge is present for the organization on earth of a body of people who have chosen unity with the Father, rather than the abundance of the things of this world, and who, through following that higher pathway that leads to immortality, will reach an attainment in their unfoldment where they will enter into a new world, interior to this one; and in that world they will discover the law of aggregation in unity, through which will be gathered the hundred and forty and four thousand of the first ripe fruit of the earth, spoken of by the prophet. The whole body of men and women thus gathered through following this higher path will become as one man of gigantic proportions; because, as the individual man now feels and knows the feelings and conditions of every part of his own organism, and as each part partakes of every act, thought and feeling of his life, in like manner this great body, when once brought together and properly organized, will be one, and the thoughts, feelings and desires of all,—through the sensitiveness of each, and through and by the consciousness of each and all being of the cause world next beyond this physical manifestation,—will be one, and they will know for a certainty, that, all are members of one body, and that each is a member in particular.

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Thus, each will take his place in the body and through and by means of that one mind and one will being the ruling power of the entire body, they will possess the aggregate mentality (if the number given to John is correct) of one hundred and forty-four thousand times that of any one individual now living; and as their mentality will be immediately linked to the Spirit of the heavens, it will be elevated and increased, so that each individual will possess many fold more powers than any individual now living; hence, those aggregated together in one great body will possess capacities to know, to enjoy and to do and accomplish that which transcends the highest possible imagination of any one. They will veritably be the temple of God through which the knowledge and power of God will have full and perfect expression, "and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for, the former things are passed away." They will become the Kings of the earth, and as they are immortal,—have power over their own destiny; they will remain in the physical form until it is so refined and attenuated that it ceases to appear physical to those on our present plane of existence: they will become to such, a spiritual body; and as they will be the center of knowledge they will be called "priests unto God;" for, through their knowledge the world will be elevated and refined; and as rapidly as men and women, through growth and development will attain a condition that will admit them to membership in this body, they will become members.

Thus, on the higher plane of generation, you who choose the order of domestic life, will be a constant source of accession to the material manifestation of this body; while, the first organizers of the body may pass into invisibility, yet the external, or physical will always be renewed by those who choose to be the perpetuators of the race. No mind can at present portray, much less convey to your mind any idea of what the conditions

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will be in this body that is to be organized; yes, that is already being organized on earth. The apostle Paul said: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." This is certainly true in regard to this high and holy body that is being organized out of the present living men and women on earth.

Now, for you who choose to become members of that body we have further instructions; but, to you who wish to utilize the instructions heretofore given in preparing yourselves for a higher order of civilization on earth, we bid an affectionate God-speed on your way and leave you,— not but what we may help you by answering questions and giving the best advice at our command when requested. There is no doubt, that, you may be helped and instructed by maintaining a sympathetic unity with us in our object and efforts, for it is the office even of angels to help those on all planes of existence that are struggling toward the light; for no help can be obtained from those below ourselves in all particulars. It is also true that men on the lower plain of life can help those on a higher, but, it is so, because, they have superior physiques, though inferior mentalities. However, when we come to the spiritual realm physical strength is unavailing, therefore, those above us are above our aid, so that the order of the heavens is that of ministering angels to those on a lower plane of life than themselves; and those on the lower plane obtain that ministration only by aspiration; desire toward the higher.

No one can teach another who does not wish to learn; therefore, those of the higher plane cannot aid you unless your love and desire is toward them; and in order that your way may be one of peace and joy; one of spiritual enlightenment in all dark places, remember, you must maintain, even though in the life of generation, an open sympathy for those on a higher

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plane, as well as toward God, the Holy Spirit, for the body of humanity is by nature one, and when it becomes one in sympathy, which it will through the methods herein taught, then it will be linked, joined, or, in the language of the scriptures, married to the body of the spiritual heavens, so that the whole universe will be one in sympathy, purpose and effort. If you wish this perfect success and tranquility it is necessary that you remain in sympathetic unity and soul aspiration with the body of humanity; with the highest development on the planet, and with the spiritual existence toward which all mortals aspire. Then will your peace be like an ever flowing river, and the light of God's wisdom will shine over the planet earth, illuminating it with a light transcending the present light of the sun, and man will no longer walk in darkness, following the animal impulses like the lower order of creation, but he will have the light of supreme wisdom to guide him in all he does. That you may have this light these instructions are given.

There is no darkness so dense and no light so bright but what there are some creatures can see. There are men who are blind to colors: some to one, some to all, and there are some persons that are deaf to certain sounds, and some to all sounds.

If we accept the old philosopher's statement: "As above, so below," then we reason from analogy, that, we as men and women can see nothing but that which belongs to the particular sphere in which we live. There may be all around us wonder worlds invisible and unconscious to our perceptions, beyond the range of our five senses or ability to take cognizance of.

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HON. SETH LOW.

Capricorn, as a sign, typified by the goat, and representing the knees, has been from very ancient times symbolic of great attainment, or dismal failure, depending upon the development of the climbing ability characteristic of the goat, and the use of the knees as the feet of prayer.

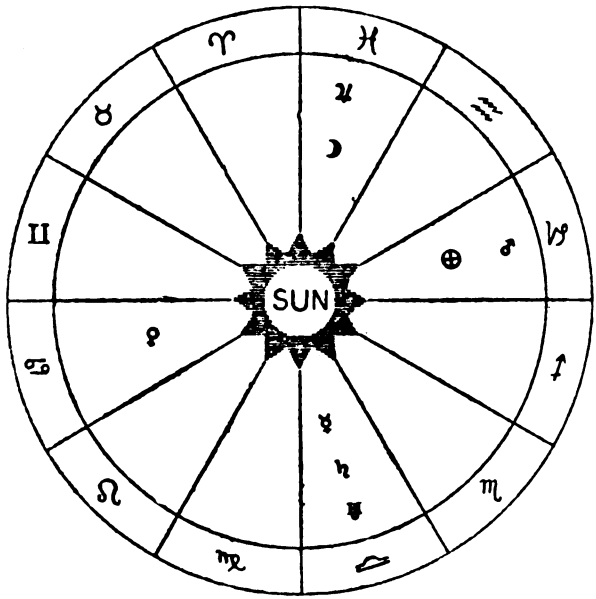
We recall with devout interest how, when Judah (the representative of this sign in a tribal sense) was born, his mother said:—Now will I praise the Lord,—recognizing the quality of power which was possible in his nature. In later days when his father Jacob blessed all his sons, his first expression concerning him was:— "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies: thy father's children shall bow down before thee." And when we recall that Jacob called him "the Lion's whelp" and still further said:— "the sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shilo come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be:"—we at once recognize the vastness of the possibilities that naturally belong to those born in this sign, and how deep are the responsibilities that attach to their improvement of them.

This sign being at the head of the trinity of service, and also at the head of the Earthy Triplicity, occupies an important place in the planetary realm in its bearings upon humanity, when considered from the standpoint of Biological relationship.

As an interesting development of the Capricornus nature; we have selected at this time the Hon. Seth Low of New York, born January 18, 1850.

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Hon. Seth Low. Nat. Jan. 18, 1850.



Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Capricorn	(♑).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Pisces	(♓).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Pisces	(♓).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Capricorn	(♑).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Cancer	(♋).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).

Elements.		Trinities.	
Fire,	None.	Intellectual,	None.
Earth,	Two.	Domestic,	One.
Air,	Three.	Creative,	Three.
Water,	Three.	Serving,	Four.

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The Zodiacal Circle discloses, that, at his birth the moon was in Pisces, and therefore, within the Trinity of Service. While this causes a natural restlessness of mentality it centralizes him toward the attainment of general knowledge making him both persevering and industrious, with a preference for special results toward which he would throw his fullest energies.

Uranus in Libra takes him into the domain of the intuitional, and balances them into a metaphysical fineness, so delicately, that he is shown clearly *how* he shall proceed to consummate that which his Capricorn-Pisces nature declares should be. When to this metaphysical affirmation we find that Saturn and Mercury are allies in the same sign, we discover, that, he is endowed intuitively with a trinity of power of the most unusual order. Saturn spiritualizes and Mercury makes keen and subtle his every thought and they are under the balancing value which is the virtue of Libra. It is as though Mr. Low found three guide-boards in three different languages pointing in the same direction. This planetary unity, in a physical sense, also causes his reins to be very strong, and must largely tend to vitalize his whole body,

We next note, that, Mars in the sign where he was born, and Jupiter in the sign where he is polarized, are very significant. Mars intensifies his Capricornus qualities both physically and mentally. It should make his Goat nature strong to accord with his fine trendings, and thus enable him to climb the mountain without turning aside for provender. It should practicalize his knowledge in the direction of social and domestic reforms, as well as to have strong parental love. Great Jupiter solidifies him on his own feet in every sense. Being in Pisces, Jupiter would increase his restlessness, inducing an appreciation of travel, but always coupled with results of value. It opens his understanding in a broad and ideal way, so that he would not be satisfied with the ordinary, but would ever attempt to reach that which would afford him genuine and enduring satisfaction.

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Venus in Cancer sanctifies his whole being in a peculiar sense, by centering his love nature upon the home and all which sacredly attaches itself thereto. No matter how fully he may attain the heights of business, political or educational success, he will never forget "home sweet home." His soul will naturally find rest there, which will largely aid in qualifying him for all the public service to which he may be called.

The balance between the Earth and Mars in Capricornus, and Venus in Cancer is of the finest order, as it unites his thoughts and tendencies regarding public service and home duties. Dissonance of thought would hardly be possible.

Aspiration towards that which is ideal yet practical, combined with an assimilation with the people for their good, are the leading characteristics which the four elements declare.

Originality of purpose, strongly united with the desire to finish what should be undertaken, and a willingness to serve his fellow men in so doing, is shown from the four trinities.

While the Intellectual Trinity is negative, and the element of fire is lacking, his interior being is so strongly endowed that he is like unto a volcano with its unseen fires, sending forth earth's pent up energies; except, that, he has full control of his pent up power, and gives it forth with all the calmness of a beautiful June morning.

Thus do the planetary forces foreshadow human life upon the earth plain and encourage us to use them faithfully for the great ends our Heavenly Father designs.

Born on Thursday, he belongs to that class of people who take the foundation stones, already prepared, and lay them for the Temple of Humanity to be built upon. Their true mission is to lay them so well that the places of their joining cannot be discovered.

It would seem that Mr. Low has immediately before him that most delicate duty, and that he will accept it as a privilege. Upon the foundation thus laid may we not expect, that, the *superstructure will yet be worthy of the metropolis of the mightiest nation of the world?*

Libra.

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MAN IS MASTER.

He Makes His Own Statements and Life Flows Into Them. He Is Self-Creative. No Outside Power Created Him.

What life is, no man can tell. But, whatever it may be—whether principle or substance—it is a self-existent activity, and flows freely into every statement man, animal or plant can make. On the unconscious plane of growth our statements have been made through use. The animal or plant puts forth an effort, prompted by desire—and life flows into that effort and a new power is developed, which expresses itself in a new form.

For instance, the first intimation of conscious individual life is hunger. This consciousness produces the desire for food; the animal then puts forth the effort to procure food; life flows into the effort, and a new power is developed which expresses itself in a stomach, mouth, and finally a complete digestive system with members to supply the digestive needs, such as claws, feet, eyes, etc., all of the necessities gradually improving by more refining uses into the members now revealed in comparitive perfectness in man.

Every new effort, either by animal or plant, is in truth a new statement of being put forth by it, and not only a statement of being, but a higher and stronger and more positive statement; a statement that claimed more rights and privileges from nature. And into each of these statements the life principle flowed, and the statement became established in flesh and blood.

And in this way evolution has proceeded from the first, if there ever was any first; and in this way it will always continue·

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But the time comes when evolution by the way of unconscious growth, ceases; and then, unless we develop into the true method of conscious evolution, we continue to die.

The movement of Mental Science—whose importance no living soul can estimate—is to establish evolution in man's intelligent consciousness, so that he may take up life at the door of the grave—that point where unconscious evolution drops him, and go on in the broad road of individual growth, understandingly, right here in this world.

I cannot be too clear on this point. Note this: whereas life—on the unconscious plane of growth expresses itself in use, life on the conscious plane of growth must express itself from our own intelligent statement of ourselves; a statement founded on our knowledge of the law of growth; and also on a knowledge of the great fact, that, no power in heaven or earth created us but ourselves.

All things, with man at the head, are self-creative. God did not create us; we were not built up by any personal power outside of ourselves. Our creation has not been a creation in the true sense of the word, but a growth through our gradual acquisition of knowledge which has come to us as the result of our accumulated experiences. All is life, and we have built ourselves by a constantly enlarging comprehension of life.

On the lower or unconscious plane of growth, we called for what we wanted to aid us in growing, but we did not express that call in an intelligent demand, but by putting forth an effort to obtain what we wanted. We, therefore, made each enlarging statement of our lives through use. But now, we may call for what we want in the still further enlargement of our lives by simply making a statement of our needs. The Principle of Life flows into each statement we make, whether it is made through use or intelligent demand.

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For instance: knowing my power of mastery—knowing that I created myself out of that unlimited supply to every demand —the universal principle of vitality itself, I sit still in a quiet realization of these truths and make a new statement of myself. I say, "I am health and strength and goodness and happiness; and I am all these right now, for they exist now, and exist for me," Indeed, these things are the only real existences; sickness, weakness and unhappiness are but the fixed beliefs of ignorance. As I made myself out of the one Principle of Vitality, I really had nothing but these things to make myself out of. Therefore, as I recognize the facts I have stated, the things I desire flow into my recognition and become flesh and blood to me: I realize my own new statement.

To merely assert, that, I am health and happiness and pure goodness is not going to produce the desired effect, unless I understand the law: hence, the need of studying Mental Science; but, when one understands the law he becomes a healer of others as well as of himself. What he perceives to be true of himself he sees to be true of others, and to a very considerable extent this is necessary: so, every person in the understanding of truth radiates a healing power that has a fine effect in mitigating the world's beliefs in disease.

But, this seeing for others cannot produce the best visible effect upon others, unless they are anxious to acquire greater power over disease by entering into the healer's thought.

The law of individuality comes in here— the law that compels each person to stand upon his own recognition of the Life Principle, and not reap the wealth of it from the sowing of others. But, for this the strong healer could heal all the world as easily as he could heal the patient who comes to him, believing in his power to heal.

Belief is an act of the intelligence and it belongs to the personality of the man; the Life Principle enters into belief and

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becomes the spirit of the man. If a man believes in weakness and disease, only enough of the Life Principle enters into his beliefs to fill them, and he is weak and diseased in his personality. Let him believe stronger and better beliefs and the Life Principle enters into and fills them, and he shows forth increased strength and health. The Life Principle is obedient to every man's conceptions, whether they are weak or strong. I state this to show you that we are self-creative; and always will be, if, we only learn our own privileges and power; and learn also, that, the Life Principle is the continent of all possibilities, and the unlimited supply to our every demand, whether we make the demand through use or through an intelligent statement of our needs.

The Life Principle that enters into our statement of ourselves becomes our own individual vital power or will. A good statement would read as follows:

I am a living will, but until I have evolved the intelligence to recognize this fact, I am under the law of unconscious growth, and living in the negative pole of my existence, where I must take the consequences of my ignorance as expressed in weakness, poverty, disease and death.

After coming into an intelligent recognition of the fact that I am a living will, self-evolved out of the Law of vitality or the Life Principle, it then happens that any position my intelligence may take (or statement of being I may make) the Life Principle flows into it and makes it a substantial entity.

Suppose, that, in my personality I am under that negative form of belief called blindness; and then suppose that from a deep and earnest study of Mental Science I have learned that in the Life Principle in which we live, move and have our being, that, there is no blindness; immediately it dawns upon my mind, that, there is nothing to prevent my seeing, but such doubts of the perfectness of the Life Principle as I find within

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my own intelligence. I then go to work to banish these doubts by affirming the allness of Life, and gradually—as this allness grows upon my intellectual vision—my doubts vanish and I see that I can see; my vision is restored; and that which was considered impossible on the plane of unconscious growth yields to the higher knowledge, based on an understanding of the law of absolute truth; namely, that, all is life.

The individual will is forever an influx into man of the Life Principle, which is diseaseless and deathless.

It is the universal will, which is Life, that vitalizes every statement of being. Make your statement weak, and the Life simply fills the weak statement. Make your statement strong, and the Life fills the strong statement. This being true we must make our statements of ourselves as strong as we can conceive of; and straightway the life flows in and our statements become flesh and blood to us.

Individual self assertion is the key that opens the door of the whole future to us: and yet, it is on this very point that Christian Scientists cry out against my teachings. But no crying out in opposition can weaken me here; I know I am right; I know that the denial of selfhood ends in disease and death. H. W. in *Freedom*.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? John xiv, 8-9.

I and my Father are one. John x, 30.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To The Journal.

Dear Journal:—There is no denying the fact, that, you have brought to the writer inestimable benefits, and that the "Practical Methods" and the "Woman's Circular" have presented many points which she has fully verified during an eventful life; a mention of which in detail may, at some future day, prove profitable reading for some of your students; but, just now she asks selfishly for personal advice and help.

All directions how to live rightly appear, as given in the Esoteric Publications, to apply only to such of us as are still at the age of possible generation. Is there then no encouragement for such as have passed the menopause?

What means the delightful electric thrill which such experience while listening to beautiful music, poetry or oratory; while enjoying sweet communion with Nature's grandest productions,—the rustling, faithful forest giants; or, while conversing with occasional choice spirits in human garb, who radiate a kinship closer than the ties of blood develop? What means that glowing sense of a peace "which passeth understand ing" after an hour of silent soul-contemplation of the Divine, all-pervading Essense of Omnipotent Love?

Can a frail, sensitive human being so rejuvenate after years of failing health as to live a useful, active, hopeful and helpful life, if there is in this later life no Renewal beyond that of the muscular structure?

Have I made myself understood, Dear Journal? and is it worth understanding after all,—or am I to regard myself as one of the By-gones—one of the Too-lates?

A Scorpio nature with a Scorpio body sign, was in this case blessed with the benign influences of Saturn and Uranus in

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Libra, which certainly had enough to counteract, when, in addition to the innate nature and the polarization, they must also wrestle with a Pisces translation of Venus and Mercury. Was not this a heritage rich in possibilities, if only the science of Solar Biology had been understood by the parents of fifty years ago?

Purest aspirations held sway for twenty years; then came an evil breath: it caught the ear of the frail Scorpio girl and since then her wings have been alternately dragged in the mud and soaring aloft. It was a never ceasing struggle for conquest, for recognition.

Soul, which seems to have lived for countless ages, so world-weary has it been through this last incarnation,—has thus been making, for nearly thirty years, a desperate effort to humble its soaring self to the level of its self-attracted surroundings; only to learn, within these last few years, the folly of the delusion; to recognize its highest aspirations as the truest of friends.

Now, with several immature children still to be helped to the best that life offers, there seems to be no rightful chance for her own freedom for several years to come. Any decided effort in this direction being an immediate cause of discordant, dwarfing home conditions. She feels she has no right to thus afflict her helpless offspring, for whose very earth-existence she is responsible.

Assuredly you do not need to be told, Dear Journal, that a Scorpio nature can and does lead a joyful inner life of self-control and hope. With excellent health, with most promising children and with a materialistic, Aquarius husband who was ushered into this life when Mars was in Taurus, (his body sign also,) could I conscientiously seek my own development in those higher grades of thought and work toward which I have yearned — most of the time — since early girlhood, when I foolishly wished I loved childish fun like my youthful mates?

Does not generative power and its transmutation continue

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after the menopause? I must still believe it, and believing there are others among your many students who are in a similar state of doubt, I am encouraged to thus ask your kind attention.

What shall I do? My life preparation and intuitions all tempt me to engage in the public dissemination of the beautiful truths of Solar Biology. Humanity needs public workers in this field; it would be productive of more happiness than I can express could I see my way clear to take up the work without injury to those who need me at home. Hoping for a few precious gems from your rich storehouse of real knowledge, I remain, Yours hungrily, R——.

Ans:—Your queries are the same as those of many others, and the answer, could it be made positive, would bring consolation to many. We believe, judging from your letter, that, there is undoubtedly yet hope for you; but, do you understand what we mean by hope for you in the future? We do not mean what the church commonly means, the saving of the soul while the body perishes; but, if there is any meaning in the words of the Christ when he said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly;" also in the words: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die;" or, if there is any real vital truth in the idea of the purpose of God in the creation of the world, namely, to create man in His likeness and give them the dominion over all the earth, then there is but one ultimate in all attainments, namely, immortality; not only of the soul, but of the body. This was also the Apostles understanding and teaching, for we read that the last enemy to be destroyed is death, and he that hath the power of death; and if that be the last enemy that is to be conquered, then, that is the ultimate attainment for the present or incoming age, at least. Now, perpetual life is dependent upon the perpetuation of re-creation or regeneration, and this power of re-creation is of the sex function. It is the function that gave us existence in a material body, and it is the function that must perpetuate our existence in that body. There are two ways in which this current of life acts: the one known to the world almost exclusively is that of generation, the downward currents of life, the perpetuation

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of itself through its offspring; but immortality must come through the reversal of the currents: instead of the downward flow; that downward flow must be stopped, dammed up, so to speak, and the currents turned backward, inward and upward toward their source.

There are many ladies who, through years of suffering and thought, have outgrown, as it were, and mentally turned against all that belongs to generation in the old order, and have turned back the currents inward and upward according to the law of perpetuity and immortality. We were personally acquainted with one lady who at the age of fifty-five was mentally and physically engaged for a time in a work that took all her powers, so much so that she worked night and day for a time; the result was the turning back of the generative currents, and apparently the passing of the menopause; but in place of producing in her a condition of death, she became so vitalized, that, when she went into a dark place she would see the light from the prominences of her face: the eyebrows, eye-lashes, nose and chin; so much so that it would partially illuminate the place, and when she put her hands in water the magnetism would run over the water like phosphorus. This demonstrated that she was in a condition where she might have attained immortality of the body, but she did not, simply because she still clung in thought and habit to the old order and habits of life. The members of her family were all high-livers and we often tried to impress upon her mind the absolute necessity of reducing her food to suit the demands of her body and to unite her consciousness with that of the All-consciousness,—God; as a means to perpetuate her life, but she was interested in society, money matters, and the things of the world generally, and consequently she lived but a few years after this change. We repeat, that, she might have lived indefinitely, because the life-creative power was not killed, but turned back in its operation. We judge from your letter, that, you are one of this class, for the thrills of joy and ecstasy you speak of experiencing are a strong proof that the creative powers within you are active. These evidences that you have would not be common to all ladies who are really of the same class; for, persons born in different signs would have different experiences; but, each woman knows for herself whether the life-creative powers are active, or dead. If dead, then, she is cut off from the fountains of life, unless she,—by recognition of the great fact that God produced all things in the universe

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by thought, all being mind; therefore, such a state of mind is the state of the physical structure,—is able to bring into activity within herself that youthful vigor and creative power, which, of course, will be first of mind and then of body. It is possible for all who have control over their own mind to think and to realize whatever they wish and will to think and realize; to reconstruct their entire organism; but this state is difficult for those whose life-creative powers are dead; because, the mental state and belief of the world has been crystallized and become the flesh of the individual, and that crystallized thought reflects itself again upon the mentality as the reality of existence. But, we believe that the time is at hand when there will be gathered together a body of men and women whose life-creative power is in the fulness of its vigor, and whose minds, therefore, are capable of directing its currents and holding it in rapport with the Infinite. This will create such a consciousness of vitality and youthful vigor that those women who have passed the menopause and whose bodies have begun dissolution, may come into that body, if their souls are sufficiently matured, and the power of mind and life in that body will be so great as to banish all thought of death and create in any woman,—even though her body is virtually dead,—such a consciousness of life and youthful vigor as to renew her youth and to place her on the same plane as younger women. We feel confident that the hope of immortality rests absolutely in certain conditions; and those conditions are such, that, they cannot exist in the association with the old order of life, rather of death, and that immortality will never come to earth, in other words, will never be a realized fact, until there is an organized body of men and women who have conquered generation in themselves and have united their consciousness with the source of all life, Spirit,—the God of the universe.

While the above is to our mind the logical conclusion of that which is absolutely known by us; yet, whether it is possible for those who have passed the menopause to renew their youth and take on immortality, or not, is not a matter of knowledge,—experience; but, this one thing is certain, such a body as is above spoken of must first be formed of men and women in the full vigor of life. Our experience here in the Fraternity has been, and is, that, it is those whose life-producing powers have passed who would first constitute the Fraternity; because, it is those who feel the need of new life and, therefore,

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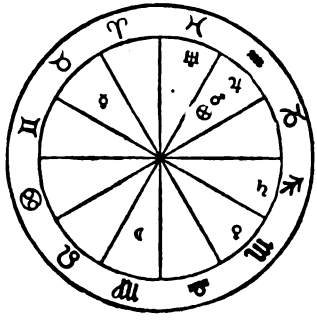
are desirous of uniting with such a body; but, we are forced to ask such to wait and to use their influence in preparing young people as the foundation, and after the foundation is laid and has become strong and vital, then, we will be able to accept those who are dependent upon the conditions already made, and make of them vital centers for the time to come. [Ed.

DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

A. S. K. Feb. 12, 1884, 6 a. m. Assain, India.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITY.	
INTELLECTUAL,	1.	AIRY.	3.
MATERNAL,	1.	WATERY,	2.
REPRODUCTIVE,	2.	FIERY,	1.
SERVING,	4.	EARTHY,	3.



RISING SIGN—♒.

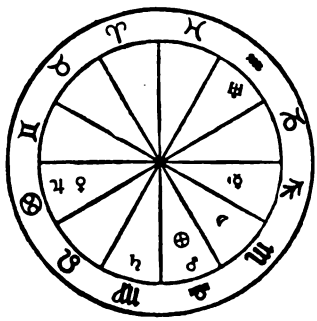
At the time of your birth the earth, Jupiter and Mars were in Aquarius, and this sign was rising. It is the sign that governs the nervous system, and, in the mental realm, relates you to the public mind and interests. These qualities are led out by the moon in Virgo, which makes you exceedingly critical, fastidious and exacting; hard to please; with most exalted ideals and aspirations. Are inclined to reach beyond your ability to grasp, and if you undertake a business career are liable to overestimate and thus fail. You are proud

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spirited and inclined to hold yourself superior to your associates and surroundings. Have a great deal of combativeness in your nature and much of the martial spirit. You should have a military education; being better adapted for a military life than any other. Your motions are graceful and harmonious, though I judge your body is small. You have good mechanical ideas; but could never consent, unless by force of circumstances to become a mechanic. Would do well as a chemist or scientific electrician. The medical profession would not suit you; the study would interest you, but the practice would be against your nature. Should avoid everything that is heating or exciting to the nervous system; for, every diseased condition that comes upon you gives you a fever. As a child, a little excitement or a trifling cold would cause a fever like one with a severe illness. You love the water, therefore, the sphere of military life should be that of a naval officer. Remember, that, if you conserve and protect the life essences of the body, they will protect and elevate you.

O. A. A. Oct. 9, 1877. 5 a. m. Menominee, Mich.

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REPRODUCTIVE,	4.	FIERY,	1.
SERVING,	1.	EARTHY,	1.



RISING SIGN—♎.

You were born at a time when the earth was in the sign Libra, and Libra was rising, which gives you a well organised physical body. The moon, which leads out the qualities of your nature, was in Scorpio, the interior sign of your trinity; thus you are led out of the darkness of Libra into the continued darkness of the interior sign Scorpio. The world to you is unreal; it is a dream life. You feel that you are a man of importance and cannot be directed by another; neither can

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you well take the advice of another, so you are liable to make many mistakes. Have too much combativeness, and are too arbitrary in your methods of life, yet, you are kind, sympathetic and have great love of home and a loving companion; but, your arbitrary nature makes that rather the opposite of what you desire. Have a strong physique, as Mercury is in Sagittarius, the sign governing the muscular system. Saturn in Virgo is a great help to you, as it gives you fine intuitions. Upon this rests your hope; you should, however, carefully discriminate between intuitions, imagination and psychic perceptions; for, your psychic perceptions are not altogether reliable, but your intuitions are good. Uranus is in its home position, according to the geocentric system; therefore, you have a strong attraction toward the mystic and occult sciences; but, you should remember that these sciences come from the cause world, God,—Spirit; and you should have a conscious unity with and acceptance by that Spirit; otherwise all search for the occult and invisible will lead you into difficulties and greater dangers than the material world furnishes. You are materialistic in your tendencies, yet your polarity leads you into the spiritualistic. While this is a paradox, yet many of the spiritualists are the most confirmed materialists. I would advise you to hold a strong, controlling influence over anger; study to please those with whom you associate, and remember, that, it is better to bend than to break.

EDITORIAL.

This number of our Journal comes as a Christmas and New Year greeting. We hope it will not find you so busy, that, your attention to it will be slighted. We do not believe it will, for, the manifested interest in the Journal is so great, we are confident it will receive its due amount of attention. We often wonder whether the people really celebrate Christmas as an anniversary of Christ's birth; or, whether it has become a day of rejoicing, simply from habit. If it has, have you ever asked yourselves, to what extent it has become an oppression to the poor, who have all they can do to live every day in

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the week, without the extras of Christmas. The poor man's family feel that they ought to have something extra the same as other people and the poor man strains every nerve to get it. It seems to us, that, Christmas time has become too much like the condition of the church to-day: a mere form; but, let it be so; for, we believe, that, the time has come for the Christmas celebration to pass away and another celebration will take its place; a celebration with a meaning, with a power and vitality transcending everything we have known in the centuries past; for, the time has come when old things, customs and systems, must pass away and a new age and order of life on the planet is to take its place. The manner in which the new age will be ushered in will be so different from that calculated on in the minds of most people, that, few will be aware of what the strange happenings really mean, and thousands, yea millions, will never know the import of the wondrous changes that will take place on this planet. But, as the darkest hour is just before dawn, so, general darkness must first precede that glorious morning of eternal day, wherein the souls of men will awaken to the consciousness of their God; for, as we read, that, "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him," so, in the age which we are entering, man will walk consciously with God and will not die, neither will there be any sorrow nor crying, as the Angel said to the Revelator, for, then will the light of perfect knowledge cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

God speed that glorious morning and grant that you, at least, may be awake and prepared to be partakers of the glory that is to be revealed.

The Esoteric Ephemeris for 1902 has been ready for distribution for some time, and as it coutains important matter for students of Solar Biology and the students of Astrology, we

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trust that our friends will avail themselves of the opportunity for possessing it, for, it will be of value for years to come. It is our present purpose not to issue another yearly Ephemeris, unless circumstances will permit us to issue one for both Solar Biology and Astrology. We shall, of course, issue the Ephemeris for Solar Biology, the same as we have for years past.

The Tennessee property advertised for sale in this number of the Journal, should not escape the attention of those in search of a home, for it combines the advantages of a healthful, self-sustaining home and retreat, and in easy touch with the affairs of the world and society, by railroad or short drives, when desired.

In the October number of the Journal we asked our readers to send us their choice of color and date of birth, as we intended to write an article that would be of general interest and for the benefit of Solor Biology, as we are constantly collecting data for it; but, up to the present time, only a few have responded, not enough to make a proper comparison of all the signs, much less of all the signs and polarities; we have, therefore, no foundation for the article, and this must be onr excuse for its nonappearance.

The delineation question is becoming almost oppressive. If we would publish in the Journal all the delineations for which we receive applications, there would be no space for anything else. We therefore ask our friends not to send in two dates for comparison; for, it is about as much work as two separate delineations. We have published several comparisons of two, not particularly for the benefit of the parties concerned; but, as an object lesson for the students of Solar Biology.

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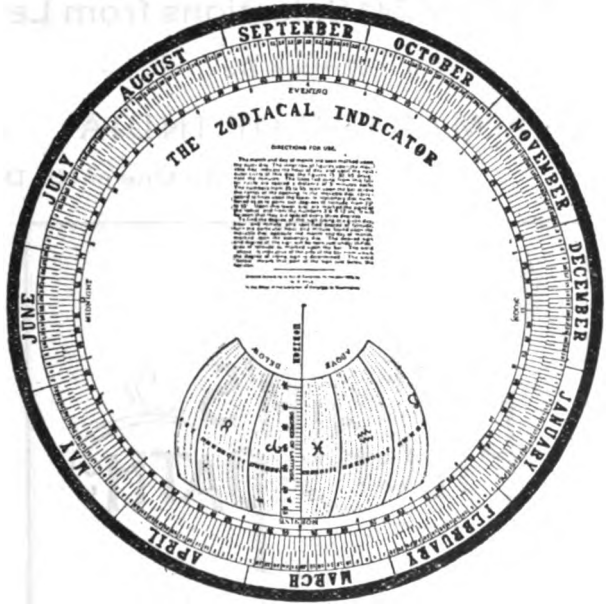
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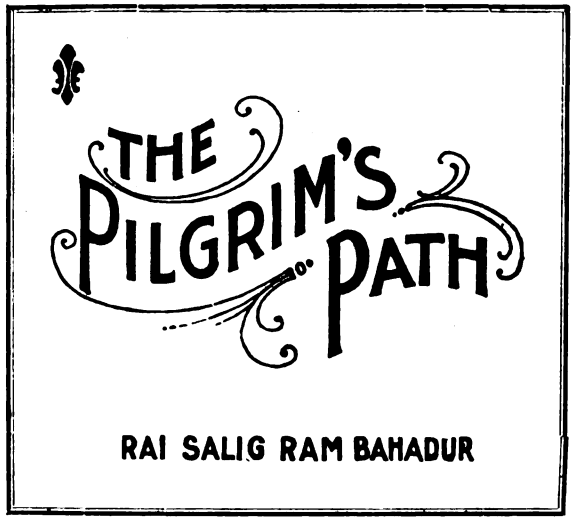
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CIVILIZATION'S STRUGGLE.

"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," hence, being but an imperfect and superficial comprehension of a truth, must, necessarily, lead to erroneous deductions and consequent actions.

A few who have stopped to observe the conditions under which humanity is struggling, particularly certain classes, have wondered if all the advantages of the twentieth century are worth the struggle necessary to attain their possession, and have put the question, whether it were not better to return to primitive conditions and enjoy a life of ease and moderation? Let us consider the question.

Cities to-day are growing more rapidly than the population of the countries would indicate, showing that people love to hive together, as they can then enjoy all the conveniences existing under the name of modern improvements; and other numerous reasons, one of which is, the benefit resulting from cooperation.

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There is also a phaze which is not generally considered, and which is more marked in some cities than in others; viz., the mental atmosphere produced by the mind action of the population, exemplified by the nick-names attached to certain large cities where this is most apparent, as, quiet Philadelphia; energetic New York; scrambling Chicago; gay Paris, etc., and this atmosphere is so strong as to effect any one residing within its radius.

We all have observed how confusing the first few days seem on entering a large city, after a stay of a month or so in the country; but, also how stimulating to mental and physical activity the energy of a city is, and how it carries one along without apparent effort.

To the average person this energy is very desirable, and is being continually sought although the seeker is unconscious of so doing; yet, this power can be realized by leaving a large city and going into some secluded spot in the country. At first the quiet will be restful, but, after the first reaction such a life to most people would become monotonous, and they again would desire the bounding vitality and stimulating mental action of the city, and declare the country life devoid of interest and unbearable; the reason being that they had not cultivated the power to think spontaneously, but relied upon the life currents of those around them to stimulate their minds to thought.

The rush and whirl of city life does then impel the mind and body to action, and therefore, is accomplishing the object for which it is intended, viz., to teach those who lack the power to think—from their own ability—to do so; hence, an indiscriminate condemnation of the artificial life of cities is a mistake.

It is true, nevertheless, that the wise ones of the past have sought seclusion, only coming among the people at such times as they had knowledge to impart for their good, after which they returned to their retreats; but, they had attained to the

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point where individual, spontaneous thought was possible to them, and being, therefore, in possession of the capacity to think independently of the impetus of associate mentality, they had grown to real manhood, and had the strength to lead an independent life.

The old saying, that, "An idle man is the Devil's workshop" would soon be realized should the masses return to primitive conditions with little or nothing to do, for the mischief unripened minds would concoct would make such a bedlam of the world, as to render all the present turmoil a heaven in comparison to it.

Only mature minds can and would stand primitive simplicity without evil effects accruing therefrom, and such will, in the future, become the elder brothers of the race and the leaders of men.

While many may imagine that they have the ability to lead such a life, few in reality have, but, there are certainly some who will and are able even to-day to help humanity to a better understanding of the laws of life, so as to enable them to gain all the advantages possible from their environments and experiences.

ENOCH PENN.

"Is there a call for loving service,
A messenger swift for Thee,
A bearer of glad tidings?
Here am I, Lord; send me."

"In the city; on the highway,
Whenceso'er the call may be
For comfort help or guidance,
Here am I, Lord; send me."

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LIFE'S PILGRIMAGE.

On entering life's pilgrimage, we float upon the waves of time like tiny eddies upon the vast expanse of the ocean: ceaselessly flung upon life's shore to be repelled and scattered as spray, or dashed upon its reefs to be broken into atoms and again reunited into cells. Such, according to modern theories, is life's beginning: from plasm to plant—from plant on and on,—perchance to people planets. One progressive succession of forms: all impelled by the divine spark dwelling within.

This tide of life flows on through stress and strife, until, after a tidal wave of human events, the soul is moored in a lagoon of stillness, where the ever active divine principle first awakens to individual consciousness.

During this course of evolutionary progress, the divine energy within, has shaped and fashioned for itself senses and organs out of already existing nature-forms, with which to function; first on the physical plane, there to accumulate facts based upon experience: next attuning the senses to finer vibrations, proceeding from the subtle five-fold nature-chord of the sense elements, i. e., hearing, sight, touch, taste and smell: thereby lifting them to the realm where intelligence blends with intellect; and on to still higher spheres, where an influx of intuition melts into inspiration: soul attributes,—all transcending the sense plane, and all opening inward. At first, however, the soul-spark, enclosed in its opaque habitation, only gleams in fitful flashes, like lightning in a summer cloud. The body, organs and senses must revolve

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upon the world-wheel: must be ground again and again upon the touchstone of time and experience, until they become polished to transparency. For, as the diamond is concealed in the carbon, so slumbers the soul in the network of the senses. The process of calling forth their respective luster is similar in both.

When the soul begins to shine forth through qualities and attributes, accumulated on its journey, that, when polished and combined, forms the mind's disk, upon which the soul reflects shafts of higher consciousness, just as the sun sends forth rays to color land and sea. At this juncture the gross desires and appetites melt before the radiance of the awakened soul. Sense-pleasures can no longer quench the fire that begins to flame within the recesses of the soul seeking truth for its fuel. Looking back upon the weary stretch traversed even in one life-time—bleak with blasted hopes—arid with burnt-out desires, the soul shudderingly turns from the plane of desolation, grey with the mist of vanished tears.

At this point the search for a guide and teacher begins: one who has taken a few steps in advance: sure of his footing and the path which leads to the portals of the true life along the "Narrow Way:" perchance across the chasm of generation with its fleeting joys and attendant ills, to behold, and by effort to realize the glorious vista opening up through regeneration upon the purpose, aim and glory of the true life.

Thus, standing in the dawn, the soul waits for light to break upon the hilltops; through the voice and words of him who knows by experience, how vigor and vitality can be stored instead of scattered: how to make the heart pulsate with true life: how to keep the brain cool and in possession of the higher faculties.

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able to lead the world-weary to an oasis where all the dormant faculties will bloom; where, from the soul will emanate the germs of true spiritual life, instead of the body giving forth seeds that perpetuate disease and decay; where the mind learns to dominate its activities and all noxious vapors are dissolved by the teacher who will lead all those who are ready to where:

The heart finds peace:
The body surcease.
The soul can grow
In the golden glow
From the bright zone
Of God's white throne?

Vive.

"What is Love? If earthly only,
Like a meteor of the night;
Shining, but to leave more lonely,
Hearts that hailed its transient light:"

"But, when calm, refined and tender,
Purified from passion's stain;
Like the moon in gentle splendor,
Ruling o'er the peaceful main."

The real corrupter of society may not be the corrupt, but those who hold back the righteous leaven; the salt that has lost its savor; the innocent who have not the moral courage to show what they think of the affrontery of impurity;—the serious who yet timidly succumb before some loud-voiced scoffer;—the heart trembling all over with religious sensibilities that yet suffers itself through false shame to be beaten down into outward and practical acquiescence by some rude and worldly nature.

—*Thorn.*

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LET US COME TOGETHER.

The time is at hand for the gathering of God's people:—

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isaiah xi; 11–12.

In the above words the prophet foretells what will transpire in the near future;—"for the time is at hand." The first return of Israel from Egypt is a matter of history; and at that time Moses, in whom dwelt the Spirit of God, was God's hand; and he set a serpent upon a pole, which gave life to every one who looked upon it.

The first man is, or was, earthly: the second, the Lord from heaven; and pursuant to that thought, the first recovery was of a mass of people of a less evolutionary development, who, in time to come, wlll persecute the material from which the Messenger of the Covenant is to select the nucleus of the new heaven and earth; and accordingly, the ensign of this latter day is again the serpent.

The serpent typifies the creative power, which, being raised above the ground and being carefully considered, brings knowledge of its true use; and implies regeneration or conservation of energy; the second recovery of His people from Egypt or animalized conditions, will be Judah, the "pleasant plant," or those who are able to enter through the gate of God,— Capricorn, the feet of prayer or desire,— into the promised land.

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For fourteen years this magazine has sought the dispersed of Israel and taught those who were ready to accept; and I think the time is at hand to bring to manifestation the mind force which is to rule the earth and lead those who are fit into a higher and nobler conception of what life is.

Those who have learned how to conserve and use the life forces should be together; should be a center, as they are the head of the planetary man and the expressers of his will.

That the time is at hand is evidenced by the events which are transpiring in the world. The Beast to whom power to deceive is given, has many organs (papers) by which he is to deceive the masses,—occult truths and powers are used for selfish purposes and gratification of the senses; and every reformer of whatever nature, who brings into the new regime the same depraved desires which have characterized the animal from the beginning, thereby preclude the possibility of success in any reform; and the mark of the beast (generation) is the common attribute of the leaders of this world.

"Neither do men put new wine into old bottles; else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish; but they put new wine into new bottles and both are preserved." Matt. ix; 17. These words of the Lord fitly illustrate the fact, that, before the new wine (conserved energy) can be held in the body, (bottle) it, the body, must be recreated, made new through regeneration, otherwise the old bottle (body of generation) will surely break (perish).

To-day one may see teachers (?) preaching regeneration, yet, having the mark of the beast in their foreheads; however all old things must pass away, and so will they. Those who have been conserving the potencies and energies of their body; and through devotion and consecration have come to the point where they see that their place in the planetary man is that of mind, must and will come together and become the center

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from which the new order of things will radiate upon this planet,—the new heaven and new earth after the pattern of heaven,—the order as it exists in the body of a regenerate man, when each member is joined fitly to the other, each performing their service for the benefit of the others, using only as much of the life forces as necessity requires; all obedient to the spirit within—the Lamb of God—which expresses itself through the four living ones. Capricorn-Aquarius.

LET GO THE CROSS.

I heard a strange voice in the distance calling,
As from a star an echo might be falling.
It spoke four words concise and brief,
Charged with God-sent message of relief;

Let go the Cross, Oh you who cling to sorrow,
Hark the new Command and comfort borrow.
Even as the Master left his cross below,
And rose to Paradise, let go! let go!

Forget your wrongs, your troubles and your losses,
For with the tools of thought we build our crosses.
Forget all griefs, all grudges and all fear,
And enter Paradise,—its gates are near.

Heaven is a realm by loving souls created,
Hell was fashioned by the hearts that hated.
Love, Hope and Trust, believe all joys are yours.
Life pays the soul where confidence endures

The blows of adverse fate by larger pleasures;
As, after storms the soil yields fuller measures.
Let go the Cross, roll self, the stone, away,
And dwell with Love in Paradise to-day.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.

It may seem to some of you, when you have decided to reach the highest attainment possible to man, that you have started out on a new road; for all your surroundings will seem strange and uncertain. This is but natural; because, it is all new to you; yet, you started for this path when you began existence: it was the object in the creation of the world and of man upon it.

The people throughout the world having "advanced thought" are, to a great extent, stumbling along in darkness and uncertainty: experimenting as they grope on for higher planes of life and thought. But, if there is a way whereby you may start intelligently, with a certain feeling of confidence and assurance, then, that is the way you should want most; and if you have followed the New Practical Methods fully, you have gained enough, so that, as soon as the truth is presented to you, the inner consciousness is sufficiently awakened for you to recognize and know that it is truth; because, the truth relative to the highest goal of attainment is universal, and the germ of it forms your very existence: it was placed there by the design of the Creator before the foundation of the world, and all that is necessary to bring it into activity, is to put your body and mind in a pure, normal condition, for all pure nature is good; because, the Creator had a purpose in the creation of the world, and that purpose entered into the very structure of all life. Therefore, to live in harmony with one's own nature is to live in harmony with the purpose and object in the mind of the Creator.

Having decided to make further attainments, there are certain prerequisites necessary, in order to lay a substantial foundation for the mentality to rest upon. The first and most

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important is a correct knowledge of God. This was recognized by the ancient prophets who prophesied: "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord." That that knowledge is about to come to the world is evidenced by the fact, that there are so many repudiating the old ideas of God; and are putting forth new ones, or entirely repudiating the idea of a God. This has become so general among the so-called, advanced thinkers, that they are as a people more at sea concerning their settled convictions as to the reality and existence of God than any others; and you who are still in the churches, holding to the old idea of God, are also at sea and have really no settled conviction either. Your idea, though you may have relied upon it for years and the church has for centuries, is so vague, that you have really no settled foundation. Some of you have three Gods in your mind; others believe in three manifestations of a person who sits alone somewhere in the heavens, who is superior to all others, and rules the world by caprice. Perhaps, you think this is a harsh criticism of your idea of God; but, stop and consider it: you believe that this God,—which in your mind takes the form of a great man,—becomes angry and at times determines to destroy His people, and that by prayer and devotion He may be appeased and his anger turned away, in short, your idea concerning God is only a little above the attributes of your own real nature; and when you allow yourself,—which you do not as a rule,—to think reasonably about Him, you begin to find yourself doubting your own belief as without sufficient foundation; therefore, you dare not analyze your belief in Deity. Many of you believe,—as was expressed in a public meeting in my hearing,—that Jesus the Christ was the only God and Father of all, and that God was dead

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for three days and a half, during which time there was no God governing the universe. Such are the limited, childish vagaries of this, the foundation of all religious thought. The promise has been made in the scriptures, that the time will come when you shall know God; and we believe the time has come. True it is, that as soon as you let go of the vagaries that now gather around your present conception of God and attempt to take hold of a reasonable, broad and more perfect comprehension of Deity, you will feel as though everything had been taken from you; as though you had nothing to rely upon; but, if you are zealous and earnest and continue to think about and desire to know the truth, you will settle upon a foundation much more secure, much more reliable: a foundation which all nature and all scientific knowledge will confirm, and in which the highest attributes of your own nature will rejoice. Therefore, it will be accepted by you and become to you an unmovable foundation throughout eternity.

The next important thought that must take form in your mind, in order that your foundation may be secure and complete, is a comprehension of the object and method in the creation of the world and all things upon it, and also of all worlds. When these thoughts have been correctly established within you, then the way will open before you without uncertainty and with a positive assurance, such as you never dreamed of being possible to mortals. When these two factors have taken form within you, then your reason will be convinced and your intelligence will show you that the account of God's dealings with Israel in Egypt and in the wilderness, was not only a metaphor, but necessarily a reality. This will bring you to where God made a covenant with his people Israel; and you will see the necessity of recognizing that covenant, and accepting it as your covenant with God. When you have thoroughly studied, thought about and prayed over the conditions of that covenant, and

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have really accepted it, you will be brought to the fourth principle, so very essential in the ultimation of these wondrous attainments; that is, a proper conception of the name of God; for names, in the cause world, have an existence only as a language by which is expressed quality and attribute.

When these four principles are followed in natural sequence and fully incorporated in your mentality so that you have a general idea of the plan, purpose, and method of an intelligent Creator, you will have the keys to the power by which you may gain that which few mortals on earth have ever gained, and you will need little further instruction Therefore, we shall endeavor in this series of articles to make these four points clear to your intelligence, before we proceed with more minute instructions; but, it is necessary for you, in the beginning, to let go of all old beliefs, and as Jesus said, "become as a little child:" realizing that you have all to learn,which will be difficult for you at first. But, let us analyze this subject a little: all that you have known of God and of spirituality, is the little experience you have had in your own life, and the doctrine that has been brought down to you through the dark ages by the church. The church has been an instrument, not to explain and reveal the true meaning of the scriptures, but to conceal and mystify and to make of the most profound doctrines a myth; for we have observed that the church is rapidly drifting into what they are pleased to call, "spiritualizing the meaning of the scriptures," and during the past twenty-five years, the leading ministers have been led so far in that direction, that the scriptures no longer have a definite meaning to them. Henry Ward Beecher came to the conclusion, that all there was of scriptural language was, that he could draw morals from it, so that he could write articles for the "New York Ledger," from which morals could be drawn that would make them useful. This idea of drawing a moral from the words of the scriptures has

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been so active, that they cease to have any definite significance; therefore, if you have been following the church, you have been for years left wholly to your own conception of right, doctrine and scriptural meaning; and the whole influence of the church has been to draw you away from any definite study and understanding of the true meaning of that great and wondrous book,—the Bible; but we know that all who take hold of and follow us in the understanding of the four principles above mentioned, will find, that, they have a new bible: one full of significance and important knowledge; and if you are interested in the occult and mystic, you will find it to be the most mystic of all books; and filled with the highest and grandest occult knowledge. You will find in it a cult so transcending all else in existence and yet so simple and unmistakable, that you will wonder that it still lies upon the shelves of the public a sealed book; for it is and will be sealed until these four seals are broken by your correct understanding of them. The angel said to John, that there were seven seals; the remaining three will be very easily opened after you have opened the first four; so the whole book will be unsealed to you; and not only the book, but your own life's existence: whence you came and whither you go and what you will find when you arrive there: because it is the key that unlocks all mysteries, that causes man and woman to realize their divinity, and that they are the sons and daughters of God and heirs of all things. We said above, that you must be converted: become as a little child, realizing, that you know nothing and have all to learn. There is one exception, however, to this condition of mind, that is, in the beginning, while you realize that you are at sea, and that you have all these great things to learn; yet, bear in mind you are the one who is to learn them, and that no one can do more for you than simply to suggest the line of thought, which is to be a sign board to

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point you the way to investigate; and you are not to lay aside your intelligence, by any means; but, to summon all the intellectual ability you possess; to awaken all the highest, keenest faculties of discrimination and to weigh everything carefully by the highest light within you; and if you have an honest, earnest and zealous desire to know the truth that you may live it and embody it in yourself, and become the expression of it, then you will have placed yourself in harmony with your own highest nature as well as in harmony with the laws of the universe and the purpose of God; and, therefore, will delight the angels and remove the barrier that has kept them from illuminating your intelligence and instructing you in the important truths you should know; so that they will minister to you by giving you light in the direction you should go.

There is another point you may stumble on; for, as you begin to think and study, you will have reason to say within yourself: it seems that I am left alone, with no angel to guide me; but, this is because of the weakness of your own nature. If the angel of the Lord was sent to guide and instruct you; and you really believed it to be God's angel, then, you would naturally cease using your own mentality and would rely upon the wisdom and knowledge of the angel; thus, you would fail to know the truth for yourself and would have nothing but belief. Remember, belief will not save you: belief is not what you are seeking: knowledge is what you want: knowledge absolute and certain: knowledge so well defined to your own consciousness, that, no matter from where you derive it: no matter how much it may be contradicted by those in whom you place the greatest confidence, still, you look about and say: no matter what any one says: no matter if an angel from the highest heaven should descend and tell me it is not true, yet, I know that it is true; for remember, dear friends, knowledge is absolute: it is the only absolute thing in the universe; therefore, if you have started in real earnest for the highest possible attainments,— then you have started to obtain *absolute knowledge.*

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A MORNING PRAYER.

When the morning sun is rising
It tints the hills with light so fair,
And the Spirit's voice is calling;
Offer up your daily prayer.

Pray to Him whose care protects you,
Watches o'er you night and day:
He will answer and will guide you
In the perfect, "Narrow Way."

Pray the Father's kingdom come,
Here on earth, to bless mankind.
Pray, the Father's will be done,
That all, His love and peace may find.

Seek the bread that's from above,
Coming from the hand Divine;
It will create that perfect love
Which here on earth we all must find.

Seek forgiveness for the trespass,
That to others you have done;
And forgive the others' trespass,
That the two become as one.

Pray, from temptation to be free,
That no evil thought may come;
That every act and thought shall be,
Father, let "Thy will be done."

L. D. Nichols.

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THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE AND LIFE.

As we look abroad over the world, and perceive the combat of man with man, we often wonder if this struggle will never cease, if there is no way whereby the theme of the angels' song, at the birth of our Lord might be realized, and the children of Earth find peace.

Looking deeply into the cause side of life, we perceive that every man is a center of psychic energy. All are continually sending out into the Astral Light, or psychic atmosphere of of the world, streams of energy; some for good and some for ill.

The psychic atmosphere is the soul of the world: its currents have been set in motion by the will of man, and by reaction they impel him to further action, in keeping with their quality. Thus, we find that in anger one sends out a force, which, as it touches another mind, impels it to like emotion; and because, throughout the ages, men have been sending out these forces of hatred, envy, and all the evils which spring from the heart of man, it is impossible for any one to stand unmoved in their midst; for the Astral light is now one vast confusion of conflicting forces. They impinge upon man from all sides, impelling him to thought, feeling and action, often contrary to his will. The Apostle Paul recognized this law, and said, "For the good that I would, I do not, but the evil which I would not, that I do." These currents are much more numerous where the population is dense: hence the increased activity of urban life.

All those who have striven to enter into rest: to stand unmoved amid the psychic confusion in which we dwell, have a harder struggle than those who are content to be affected

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by every psychic current which may touch them. It is as though one were travelling along a densely crowded thoroughfare, jostled on every side; and retarded by annoyances; but, how much greater the difficulties he meets, should he turn and attempt to travel in a contrary direction through that surging throng. This is a faint illustration of the difficulties which beset the path of one who would maintain within himself a condition of peace. Seeing then, that the very life currents of men are conflicting and evil, is there any hope of his attaining peace; or reaching a state where he will no longer be annoyed by these forces, and be able to be that which he wills to be? We believe there is.

As we consider the teachings of the Christ, we find that the burden of his whole life was the establishment on earth of a condition of peace, which he called the Kingdom of Heaven, and it was to teach man how to attain it, that he came to earth.

The Astral Light is the lowest spirit realm next beyond matter, and above that is yet another realm, peopled with intelligences: a realm of peace, untouched by the darkness and confusion of earth. From that realm there radiates the light of its life; and this life, proceeding therefrom is Spirit; or in other words, that which we know as God, is the radiant light of that realm of existence. He is "the fullness which filleth all things." The Apostle said, "In Him we live, move and have our being? And the poet said, "God reveals Himself to every man according to his state: higher, to higher minds, so lessening down to the dim verge of reason;" and He reveals Himself to us as the radiance proceeding from that higher realm, which we call Heaven; and this is the part of the Infinite which we may touch.

The Spirit speaking through the mouth of the prophet, said, "I, even I am the Lord; and beside me there is no Savior."

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(Isaiah xlv; 11.) If God, that formless light, is to be our Savior, how will He save us? Shall we die and go to heaven? We believe not; but our hope is, that we may bring Heaven to earth: this was what the prophets have looked for, longing for its consummation. Jesus said: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;" and as we see the flowers opening their hearts to the sun, we remember the words of the prophet: "For the Lord God, is a Sun;" and when we open our hearts to the inflowing radiance of that Sun, we sense a measure of its peace, its love, its strength, health, and consciousness of immortality. Thus we are enabled to be at peace,—as it is written, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord, JEHOVAH, is everlasting strength." Truly indeed, in God is our help; but they who in the earnestness of their hearts, strive to hold fast to this peace, find, that at times, in spite of all they can do, they lose in a measure that conscious hold upon their strength; because, their attention is continually drawn to the things of earth: not only this; but, in holding fast to this consciousness of the higher life, the evils within themselves are stirred to combat, and also, like evils in others arise against them; and they realize the truth of the Master's words, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword; for, I am come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes shall be they of his own household;" in this struggle to bring heaven to earth, man's body becomes the battle ground of the forces of earth, contending against the incoming Kingdom of Heaven.

We read in Luke xvi; 16: "The Law and the Prophets were until John: since that time the Kingdom of God is preached; and every man presseth into it." Also, the Master said: "And

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from the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matt. xi; 12.) These words do not imply that man must die to go to heaven; but, that heaven is a condition to be attained while here on earth, by an herculean effort of the will. But, he who would force his way into the Kingdom of Heaven must give up all weapons of carnal warfare and self defence; and "resist not evil;" and in letting go of these things, which to the worldly mind constitutes manliness he is "despised and rejected of men," and is hated without cause.

The life of earth flows through man's organism; and by this inflowing and outflowing,—supply and exhaust,—he lives. The psychic currents which he meets often flow in a direction opposite to his own life currents; thus, certain of the currents of his body are hindered or stopped, and this hindrance results in sickness; and if this opposition is sufficiently strong to reverse all his currents, he dies.

There is, at the present time, a great deal said and written about immortality; but very little about how to attain it. The Psalmist said: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; . . . . for, there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." Immortality! Eternal life! One man, by himself, can accomplish but little; but, in unity there is strength; and when there shall be gathered together a body who have given up the world for the Kingdom of Heaven, and have attained a consciousness of and unity with the mind of the Spirit, they will by virtue of this unity, be able to accomplish many times more than by standing alone; and they will constitute a nucleus for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth; and these will find peace and immortality. For, while standing alone, it requires nearly all of a man's strength to hold back the dark forces which would overwhelm him; but, when a number are gathered together in

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unity,—a few strong ones having gained the knowledge necessary, can act as guards, holding back the powers of darkness from the center, leaving the others free, so they will be able to turn fully toward God, and sense His consciousness of immortality, and thereby realize it within themselves; and because in that protected center the discordant forces of earth connot enter, they will hold perpetually to the consciousness of eternal life, and for them, the last enemy will have been destroyed; and this body will continue to grow until the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. The Master saw the insignificant beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven and said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed, is the least of all seeds; but, when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs."

We recognize, however, that many do not understand the practical application of the knowledge of psychic forces; and even at the risk of prolixity, we will restate more concisely our previous thought. Suppose we ask one to think of a horse: by careful observation he will perceive, that somewhere in his consciousness he has imaged,—imagined,—a horse, and can see it with an inner sight,—the eye of the soul. This seeing is called Clairvoyance. By proper training this sense becomes so developed, that one can see, not only his own thought creations, but, within certain limits, the thoughts of others, and the surrounding psychic currents as well. The substance of which this image is formed is his life; that part of the Astral Light which fills his body. When a thought is formed with energy, as, for instance, when one says, with a positive determination, —I will do so and so: an image has been formed and filled with energy, and sent out as a current of life, and is a psychic force. If the purpose is good and kind, it may give the one whom it touches a sense of pleasure, or strength. It

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may even heal the sick; or, if sent out with an evil purpose, cause pain, or even death: thus man has filled the Astral Light with forces, mostly evil. These are the psychic currents among which man dwells, and which cause him to think and feel what he would not, and prevent him from thinking and feeling what he would. The natural, or, as the Apostle has it, "the carnal man," is conscious, only in this Astral Light; and because these currents are often stronger than his hold on life, they frequently kill; in fact, are the immediate cause of all "natural" death; and it is only a matter of time until he is overcome by them. Hence, Paul said: "To be carnally minded, (conscious only in the physical,) is death." If we accept the statements of Biblical history, that thousands of years ago men lived to be centuries old, it can be easily accounted for by the fact, that the Astral was cleaner then, not having been filled by the vicious forces since generated by man, which kill the majority of the race before maturity, and all the rest shortly afterward.

Since death is a certainty to all those who live in and from the earth life, our only hope is to be able to live from a realm that is not filled with this combat and strife. How to do this our Lord and the prophets taught; and the gist of all their teaching was; that interior to the Astral Light is another Light, still more subtle, called by mystics, "The Divine Astral:" a life in which there is no evil; but love, joy, peace, power and immortality. This Divine Astral Light is God,—the Spirit, the fullness which filleth all things. Jesus said: "God is Spirit:" And to that Spirit he said: "I (live) in Thee, and Thou in me." And the prophet, to illustrate the consciousness of immortality abiding therein, personifies God, and has Him to say: "I lift up my hand to heaven and say, I live forever." And of Him the Apostle says: "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in a light which no man can approach." In his prayer

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to this same Light, Jesus said: "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God." This Divine Light, in which live the angels and the souls of just men made perfect, is what Jesus calls "the Father;" and when he said: "No man cometh to the Father but by me," he meant, that only by living as he lived, according to the methods which he taught, was it possible for man to enter and live in that realm. Because of this, he said: "I am the door:" "I am the way:" "Follow me." In all his teachings his endeavor was to enable man to enter and become consciously united to that Spirit. This change of consciousness he calls being born again; for, as the child passes out of its mother into a new life, so man passes out of mother earth's life into the one beyond. This illustration was used by the Apostle in Galatians iv; 24–31.

The realm of consciousness man is able to cognize depends upon the refinement of his organism. The sex is the refining furnace in which the elements of the body are transmuted: as by the digestive process the physical man appropriates the lower life, so, by this transmutative process, the psychic man obtains that which intensifies his consciousness: only by this process can man reach that refinement whereby he may know the Father; and Jesus stood as the exemplar of this regenerative process. But, there is one more point: Jesus organized a Church, calling it "my Church;" for this reason: the more refined, and consequently, sensitive man becomes, the more he is oppressed by these psychic forces, which are so painful to him, that, because of them his life becomes one of physical suffering; and he is so benumbed by them, that he is unable to rise into that higher life. He must escape these or perish; and his hope lies in unity of effort; "For there, (among brethren dwelling together in unity,) the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

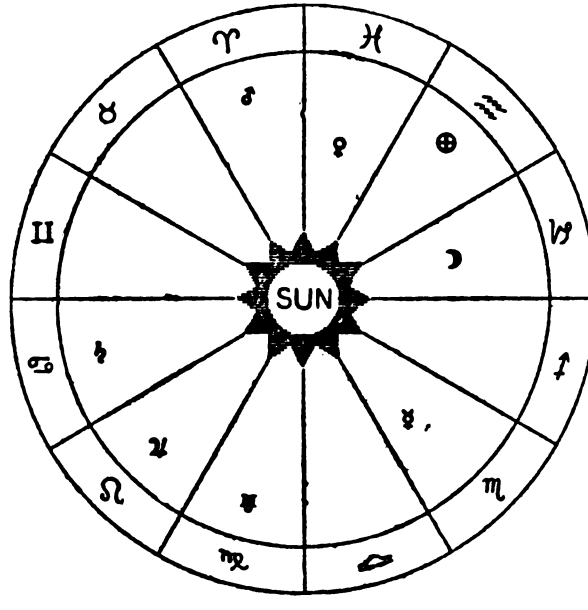
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WILLIAM McKINLEY.

If the distinguished mother of William McKinley, in the year 1843 had asked the writer, what do the planetary forces, according to the language of Solar Biology, say are the natural proclivities of my son William; born January 29, 1843? a reply somewhat as the following might have been made.

William McKinley, Nat. Jan. 29, 1843.



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Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Aquarius	(♒).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Capricorn	(♑).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Virgo	(♍).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Cancer	(♋).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Leo	(♌).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Pisces	(♓).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Scorpio	(♏).

ELEMENTS.		TRINITIES.	
Fire,	Two.	Intellectual,	One.
Earth,	Two.	Domestic,	Three.
Air,	One.	Creative,	One.
Water,	Three.	Serving,	Three.

Born in Aquarius and polarized in Capricorn, he must be prominent in the service of mankind; for, the sign of the outpouring is that upon which he stands; and his mentality is firm in the sign of aspiration; which forms a duality that should lead on to business success.

Uranus in Virgo makes him highly discriminative and intuitional, but will not add to the vigor of his stomach. He will probably always enjoy and assimilate most to his nourishment, those meals eaten with congenial associates.

Saturn in Cancer will turn his thoughts toward a model home with a spiritual conception of how such should be formed. It should also enhance his lung power.

Jupiter in Leo should create within him a heartfelt desire for that which is fine, large, wholesome and harmonious, at home and in the wider environments of his life, including nature in all her beauty.

Mars in Aries probably will so strengthen his upper brain as to enable it to do full duty in study and practice throughout life and thus be a mental power among the people, for their benefit.

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Venus will idealize his understanding, and being in Pisces, turn its workings into practical activities: creating a degree of restlessness that will never permit him to stand idly about wondering if he can find something to do.

Mercury in Scorpio vitalizes his bodily functions, and with the other planetary endowments, will make him a strong man constitutionally, while, in an equal degree, it should enable him to be psychic in thought and quite originative.

The Watery Triplicity, formed by Saturn in Cancer, Mercury in Scorpio and Venus in Pisces, when united with the pedestal upon which he stood at birth (Earth in Aquarius and Moon in Capricorn,) and being born in the sign of the tribe of Dan, (he who judges,) is of so distinctive a character, that we may safely predict that he will dwell much in thought upon what may and should be done for the people, in an ideal way, and always from the standpoint of the Golden Rule, as deduced from home training in childhood and its development throughout manhood.

We are living in the Aquarius age of our world's evolutionary history; and its outpourings, which so richly envelope the planet, should stir into new and ever increasing activity the soulful life of every citizen, irrespective of the sign in which he is born. Rich, therefore, in this spiritual gift of discernment and judgment should be your son, born with his earth in this sign. He has the elements of sturdy and healthy growth; and, if educational advantages are given him, he may be like the trees by the water courses, big and bountiful.

As William McKinley went forth into the world he, unquestionably, took with him much of the steady, noble characteristics of both his father and mother; and as already expressed, the planetary forces were so positioned in the zodiac as to cause a well balanced temperament with a strong physique. What did they do for him, and he with them? How

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did he carry out his stewardship, and what award might he expect from the incorruptible judge?

His Aquarius-Capricorn nature first found expression in the determination to acquire a good education. To that end he labored with great persistence; and his school teaching at the age of sixteen, fully prepared him to enter college,— though debarred through illness and adverse circumstances from graduating,—bears witness to the knowledge-seeking spirit that ever animated him.

As he came into his early manhood he caught the spirit of the Aquarius age into which he was born, and it awakened within him an unspeakable longing for actual soul development; so that he might be of value to his fellows.

Born on Sunday, he was a sun-man to his fellow-man. His religious nature awakened easily and quickly; and he was able early to receive more directly than usual those spiritual inspirations that form the groundwork of a true and progressive personality. Thus spiritually equipped he made great strides in his chosen profession of law.

His intuitional discriminations (Uranus in Virgo) became factors of actual worth and enabled him to settle wisely, legal disputes: administer equity, and make friends rapidly. As he moved forward in his triumphant career, his fine interior nature reached out for its feminine counterpart, (Saturn in Cancer,) and the history of his conjugal devotion forms one of the most touching and beautiful chapters in matrimonial history the world has ever known. His thoughts were spiritualized as to what he was privileged to do in creating and maintaining a model American home. To quote from a letter of Mrs Sara White Lee, published in the Boston Globe shortly after his death (in letters sent by representative New England Women to Mrs McKinley) "Brightly from the White House have shone the lights of statesmanship; of the Golden Rule; of

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firmness, of temperance and of paternal affection, shedding broadcast their effulgence and adding new brilliancy to these virtues exemplified by the President; but it remained for the one so recently departed to make radiant and to forever glorify the title of husband, and so show humanity what true nobility is contained in that word. Therefore, the world owes him a debt of gratitude."

As manhood's might assumed sway, from the hills of his own attainment, bright and clear visions (Jupiter in Leo)and larger realizations of life's great possibilities came to him of what should be the growth and power of his native land; and an intense patriotism became part of his life; so, that with the advent of Civil Strife he marched to the warfare as a simple soldier; but, his sturdy faithfulness enabled him to emerge from the conflict with an office of command and the rank of Major.

With this background of patriotic devotion established, and his aspirational nature ever carrying him to grander heights (Mars in Aries) his countrymen soon demanded he should voice his intellectual acumen, first in congress, then as governor of his native state and finally in the Presidency; for, there was an idealism mingled with the restless energy of his understanding (Venus in Pisces), that caused the people to admire his every expression as sincere and honest; and so, won them to him.

Mercury in Scorpio was indeed the messenger of the gods from his soulful interior outwardly to the American people, gifting him with oratory so that the expression of his thoughts was original and magnetic, giving a charm almost always irresistible whereby a subtle psychic power permeated his whole being, while his Aquarius nature enabled him to comprehend the inner voice of the people as though each one were connected to him by invisible wires. So, returning to our original simile in the first part of this article, William McKinley called

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by the ballot of the people to be the Judge in our American Israel, rooted upon earth in the sign Aquarius, polarized in Capricorn, and favored with the triune force of the Watery Triplicity, was like the Cedar of Lebanon:—"The waters made him great, the deep (the American Nation) set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants (national offices) and sent out all his little rivers (foreign ministers) unto all the trees of the field (civilized world) and under his shadow dwell all great nations."

As we bid farewell to the subject of this delineation let us adopt as his epitaph the words placed by the school children of Canton, Ohio, upon the arch under which his body was borne to the tomb:—"OUR MODEL AMERICAN."

Libra.

Life is dependent upon right thought. To live on we must call in our scattered forces, and establish a calm center of power within, where is massed all that constitutes one's individuality.

If we pause to consider, we recognize that time, or rather, our cognizance of what we term such, is but a lack of entire engagement of the faculties,—a lapse in the consciousness; or, in other words, a want of complete thought control. And, the more we observe, and experience the beneficial effects of wholesome concentration of one's forces upon the work in hand, to the utter exclusion of passing events of no moment; it is apparent that here is the first step toward the establishment of such a continuous inflow of Life and Mind, that thought and unceasing activity will forever shut out the old beliefs in the illusion, Time, and when the "last enemy" shall be overcome by conscious and lasting touch with the great reservoir of God's perpetual life.

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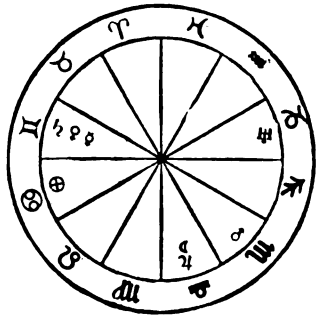
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

J. S. H. June 27, 1868. 5 a. m. Marion Co., S. C.

Trinities.		Triplicity.	
Intellectual,	3.	Airy.	5.
Maternal,	2.	Watery,	3.
Reproductive,	3.	Fiery,	0.
Serving,	1.	Earthy,	1.



RISING SIGN—♋.

At the time of your birth the earth was in the sign Cancer, and that sign was rising. This gives you a rather delicately formed body.

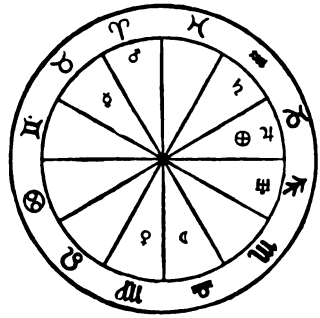
You are led out or Polarized into the sign Libra. Are a person full of ideas and dreams; day dreams: a great lover of the sciences: very intuitional. Your trouble is and has been caused by Jupiter in your polarity, Libra, the sign of darkness and confusion in a material way, but, it opens into the light of the spiritual and occult. You are, therefore, living to a great extent in a dream world: you have an ideal world so beautiful and excellent that it unfits you largely for a practical life. Mars in Scorpio hurts your life by making your sex nature exceedingly active, thus weakening both mind and body. Saturn, Venus and Mercury are all in the sign Gemini: this predominance in the scientific sign keeps your mind engaged in philosophy and in the impractical. When we say this, we speak of natural tendencies; education and circumstances may have made you a very practical man, because the capacity is there in the Cancer nature. You have the capacity to attend to all the minutiae; to look after all the little things. upon which success is dependent. You are quite effeminate, and if a man of a family, you are more the mother of the family than the mother, herself. Give your thought to real, practical study; to knowing what the world knows, in order that you may make useful the interior sciences that are constantly rushing in and

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filling your mind. Mercury in Gemini makes you very impractical: just about the time you seem to get something, something seems to break it up and destroy it; so that you are constantly oscillating between success and failure. In everything you undertake you should practice thoroughness and practicality

A. B. W. Jan. 15, 1860. 2 a. m. Waverly, Iowa.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	2.	AIRY,	2.
MATERNAL,	1.	WATERY,	1.
REPRODUCTIVE,	3.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	3.	EARTHY,	4.



RISING SIGN—♏.

The earth was in the sign Capricorn at the time of your birth, which is the sign of ideality; and Jupiter being there, makes you a man full of plans, ideas and methods of accomplishment. The moon being in Libra, these ideas are led out into what to you would be darkness and obscurity. The sign Scorpio was rising: this gives you a fine, strong body, of which you are naturally proud. You have great satisfaction in your body, unless, of course, the influence of Mercury in Taurus caused you in early life, through injudicious habits, to weaken dwarf and disease it. You are naturally quiet and dignified: love to be looked up to and venerated, as you look up to and venerate those in high positions; at the same time, the basic principle of your nature is against this, so that you feel, that you should be at the head and that your word should be law. The three basic principles are inharmonious, so that you will, no doubt, have many failures in life. Uranus in Sagittarius, however, gives you a considerable degree of prophetic ability, as it is the expressing sign of your body. If you do not give attention to the spiritual, then the influence of Uranus will be to make you quite subtle: inclined somewhat to deceive by talking and appearing one thing while you have another in mind, so that no one knows your plans and purposes. Saturn in Aquarius is good for you as it gives you adaptability for a political career and gives you a good idea of what is necessary for your association with the people. Mars in Aries gives you a quick, high temper, but it will help you to inspire knowledge, if you can harmonize the basic principles of your nature.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Sirs:—On the 18th, at 8 p. m., a child was born, not due for three weeks—an accident to the father caused a shock, and this was the result. Now, I should think the nature was almost thoroughly developed and the inclinations established, all this time it had been growing into another sign and another polarity, and the influence which occasioned its birth lasted only about thirty hours. These complications are a puzzle to me; that is, persons born out of their proper time; and so many of them are. I should think they would all be inharmonious and their whole life lack a settled, easy feeling.

In a reading of character from Solar Biology, I should think it would be necessary to know if the individual was a seven or a nine months' child; or an accident child; and therefore weigh the bearings. I would be so glad of your ideas.

In regard to cusps, what I want is such a general reference on this point as there is in the Journal, Volume I, numbers 1 and 2 regarding the rising signs, that is, a condensed estimate of the combinations of signs. I have found here and there a few such references as this, for example, Leo-Virgo cusp:—these natures are by natural tendency remarkably well balanced; they have, as a rule, a very fine perception of how to adjust and balance to a nicety. They are not apt to be carried away by their affectionate impulses, as many Leo people are, nor are they so very calculating and intellectual as many who are fully in Virgo.

I would so like you to write this list of cusps (as the rising signs are written) in the Journal in the next month or so, or refer me to something similar that has been written. I thoroughly understand the time of the cusps. I do not altogether understand about the strength of the signs: they grow

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stronger each day; but, the last of a sign is largely modified and influenced by the one to succeed when it reaches the cusp period,—which is, e. g. from the 15th to the 20th; while the influence lasts on until the 25th of each month,—and while it may be stronger than ever, in a sense, it is not, I should think, the pure type shown by those born in the middle of a sign.

Any information on this subject will be thankfully received.

Very sincerely yours, M. H. C.

Ans:—It is true, that we must take into consideration the period of gestation in order to delineate character correctly, otherwise there would be certain omissions that should be considered. After many years of careful study on this subject I have come to the conclusion that in such matters there are no such things as accidents. Some years ago I met a lady of marvelous will power and determination, who told me that before her daughter was born she engaged the service of a certain physician, but, when the time arrived for the child to be born the physician was out of town and would not be back for four days, so she determined that the child should not be born until the physician returned; and by a powerful will she retained the child for four days after the proper time; at least that was her statement, and she was a woman of veracity. The child, at the time I knew her, was a woman of maturity, and one of the most perfect expressions of Sagittarius-Leo that I ever knew; and yet, if she had been born at the time she was due, according to the statement of her mother, she would have been a Sagittarius-Gemini; or possibly, Sagittarius-Cancer.

In all cases where children are born before the time, it has been my experience that we should take into consideration, as a predominant factor in their lives, the actual time of birth and to consider the added influence of the period between the actual time of birth and the regular time; that is to say, if a child is born in seven months it imbibes the qualities of the two succeeding signs: for instance, if the child were born in Leo, the characteristics of Leo would predominate; but, we must consider also the qualities of Virgo and Libra in addition to the basic sign Leo. I have never seen any reason for thinking that the polarity, or position of the moon, during that period had any particular influence over the person. The rising sign at the actual time of birth would exert its influence upon the physical body.

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In regard to the qualities of persons born on the cusps, we would answer, that there is no such thing, except the periods given as the new lines in the Appendix to Solar Biology, which we have since found to be the overlapping of these signs, in which case we have only to take into consideration that both qualities are active in the individual; and our reason can readily balance up the effects of the two qualities combined. We have good reason to believe, that there are no other signs that overlap except those given; and, as will be seen by reference to the appendix, some of these overlap more than others. Those that are not given as having new lines; have no overlapping, unless possibly a few minutes in some cases, which sensitives among us have not been able to detect. As to the strength of the signs: my experience has been that the sign gradually increases in strength as it nears the end until it passes the first cusp where the influence of the new sign begins. We say the first cusp, referring to the fact, that in the signs referred to in the appendix to Solar Biology the influence of the following sign begins before the preceding one leaves. The strength of a sign does not diminish even after it passes the first cusp; but, my experience has been, that it leaves entirelp as soon as the old lines as given in Solar Biology have been passed, If there is any sign that does not go out at the period given for it to cross, it is Virgo, for we have had some indications that there are times when the influence of Virgo will run into Libra as far as the 25th of the month (yearly zodiac); but we have not discovered this in any other sign.

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Dear Journal:—In the last Journal, page 155, you spoke of doubt as to those having passed the period of menopause to renew their youth and become immortal; or at least, that such a body must be formed of persons in the full vigor of life; "the old should use their influence in preparing the young for the foundation; and so forth." At present I feel that the great work of regeneration is going on in my being; and I cannot see why it should not go on to perfection; if I do not make any mistakes. What kind of vigor is necessary for this work? To

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build up a spiritual being cannot mean a vigor that comes from a strong physical condition; yet, I partially realize what a soul may be who has been born on a higher plane,—the one treated in "Practical Methods."

If God is all, and we are the infinite in manifestation, this body should not be in the way of our grasping our possibilities, although it may be old and even decrepit.

Yours very truly, J. J. Wiley.

Ans:—In answer to the above letter we would say that the body is, of course, no hindrance to the development of the soul; but, a full and perfect salvation is a saving of the body from corruption. The development and unfoldment of the soul life may go on, and the body cannot hinder this. If the mind is firm in the right direction; and the purpose is strong to live the regenerate life, then there will be established in the soul, a love of that life of perfection, so that the foundation will be laid for a reincarnation where immortality will be the normal state of the new body into which the soul will finally enter. There is, however, a method of life, which is necessary in order to bring in immortality, in which the body is a prerequisite; for, in order to produce immortality in the physical body, this method must be applied, and the body must be in a condition to produce it; and not only so, but there must be the circumstances necessary to do so: all of which are lacking in both the ability and knowledge of isolated individuals scattered over the world. [Ed.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 4th, 1902.

TO THE ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—It will doubtless be of interest to our many friends all over the world to learn of the success which is rewarding my efforts in the city of San Francisco, in spreading the principles of re-generation as taught by the Christ; but, for the first time openly proclaimed to a people, only now ready in numbers to receive it, by your follow worker H. E. Butler, through the little (but mighty) book: "Practical Methods to Insure Success."

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In the short time I have been living the life therein taught, I have received benefits which, although great in themselves, are but a foretaste of what the dawning light of an awakening consciousness discloses to my interior vision; what the Master symbolically termed "The Pearl of Great Price;" and what I clearly perceive to be the well-spring of eternal youth.

My first order for Practical Methods, as you know, was given in the early part of October: since that time I have sold nine-hundred copies of this little book, right here in San Francisco, besides other of your books. I did not get down to work in earnest for some little time after my first order, and more than half of my sales have been made *since* the 18th of December; and I feel that I have only just begun.

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I invite personal correspondence; and will gladly suggest to interested ones any points which may assist them in following my example. I will say further, that the work is self-supporting: I am well rewarded in a financial way for labor bestowed; and my whole time is devoted to the work.

Trusting others will take up the good work; in universal love,

Yours very faithfully,

Walter S. Pearce, Fifth Ave. and H St.,
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COLUMBUS, OHIO.

EDITOR OF OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

Dear Sirs:—I see in your October number a request for favorite colors with date of birth. I have, for several years, paid great attention to color choices; and had quite a theory of my own before I saw the colors given on the covers of the Journal. I had reasoned it out as follows: selecting the colors given in "Seven Creative Principles," I found the other five signs without colors assigned. I thought they would be the complimentary colors of the opposite sign. Thus Scorpio, being the compliment of Taurus, would be a yellow: Sagittarius white or cream color: this also expressing the purity of the Sagittarius nature. Capricorn, a darker red than Libra, more of a wine color. Aquarius, an orange, and Pisces, a green resembling the color of the sea; a changeable blue-green.

I have noticed favorite colors of my own and of friends; and it seems to me, that according to this scheme, one selects the birth-color or its compliment, the polarity color and the Venus sign color. My birth date is December 31, 1859, the hour uncertain but probably 10 a. m. As a girl and until the last seven years, pink and wine-color were my favorite colors, the one due to Venus in Virgo, the other to Capricorn (according to my scheme). Of late, my preference has changed to green and blue, the blue always having a green tinge. The changeable silks of peacock-blue and lighter shades of the same represent my polarity. Also, the attraction of Mars in Aries, makes the green of Cancer a favorite. Since I have studied the subject, I deliberately cultivate the wisdom color of Leo, and am learning to like it very much. I think Jupiter decides the fashionable colors for the year. The last time Jupiter was in Pisces, was the first year I noticed that the girls wore waists of changable green-blue silk a great deal. When Jupiter was in Aries there was considerable bright yellow and orange in the spring millinery. Jupiter in Taurus brought a perfect flood of violets, both in millinery and dress-goods. Jupiter in Gemini made the lighter shades of indigo blue, and black and

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white very popular. Especially was black and white so much worn that its mourning significance was entirely destroyed.

This winter at school there are many bright green waists among both teachers and pupils. I confidently predict a bright blue for next year.

I like to follow Jupiter myself; and I buy my wardrobe accordingly. I have many more observations on color which I have not time to write.

I am sincerely, a friend,

Clara G. Orton.

BOOK REVIEWS.

LIFE'S GREAT HEALING LAW is the title of a small book of 142 pages, by Densie Herendeen. When I say it is a small book, I speak of the amount of material of which the book is composed; but, the thought in the book is equal to a large volume. It is one of the best works on mental healing, or healing the body and keeping it in health, that I know of. I think that Miss Herendeen has gotten the very pith of the matter in mind; and has given it clearly and concisely, so that any one can grasp it. She has, in many instances, brought out the law of mind in such a practical, simple way, and yet in lines so potent, that I wish to see the book in the hands of all people: I have, therefore, solicited the agency for the book, the price of which is $1.00. Sold by the author, 1448 N St. N. W. Washington, D. C., also by The Esoteric Publishing Company, Applegate, Cal.

NOTES AND QUERIES is a magazine published by S. C. and L. M. Gould, Manchester, N. H. There are a great many students who, if they knew of such a magazine, would be only too glad to subscribe for it; for it contains more rare, antique and unusual quotations than all the other magazines put together; and it would make a very valuable adjunct to any student's library, especially those of the occult; hence, we are pleased to recommend this magazine to our readers.

Another magazine of similar value is The Morning Star, edited by Peter Davidson. Loudsville, White Co., Ga. The character of this magazine is spiritually uplifting; and to the Masonic student it is exceptionally valuable. It contains many things which show that which we have long held true; namely, that Masonry was once a repository of all the spiritual and occult knowledge of the age; and, as the editor is gathering up all the lost threads and bringing them before the public, it makes his work valuable to Masons and the students of occultism. We are also glad to recommend this magazine to our readers.

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EDITORIAL.

There are many people who feel a desire to do something for the advancement of the Esoteric work; but, who do not see any practical way by which it may be accomplished. We believe that all who are familiar with "Practical Methods to Insure Success" will agree that they contain the most practical thought that can be placed in the hands of people who know nothing of the Esoteric thought; therefore, the most effectual way to bring this thought before the public mind, is to circulate this booklet among the people. We are publishing a letter in this number of the Journal written by Mr. Pearce, who is working in San Francisco. The letter tells its own story. San Francisco is probably the most unfavorable city in which to do this kind of work that there is in the United States; yet, Mr. Pearce's statement as to what he has accomplished is correct. Now, what you may do, no matter who or where you are, is this: you no doubt know of poor men and women, many probably needing alms, who could take these little books and sell them on the streets and from house to house, thereby making a living, and at the same time do a good work. You could help them more by buying a hundred copies of "Practical Methods" for them than by giving them money. You could request them to repay you the five dollars when they are sold, thus making them responsible and placing them upon their feet so that they can help themselves. We ought to have an energetic man or woman in every city in the world selling this booklet; and there is no reason whatever why there should not be, if our friends would only make an effort to interest

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parties to take up the work. "Practical Methods" as they are now published are of no profit to us, except the few we sell at retail; but, they are an instrument for opening the door of interest on the part of the people; thus, they not only do good in the world; but they are doing a little toward helping forward the work here. At present, we think of publishing "New Practical Methods" as volume two of "Practical Methods to Insure Success;" and if we do, we think it advisable to set the price at twenty-five cents, which will enable us to use better paper and to put the booklet out in better form, and also obtain a living profit therefrom.

The object, however, of this editorial is to call your attention to a way by which you may do a great service to humanity. You should remember that this work is just as much yours as ours; we, however, are giving our life to it; are living in a very humble way: have very few things beyond the absolute necessities of life, and all that we receive above our expenses is put into our publications for the purpose of bringing to the world a knowledge of divine truth. You should consider us only as a servant; as an instrument by which you may carry this truth to the many; by using the means at your command for the increased sale and distribution of the Esoteric Books.

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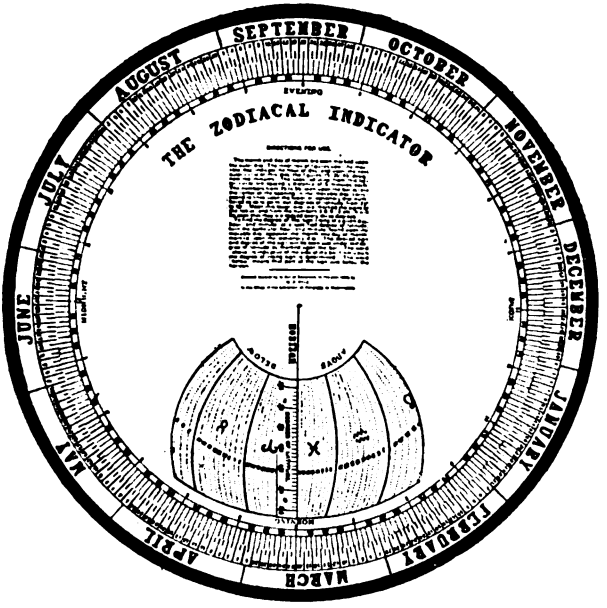
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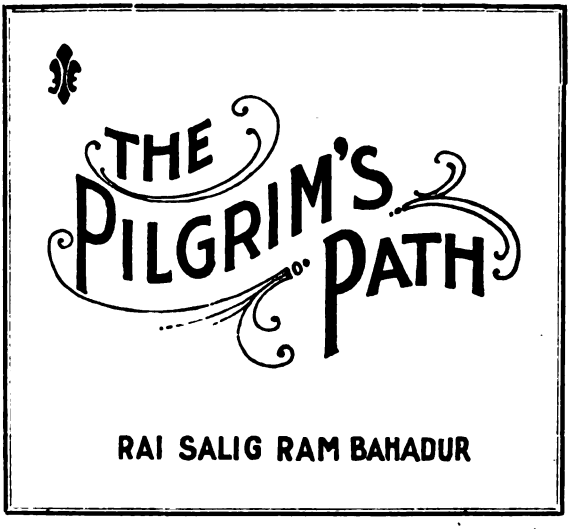
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GLEANINGS FROM THE EAST.

Esoteric philosophy recognizes two distinct kinds of sound:—(1) *Dhunatmak*, or abstract sound: (2) *Varnatmak*, or vocal sound. The difference between the two appears to be as wide as the poles asunder, though in reality the latter is but an expression of the former. The one is subtle, immanent, eternal; while the other is coarse and chiefly dependent on the length and rapidity of the air waves produced by concussion. The popular saying, that, "extremes meet" is not without a deep philosophical truth; and this will find a remarkable illustration in the matter under discussion, if the inquiry is pursued far enough: but, to push our investigation to the necessary point is not always practicable, owing to the imperfections and limitations of human understanding. We are, therefore, constrained to fall back upon authority and accept as truth that *Dhunatmak* sound exists; that its existence is verifiable by experience, under certain conditions, and that there is an inner correspondence between the two kinds of sounds which

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may be fitly utilized for the purposes of concentration and meditation. Yet, we have a right to examine these propositions in the searching light of reason before we can give our mental assent to them. We must see whether the theories we accept harmonize with things as they are, and while doing so we should bear in mind that the intermediate steps between the one kind of sound and the other may be so subtle and so numerous, that we are likely to lose ourselves in the search.

The two varieties of sound are discernable, not only in the macrocosm, but also in the microcosm, i. e. the humam body. *Dhunatmak* sound, says the Esoterist, is always resounding in the centers of the brain above the junction of the eyes, while *Varnatmak* sound arises from the center of the navel and passes through necessary modifications by coming in contact with the heart, the larynx, and the tongue which play so important a part in the utterances of articulate sounds.

The human voice, which is nothing but *Varnatmak*, is also called *Vaikhari* as opposed to *Anahat*, the eternal and limitless. To have some idea of the innate virtue of *Dhunatmak* sound, we should first have recourse to an investigation of the power, efficacy and usefulness of the human voice, and the ordinary sounds which are familiar to us. The extreme importance of articulate speech in the every-day affairs of life, and the power of eloquence in warming up the blood, inflaming the passions of men, and in swaying an audience in the way the speaker chooses, are points well worth careful study. The influence of music has always remained an unexplainable mystery; even beasts, not to speak of human beings, can be held spell-bound by it. What is there in the enchanting strains of music; in the dying accents of a distant song, that captivates and enraptures the soul, lifting it, as it were, out of the sordid earth into a purer region of heavenly bliss? Surely, all this makes us

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dimly suspect that there is a close and intimate connection, a concordant harmony, between the nature of our inner self and that of sound. Let us once grasp the fact of this inner relation and we have the key-note of the whole thing.

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One great mistake that is frequently made by the investigating as well as skeptical minds, is harboring the erroneous idea of retrogression. Put forever behind you the thought, that any microcosm can possibly retrograde.

An ego which has come up through the lower forms of physical manifestations, and gleaned sufficient knowledge to create

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and inhabit the physical temple of man, can never rescind that knowledge and return to a lower form; *it must advance*, perhaps slowly, yet, nevertheless surely; for the lessons it learns in each epoch of life must be utilized for its own perfecting and the aggrandizement of the great Over-Soul.

What a beautiful thought is the glorious assurance that we, as individuals, are part and parcel of the Divine Over-Soul; and no matter what storms betide, there is no sea of despair to engulf us; and when the battle-smoke has cleared away and the dawn of victory reveals to our tear-stained eyes the goal of eternal perfection, we will at last peer back through the epochs of physical life and say, *all is well.*

Certainly, there are instances where both men and women seem to decline, mentally, morally and physically; but, where such cases occur, let me assure you that the pinnacle from which they seem to recede has been reached by unjust methods, and Karma says they *must* abide in their own creations; for progression is slow, steady and sure.

The origin of life can never be discovered at the instance of a physical birth; because, the law of justice would then be rendered of no effect and God himself dethroned. We must follow the winding, progressive path of the re-incarnating ego, back to its rudest forms of individualized abstract motion, from whence it is propelled by the law of desire: corrected, rewarded and punished by the law of cause and effect—Karma—Absolute Over-Soul—Deity—God, and lighted on its way by the lamp of Divine Love unto that glorious state of Pan-Elysium.

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Be thou the true man thou dost seek. *Whittier.*

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
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The effort toward the highest attainment means a reaching out for that which is beyond what we already possess. In other words, it means inspiring; gathering in and incorporating in oneself additional qualities of a higher nature than already possessed; otherwise, there would be no progress in the line of attainment. Man may, however, educate all the faculties he possesses and make them useful; but, when that has been accomplished he is really no more in himself than he was when he began; only, that he has brought his faculties to a condition of usefulness. This must be done in our efforts toward the highest attainments, and a portion of the teachings in the foregoing articles lead towards that ultimate. It is a universal law that everything, in order to grow and unfold, must reach out to that beyond itself, and through the power of love draw to itself the elements necessary for its growth.

For us to reach the highest goal of human attainment, it is absolutely necessary that we have a correct idea of God; or of the cause from whence we came; of the fountain from whence we hope to draw added power and knowledge, to enable us to grow into the likeness and image of that toward which we aspire. It is a law, that whatever a man believes, no matter how rediculous it may be; once his mind is settled on it as a belief, all his inspirations will be according to it, both in quality and kind; and it must also be borne in mind, that belief must precede knowledge; but, it must not, as it does in the present order of religious standing, exclude knowledge; for, if a person

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believes a thing and then relies upon it without any desire to know positively and perfectly whether such belief is true or not; then it takes the form of bigotry and superstition, which shuts out all investigation, and revelation, and frequently all ability to know the absolute truth.

In the preceding article of this series we said, that if you have fully followed *New Practical Methods* up to the present, you are in a position to recognize the truth when it is presented to you; therefore, it is only requisite to set forth our statements, for the spirit of truth within you will illuminate your consciousness and place your mind in the way for such belief to become knowledge.

The idea of God is the highest thought of which man has ever been capable, and it must of necessity increase and expand as the mentality of the race grows and expands. Science investigates all phenomena in matter, and concludes that the creative power is innate therein; but, the broader minds see that there is a creative power, not only in matter, but, as far as it is possible to obtain evidence, in all that which to them is immaterial. In the Hebrew Scriptures we are told that God is Spirit, and that God "Is the fulness that filleth all things;" that He is without beginning and without end; that He is Almighty: the source from which all power is obtained: the source from which all kowledge is derived; in short, He is the fountain-head from which come all things that exist, both in the attributes of the human consciousness and in the functions of animal existence, and that it is the same Spirit that is moulding all things on earth. We are told by this same authority, that God is Omnipresent, that is, everywhere present. In the Aryan Catechism, arranged for use in their schools for the purpose of laying a religious foundation for the children, the following questions, among others, are asked and answered:

Q. "Is there no other being which is sentient?

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A. "There is one more sentient being. It is called God.

Q. "What is God?

A. "It, besides being a sentient being, is the only one of the kind. There is no other of the kind. It is omnipotent; all merciful; omnipresent; unknowable; omnicient; the largest; the smallest; undescribable; of Infinite Wisdom; of Infinite Truth; of Infinite Happiness; All's Father; the creator of unformed world's; the soul's friend, guide and philosopher; their true tutor. God is without cause and is the cause of all. He is possessed of all powers without anything else but Himself contributing to His power."

From this it is seen that the Hebrew scriptures and the Vedantic Philosophy agree almost perfectly, except, as is apparent to the careful student, that the Aryan belief in God is more like that of a child; less mature, less comprehensive than that of the Hebrew Scriptures.

For the benefit of belief, which leads to knowledge, let us consider first the fact that God is omnipresent; "the fullness which filleth all things." We see that all things are undergoing a change, therefore, growth and development; in other words, evolution is a law apparent everywhere and especially so in comparing a few generations of men. John begins his gospel with the words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men" Here he covers the whole philosophy of God.

A word spoken is a thought form, and the life potency is that which has been formed in the process of thinking: you and I cannot think a thought without taking some of our own life and forming it into an image, which, in expression, is sent out from us endowed with our will and purpose and becomes an

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active factor. All there is in the universe is the result of a thought form: this implies a thinker; and can we imagine it possible that we thought ourselves into being when we were not? Can we believe it possible that the world thought itself into being before it was? We certainly cannot think such a thing; because it is too preposterous for belief; then, if we cannot, we must believe that there was a mind, an intelligence, which thought it into being and endowed it with purpose.*

If you will take the following thought and hold it before your mind with an earnest, loving desire to know the truth, you will place your soul and inner consciousness in harmony with itself and its source, and will thereby obtain knowledge of the truth.

There is no space; all apparent space is one vast, limitless ocean of life, in which we live and breath, as the fishes live and breath in the water of the ocean. In that boundless ocean of life, spirit, or mind,—for all these expressions are, in so far as our language permits discrimination, mere synonyms,—is all mind, all knowledge. It is because it is a boundless ocean of life that, when the inner faculties of man are open he may, with the speed of thought, touch limitless distances and know what exists there. This fountain or ocean of life we call God, for all things live in it: all things subsist from and by it: in it is perfect life: perfect mind: it is from eternity and will exist to all eternity: it is a conscious, thinking entity; and you may through prayer, desire, loving devotion to truth and usefulness, open yourself and draw in whatever attributes your mind is able to conceive; for, they exist all around you and fill all space; therefore, prayer does not need an image of a man, but, on the contrary, the image of a man hinders the inspiration of the qualities that we desire; therefore, it was made a crime, according to the commandments, to make in your mind an image of

*We will enlarge upon this subject when we consider the thought of The Purpose of God.

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the Creator. The commandment is: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth," and every time we think of God as an image we violate this commandment. God is the formless, and is, therefore, capable of taking on and being expressed in all form. Every form is a thought: let it be of animal or man; of rock or rill; and the form of everything expresses its quality and use; for form is no more nor less than an organ: an instrument for service. God is the substance out of which all things have been formed and out of which all things will be formed.

Now, that you have set out to attain the highest goal, you have begun to make your body, with all its attributes and functions, an instrument for gathering, forming, expressing, and sending forth, the creative power of Divinity: in other words, you have started to become a center of mind, capable of reaching out into that infinite ocean and gathering whatever qualities are needed, and formulating them; thus creating, through and by your own will, whatever conditions or qualities you are capable of conceiving. Were it not for the fact that God embodies all qualities, there would be danger of man's forming, through re-generation, entities of evil potency; but, whenever a form is created that is not of the highest use, or in accordance with the chief attribute of Divinity,—love, it becomes devoid of capacity to draw in life with which to perpetuate its existence. We have, however, carried your mind far enough in this direction: what we wish you to remember is, that there is nothing you can desire but what is, so to speak, at your fingers ends; or is within the reach of your mentality: of your earnest, honest desire.

If we can conceive of God as Spirit, one distinction which was made by the prophets and holy men of the past, is requisite; namely: the spiritus mundi is the formulated word which is

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active in all matter; and this formulated word, that is carrying forward the work of creation, has as its chief factor and central power, the form expressed by the serpent, which symbolizes generation. We look into nature and perceive that everything is governed by sex. When the spring-time of the year comes around, everything comes forth in gestation and generation of life and form; this is the spritus mundi, or the spirit of creation, and is the spirit that you must overcome, and subjugate to your will as a servant; but, you must not venerate it as God. When you have clearly fixed in your mind that the spirit of the mundane is the active principle of creation in yourself and in all matter, then remember, the Holy Spirit; that is to say, the author of that creative word, has an existence separate from, and therefore, superior to the spirit of creation: this is called the Holy Spirit. In all your prayers and devotion you must keep in mind a marked distinction between the Holy Spirit and the spirit of the mundane, to which your body and its functions have been subject, as a child is subject to its parents, and over which you must now obtain dominion; therefore, it becomes necessary that you keep in mind the ideal of the Holy Spirit,—God, the cause of all things: of the Spirit that is not subject to anything: of the mind and will that dominates all power, and of your oneness with with that Spirit. Hold to this firmly; for in this is your anchorage: to be one with God, —the cause; not one with God,—the expression,—formulated matter; for remember, the god of creation, or the word of creation that was sent forth into matter and is carrying forward the work of creation, is like workmen who built a house: when the house was finished the workmen were discharged. You are that house and the workmen are now to be discharged; and you are a son, or daughter, of God and are to be one with Him and partake (part-take) of His divine attributes. Hold this thought until the time comes when we can give you one beyond: until then, *peace be with you.*

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THE WRONG AND RIGHT BELIEFS.

In a dream I stood upon a high scaffolding, when suddenly, some unseen power from behind pulled me off backwards, and I was held suspended in the air by an iron wire which was passed around my body under my arm-pits. The end of the wire was held by some one or something behind and above me, and there I hung between heaven and earth, perfectly helpless.

Whatever this dream might signify I cannot tell, but, there are very many people who have entered the *new thought* realm who appear to be in the same predicament. They once believed those things which they have been taught from early childhood, and to a certain extent, they relied confidently on those beliefs; but, since they have begun to absorb the *new thought* theories, some of them have accepted as truths, thoughts which are contrary to or a denial of those teachings which have been instilled into their minds in youth: as one lady said to another:—"I feel altogether at sea: there was a time when I believed in God, that is, in my conception of God, and I received comfort and consolation from this belief; however, since I have been reading the *new thought* literature I have accepted those statements as true which were a denial of my conception; but, I have not been able as yet to formulate a new one, and now I am worse off than before, for although my former conception was apparently erroneous, it was at least better than none." This woman was hanging between heaven and earth,— helpless. It is evident that she is not alone in her predicament: like her, very many have found that

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it is easier to reject an old idea, than to formulate a satisfactory substitute. This is a point of danger in one's growth, and we perceive that it is wise to refuse to give up an old belief, even though we know it to be imperfect, until we can substitute a better one for it.

One of the beliefs that has spread, and is yet spreading very rapidly throughout this country, is that of re-incarnation; and doubtless, there are very many who have accepted this theory as a truth without considering how much of their old belief would be annulled by doing so. By re-incarnation we mean, that when anyone dies their inner self, after a time, enters the body of a new born babe, and lives another life; thus, life after life it lives, learning life's lesson: growing toward perfect manhood. But, if we accept this thought as a truth, we are compelled to reject some of those things which our parents have taught us, viz., the resurrection from the dead, and the orthodox ideas of heaven and hell; for, it is evident that both theories cannot be true. While in the church we were taught that after death there would be a resurrection from the dead; that the same person who had died would rise again; and they sing: "We shall know each other there." They expect to meet father, mother, sister, brother, child or friend, and know and be known; but, this thought cannot be true, if re-incarnation is a truth. And they who believe in re-incarnation, accepting that man passes from body to body by successive stages, growing and developing toward God-likeness, see that there can be no resurrection from the dead, in the sense that the church teaches. All that we have known of those who are dead, is forever dead; and if father, mother, child, or friend passes away to return at some future time in a new body; when they return they are no longer our relative or our friend, but a stranger to us: for, were it possible that we should meet our dearest friend re-incarnated, we would be strangers; so that we shall *not* "know each other there," nor here either.

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If perchance, after passing out of the body, there should remain a consciousness in the human soul, so that we could meet and recognize the souls of those who had passed on before, and enjoy their companionship, yet, it would be only for a time. Thus we see that not only must we be careful about rejecting old beliefs until we have obtained a subtstitute to lean upon, but also, we must be careful not to hastily accept those beliefs which must destroy those to which we desire to cling.

We read in Genesis these words:—"And God said, let Us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion . . . over all the earth." And we perceive that the Divine processes, like Nature's work, are gradual: as the Master said:—"first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." And so we see the beginning of man: first the babe, then the boy, then the mature man: and so in the beginnings of man's existence, the Divine likeness and the dominion are as yet but latent within him; so that man in his present condition is unripened. And since through the experiences of earth life he is gradually growing towards the ultimate of his creation, we recognize that his development is not complete until the Divine likeness is attained; hence, the necessity for re-incarnating, that by continued experience he may grow.

The Divine purpose concerning man is maturity, in its fullest sense, and this brings us to another thought; while in the church we were taught that there are many children in heaven; because, Jesus said: "Of such (as are like children) is the kingdom of Heaven." Not that there are children in heaven, because, they are unripened; and as maturity, knowledge, power and God-likeness are the objects in man's creation, and as children have not attained thereto, we see the necessity of their returning and taking up the lesson of life where they left it, and continuing their journey toward the ultimates.

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"But," expostulates one, "consider the effect of such thoughts upon those whose loved ones have passed over, such beliefs as these tend to destroy all domestic ties, besides the comfort that sad hearts derive from the hope of a meeting beyond the grave." In answer to this we can only say, we remember that when the Master was here he disregarded domestic ties to a remarkable degree, and repeatedly taught that all these must be broken; saying: "Except a man hate father, mother, wife and child, he cannot be my disciple." And, again, when told that his mother and brethren sought him, he answered: "'Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?' And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples and said: 'Behold my mother and my brethren! for, whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.'" By this we see that the domestic ties, even including parental love, all belong to generation,—the purely animal nature, and must pass away with it; for, they will not be permitted in the re-generation.

Referring to the thought of re-incarnation, we see its necessity when we consider that the earth is man's permanent home. Those in the church sometimes sing:—"Heaven is my home;" but, that is a mistake; and they also speak of the time when they shall walk the golden-paved streets of the New Jerusalem; but, we remember that the Revelator said that he saw this city descending from heaven to earth; so we see that the earth, purified and re-generated is man's permanent abiding place. As said the Psalmist:—"The earth hath he given to the children of men." For man is to take the dominion and reign on the earth: as said the angel to John: "they shall reign forever and ever."

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"THAT THY NAME IS NEAR."

The psalmist said: "that Thy name is near, Thy wondrous works declare." Unless we have an idea of the meaning of that name, these words are meaningless to us; as would also be the words, "Hallowed be Thy name," taught by the Lord's Christ in that noted prayer. A name in the spirit world and also in the inspired writings, is the expression of a quality and not simply a cognomen. The Lord gave His name as Yahveh to Moses, when He gave him His message to deliver Israel from their Egyptian bondage. The definition of this name has been given as the *I will be what I will to be*, or, dominion; supreme will.

If we stop and meditate for a moment on what our will is, it will reveal to us the bearing and significance of the name of God. We say, I will do so and so, or, I will not do thus and so. The will thus formed in the mind is the result of thoughtful reasoning; it is a conclusion; an ultimation of the mentality; therefore, we are dependent upon other relations of this name for a correct understanding of it. If we turn our attention to the very beginning of Genesis, to the old, familiar text, "Let us make man in our image and like us and let them have dominion;" we will see that this was the conclusion in the mind of the Creator; therefore, the bearing and import of that name, or of His will, was expressed thereby. When Jesus taught us to pray: "Hallowed be Thy name," it was equivalent to saying, justify Thy great purpose and bring it to ultimates, by leading man,—not only one man, but the whole human family, into the condition designed when they were created.

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We look out into the world to see the evidences of our text,—"That thy name is near, Thy wondrous works declare," or, in other words, the consummation of the purpose in the mind of the Creator is upon us; and as we examine the mental state of the human family, we find that those who compose what is commonly called society; the most respected; standing at the head and front of monied interests and consequently of the social ranks, are preeminent in hypocrisy, pretending to be that which they are not; appearing to be superexcellent, but almost everything they do is done for show, external appearances, and others' eyes. Underlying their habits, the very fountain of their existence, the marriage relation, is almost ignored, nd freedom between the sexes is very common among them; this is known and tacitly admitted by everyone, yet, they deny it, and as long as it can be kept tacitly a secret, it is all right; but, as soon as the public journals take up anyone and announce the fact concerning them, they at once condemn and ignore them in the future. Thus they fulfill the words of our Lord when he said, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Again, if we turn our attention to the church which Christ established, we find that it has mentally outgrown its own faith; that is to say, the Gospel is assayed to be preached by the ministers, but it is believed by very few of them. Some years past the ministry openly decided that the Old Testament was purely for the Jews and Jewish times and not for us; in other words it is obsolete, and if they choose a text from it, it is only to draw a moral therefrom. They have now reached a point where their leaders do not even believe the New Testament Scriptures, but, they do with their beliefs as they do with their own life currents, they want to cover them up and hold on to old forms, for fear of criticism. We learn that Prof. Charles W. Pearson, of the chair of English literature

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of the Northwestern University, which is conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Church, has publicly announced that he believes Biblical infallibility is a superstitious and hurtful tradition, and the Biblical stories of Christ's bringing the dead to life, of his walking on the water and of feeding the multitude with the loaves and fishes are merely poetic fancies, incredible and untrue. Prof. Pearson is evidently an honest man, and willing to express his real conviction, and while there are hundreds, if not thousands, of ministers throughout the world who believe he is right, yet, for the sake of maintaining the old form, they will condemn and probably remove him from the Church and college; in other words, out of their own mouths will they be condemned, for if they condemn him, they will acknowledge their own just condemnation.

Thus it is evident that the church has reached a point of self-judgment and self-condemnation; and as Christ said in one of his parables: "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on earth?" Faith is leaving the church. Not more than fifty years ago a man seldom thought of uniting himself to the ministry unless he felt that he had a call from the Spirit to preach the gospel, but, since parents have taken it into their hands to educate their boys for the ministry, the preaching of the gospel has become merely a profession, the same as the profession of law or medicine; and the spirituality, the life and vitality of the Christian religion is all gone, and at the present time can you find faith on earth? There may be some of the lay members who still have that honest, earnest, child-like faith, but, there is no spirituality in the church as a body; it has become simply a social organization. This is an evidence "that Thy name is near." On the other hand, there is a great body of people who are taking up new lines of thought, very important lines of thought, that are beginning to take hold upon the public, generally. The scientists who are supposed

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to be the leaders of the public, show that they are really followers by taking up such lines of thought and attempting to prove them scientifically. For instance, when we began the Esoteric movement we held before the world the possibility of physical immortality; we did not make a hobby of it, but simply referred to it in a number of instances; now the new thought people have taken it up and there are clubs, as well as leaders of branches of thought, that are holding most tenaciously to the fact of physical immortality. The scientists have taken up the subject, and according to the accounts in scientific journals, they have made discoveries which lead them to believe in the immortality of the flesh, or at least, that an indefinite period of life is possible; so that it now appears that the old order of life has virtually become obsolete: the churches are no longer the Christian churches, but have become mere societies, and the thinking public is taking up the subjects relative to the Christian religion and the truths relative to an immortal physical existence and leading the world on in that direction. This is evidence "that Thy name is near," because, as soon as the people are able to discern the purpose of God in the creation of the world, and the laws and methods by which that purpose is to be carried out, they will be able to lay hold of immortality, of the dominion spoken of in Genesis i, 26, and become the manifestation of that which is embodied in the meaning of the name. On the other hand, the majority of the Christian people have, at the present time, turned their attention away from Christ and toward mysticism, or the ancient system of magic; and the world is now ripe for almost any deception that might come in the name of mysticism, especially if it manifested great magic power. We quote the following in toto from *The Morning Star:*

A GREEK PROPHECY.

"What is it that all Europe is looking for? It is the KING OF MEN, the great head of the Hellenic race, the man whom one thousand galleys and 100,000 men

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submitted to on a simple recognition of his personal qualities, and obeyed for ten long years. . . . The man who can challenge for his own the shield of Agamemnon, now waiting for the challenge, is the true Emperor of the East, and the easiest escape from our present difficulties."—*The Times Newspaper.*

"We quote the above—as well as what follows—from '*The Coming Prince*, the last Great Monarch of Christendom' (Antichrist), by Robert Anderson, L. L. D., Barrister at Law. The Author further says:—"The realization of this dream will be the fulfilment of prophecy. . . . But the voice of prophecy is clear, that the Hour is coming, and the Man. In connection with this dream or legend of the reappearance of Agamemnon, it is remarkable that the language of Daniel's second vision has led some to fix on Greece as the very place in which the man of prophecy shall have his rise; and it leaves no doubt whatever that he will appear within the territorial limits of the old Grecian empire. (*Dan.* viii, 23-25). . . . The Antichrist will be more than a profane and brutal persecutor like Antiochus Epiphanes and some of the Emperors of Pagan Rome—more than a vulgar impostor like Barchobab. Miracles can alone silence the scepticism of apostates, and in the exercise of all the Dragon's power, the Beast will command the homage of the world that has rejected grace. 'All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life' (*Rev.* xiii. 8). If it were possible, the very Elect would be deceived by his mighty signs and wonders, but faith, Divinely given, is a sure, as it is the only safeguard against credulity and superstition.

"Of the great political changes which must precede his advent, the most conspicuous are the restoration of the Jews to Palestine, and the predicted division of the Roman earth. History repeats itself, and if there be any elements of periodicity in the political diseases that afflict nations, Europe will inevitably pass through another crisis such as that which darkened the last decade of the 18th century, and should another revolution produce another Napoleon, it is impossible to foretell how far kingdoms may become consolidated and boundaries may be changed. Thus the stage will be prepared on which shall appear that awful Being, the great leader of men in the eventful days which are to close the era of Gentile Supremacy."

It is unquestionably true, that, not only all Europe, but America as well, is ripe for the great deception that is prophesied to come in the Revelations of St. John; for, even those

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who have for years been afraid of magic and of every new thought, are conscious of an entire lack of religious belief, or of anything to rely upon beyond mere physical surroundings, and these are ready to follow their leaders almost anywhere; especially would they be ready to follow one who apparently manifested similar powers to those possessed by the Lord Jesus, when he was here; so that the world can and probably will be, in the near future, led to follow the man of sin referred to in the above quotation. We will, no doubt, have more to say on this subject in the future.

We have touched upon many points and, as it were, travelled around a circle of thought and have left a broad field, almost an unlimited field, untouched; but we have, we hope, suggested a line for consideration that will lead the thinker in the true path of investigation. It has been said by a modern philosopher, that, "Knowledge is power," which is certainly true. Jesus in his time said: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," which is equivalent to saying that knowledge is a power that will deliver the race from the bondage of sin and death. Therefore, the one thing most desirable of all things is knowledge; and that knowledge is now being brought out more fully in the multitude of journals that are being circulated all over the world, than ever before in the history of mankind, which is the strongest evidence "that Thy name is near." Let us who still hold a sympathetic touch with the Spirit of God,—for God is love and love is desire,—then pray and work for the inbreathing of the Holy Spirit, that we may breathe out in forms of truth and righteousness for the use of the world. Therefore we will unite with all Christians in the prayer: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." If we earnestly and truly pray in that direction, then the kingdom will come in us and we will

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so live that we may become the expression, the embodied expression of the will of God, the name Yahveh; thus, according to the Prophet, we become married to the Lord; joined to Him; one with God in purpose, in life and in thought. When we are thus one with Him, we will also be one with Him in potentiality: thereby will be fulfilled the purpose embodied and expressed in that name. May God speed the early embodiment of His name in His people here on earth.

DESIRE.

Control of thought, and its consequent intelligent direction, governs all things that are realities to us. Thought is a terrible power in either direction it may be turned; that is to say, it may, like a two-edged sword, or some weapon in the hands of a child, play havoc through ignorance or improper use, or, on the other hand, it may be controlled and made a faithful server in well-directed effort:—effort which carries out the unfoldment of the individual, and advances, as well, the whole plan of evolution, as evidenced in the people of this planet.

By the power of thought we draw all that comes to us of life, and according to the quality of the thought depends correspondingly the quality of all things that come to us. It is commonly understood, that the will controls the thought, but we will see that there is another force which controls, or, it should be said, polarizes the will, and upon which the latter depends for its direction and potency, and this is DESIRE. If the desire is well fixed, we draw unfailingly in that direction: if, however, the direction of our growth for a time is merely maintained by the momemtum, so to speak, of right desire, which at one time had unquestioned consent and abode in heart and mind, but, has since given actual place to indifference, and even a desire to see in how far we may revert to the

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old conditions of generation, without paying the cost; then we are in a negative state at best—defenceless upon the enemy's ground, and in a condition to invite thought currents which have no place in the higher life, but are constantly inflaming and exciting to downward action the sacred forces of God in man. We cannot afford to look back for an instant, for we are always between two contending forces: if we cling to both, they will tear us asunder. If we cast our lot with the one—the life of generation, we are but repeating a process in Nature; one of which we are no longer a necessary part. Our portion is a free choice of either; and if we have chosen the other and pressed upward, we can easily imagine the effect of a halt in our progress, and worse, still, if there is even a shade of yearning for the old order of things; for, resistance and growth—death and life, are interactive and interdependent; one is fed at the expense of the other; and as soon as we cease to maintain the one, we create conditions for the other. Jesus pointed to this great danger when he said, "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Wherever the desire is, there will the man be, and accordingly will he invite the forces of Nature; and they will play upon him for weal or woe, according as he elects. If he conforms to the law, he becomes in time the master. If he succumbs to desires not in accord with his conceptions of higher forces, he is once more the servant. This, in a general way, is the effect of careless thought. And we see, also, that after all, it is not our own thought that we must avoid, but, the thought currents from a lower plane, to which we render ourselves receptive. There is nothing so discouraging to one in the higher life, than, at certain stages of growth, to be led into, or voluntarily and foolishly admit for a brief time—just a few moments, perhaps, the influence of the lower thought to creep

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in upon the consciousness. This is demoralizing to a degree, but, it carries with it a lesson dearly learned, and one, that heeded, may be the means of effectually precluding, by future guarded thought and singleness of purpose, such another disastrous result of idleness. This is an experience that doubtless must come to all, that he or she may decide once, for all time, the question, "Whom will ye serve?" The most distressing part of such an experience, is that there appears to be no longer a hold on anything of the higher life: all seems to have slipped away, and there does not remain so much as a straw by which we may hold our own until the storm is past. The reason of this is, that one invites a certain quality of undesirable thought, and it simply runs riot through the whole being; and it requires great effort, and often much prayer and suffering, before the tide can be turned.

If we give rein to the sense propensities—those avenues through which we have been wont to freely lavish our vitality in its varied forms of expression, in obedience to a creative law upon the animal plane of existence—a law which cannot longer hold in bondage those who have the will to rise above it: if we do this, and at the same time are seeking to rise into a purer and fuller life, we are but at best taking one step forward, and one (often two), backward. It must be with each of us a question of discretion and wisdom. If we absolutely control our forces, and intelligently direct them in the line of the Light, as we see it, and open ourselves to its inception, the reward is speedy, and ultimately complete.

The mechanics of regeneration are along the lines of truest sanity, and they are strictly scientific and practical: but the main requisite — the sine qua non, and ground work of the whole structure — LOVE, must be the spring of all action: love, tempered and controlled by reason, justice, truth,—and expressed at times as that rare blessing, whose quality, truly, "is not strained,"—MERCY.

If we rise up by the power of the inflowing Spirit, and overcome the law of attraction—the attraction of earth and all

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attending conditions, it will be by virtue of another and higher law—the law of Service, and consequent Growth; and as life is but the evidence of growth perpetuated, and growth is dependent upon service, we perceive that continued service, under the broad law of re-generation, is the secret of perpetual life: such a service as is ever seeking to enlarge its sphere by the constant recognition of that great criterion in Nature, USE. In the economy of God's Workshop, we are wanted where and when the line of the individual desire merges into the welfare of all; and here will we be sustained in life abundant and perpetual. Therefore, let us, the while, forget the mere question of life and death, and open our hearts to the Spirit, with the earnest desire to know in what way we may perform the highest use: not in the furtherance of some community or sect, but for all. For only with a heart filled with loving desire for God's people may we hope to become attuned to the vibrations of the Infinite. And thus, living wholly in CAUSE, may we know what effects must follow and that all will be well.

Let us, then, look to our desires, knowing full well that accordingly will we receive:—live in them steadfastly and they will be our protection. We will see, as this grows clearer to us, that the real question is one of broadness of conception. We can but rise to the level of our aspirations; and it is well to consider what these aspirations are, that they do not fall short of the highest sanity, and contract our sphere of usefulness—that service as a member of the great body of the universe,—by a short-sighted policy. We only do that which is safe when our calculations include the interests of all, and are primarily and ultimately for all. For, as you will readily perceive, God's laws know no caprice, and they will not brook the waywardness or whims of the individual, selfish unit. That unit must have its place and service in the composite whole, or it fails of its USE in the grand body of Humanity, and sooner or later must be torn down and cast out as a useless member.

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The mighty waves of fact and circumstance: the calm delights of attained result: the steady streams of evolutionary progress with all the cyclonic rains of romance and fancy, find their planetary emblem in the sign Pisces. The restless sea and the swift moving fishes typify it: old Mother Earth, however, rests beneath the feet of the sea, and so forms a solid understanding to accompany all its restlessness. Thus God in nature comes to us through the earth plane in symbolism corresponding to the overhanging heavens, teaching us how beautiful is the alliance between that which is external or objective, and that which is internal or subjective.

So may we understand why Rachel, when Napthali was born, should call him "the wrestler," and his fatherJacob bless him with the words: "he is a hind let loose; he giveth goodly words."

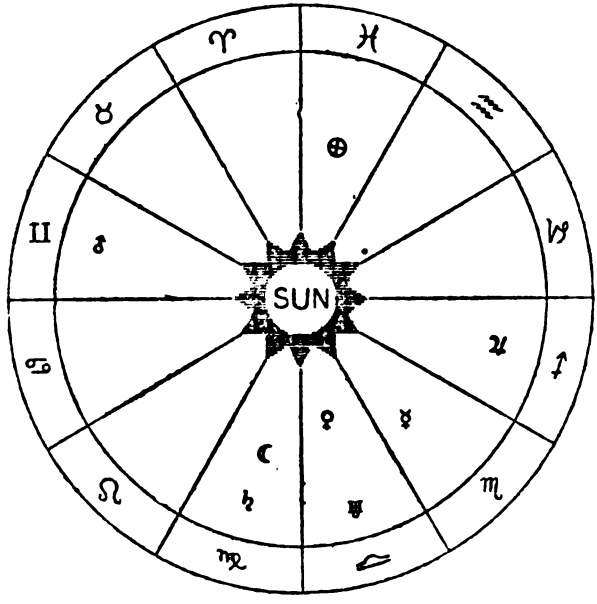
So are the Pisceans the naturally restless ones, and wrestlers of the world; the hinds let loose, stirring like the sea, humanity into greater activity.

We select Alexander Graham Bell who was born March 3, 1847, as the subject for the Pisces number of *The Journal*.

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Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Virgo	(♍).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Sagittarius	(♐).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Gemini	(♊).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Scorpio	(♏).

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Alexander Graham Bell. Nat. March 8. 1847.



ELEMENTS.		TRINITIES.	
Fire,	One.	Intellectual,	One.
Earth,	Two.	Domestic,	Two.
Air,	Three.	Creative,	Four.
Water,	Two.	Serving,	One.

His polarity, as the zodiacal circle shows, was Virgo, exactly opposite his earth sign. With Saturn in Virgo also, his Piscean restlessness was held down to the earth plane; and in a strong, harmonious, and discriminative way, it held the waves of his aspirations within proper confines in safety,—restless and resistless as they might seem to be.

As a wrestler, bound to the earth by a strong mentality, we next note how the planetary forces aided the development of his personality as known to the world.

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Uranus and Venus in Libra were twin forces making vital the reins of his body and acting with much potency to unfold metaphysically and harmoniously, his intuitions, so that they became well balanced impressions, that were transformed into equally well balanced thought, which his reason or logic carried forward to their correct deductions.

Mars in Gemini and Jupiter in Sagittarius also formed dual forces that were pillars of support to him. They caused an irrisistable desire for knowledge, and an equally strong executiveness which carried with them an element of the prophetic. Acting as a unit, they were the inspirational support he needed, as he wrestled for that invention which has bound the world together with material ties unknown before, by transporting thought with lightning rapidity.

Mercury in Scorpio, had also, as a Messenger of the gods, its mighty mission in developing him for his great work. It vitalized his bodily functions, and led him, mentally, into the domain of originality and psychic research, which, when united with his endowments in Virgo and Libra, made his conclusions those of Wisdom. All the while we must remember that his feet were in the water that rested upon the earth: so he needed the element of air to breath upon the earth to bring forth from its solidity, and to stir the water into constant healthfulness.

It is equally worthy of attention in his delineation, that the creative trinity is the leading one, and so it may truly be said that originality waited upon aspiration, when our subject as a restless Piscean strove to evolve that which the world was waiting for, but, knew not how to obtain.

As a person born on Wedensday he belongs to that noble class who finish the foundation stones for humanity's temple; and with hands of blessing put them at the feet of those who are to lay them. And now he should be able to enjoy the violet as his emblematic flower, with all its beautiful hues and

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fragrance, and every field where it grows as a portion of that earthly heritage which forms a part of his nature. Every lake, river and sea should be unto him an emblem of his own restless self, which nevertheless finds, at times, placid calmness under the overarching sky and the bounteous sunshine.

Our modern Napthali has proved indeed, that he was "a hind let loose" for a great purpose, so that all the civilized world each day in its multiplied exchange of thought acknowledges its tribute unto him.

The Esoteric Student may well query: — *What shall the future be?* May not this material method of thought communication be but the prelude to that wireless exchange between the heavenly bodies that shall enlarge our comprehension of God? May not this Aquarius age of the outpouring so stir some human soul that it shall open the planetary vibrations to the clear comprehension of humanity? Shall not the seven planets speak to the earth in language unmistakable, according to the mission they each bear unto us? Surely we live in the dawning of that morning "when the mists shall roll away."

Libra.

"There are two laws of progress; one the adaptation to environment, the other the transcendence of environment. In a state of nature the being that cannot adapt himself to conditions perishes; but very soon in his further evolution he transcends conditions by the power of Mind. Thus he shields his physical body by artifice from the rigor of the elements, that his efforts may turn to culture instead of contesting discomforts. Finally there comes a time when he does for his mind what he did for his body: he removes it from the sphere of recognition of the thousand fancies that hold him in antagonism and contest with every condition which he conceives to be disagreeable. We are at this point of effort, and the more perfectly one can transcend his self-imposed conditions the surer the desired progress."

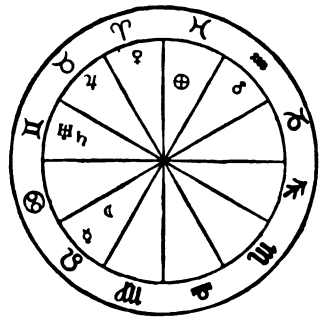
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand thta the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

F. F. C. Feb. 23, 1899. 12.30 a. m. Polk Co., Wis.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITY.	
INTELLECTUAL,	4.	AIRY.	3.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	2.
REPRODUCTIVE,	1.	FIERY,	3.
SERVING,	2.	EARTHY,	1.



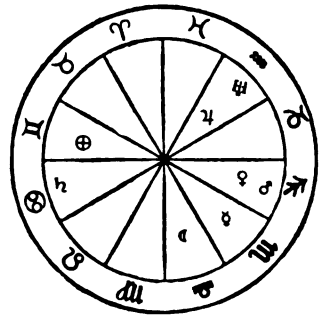
RISING SIGN—♏.

This child was born when the earth was in the sign Pisces; and if you look back and recall what mental disturbance there was with you and your husband at that time, it will enable you to determine somewhat of the dominant disturbing quality in this child's nature; as the polarity is Leo and the rising sign Scorpio, it was evidently concerning the love and sex life. His Scorpio body connected with his Pisces-Leo nature and Mercury, the sex planet, in Leo, his polarity, inclines him very much toward the sex; and there will be danger of self-abuse; but, if by careful education this can be overcome, he will have a fine, large body; well developed and of noble bearing and appearance. He will be a great lover of the mystic and of mysticsciences; and Venus in Aries will greatly facilitate his attainment in this direction: it will also greatly facilitate his self-destruction, if he is not properly educated. Mars in Aquarius indicates a good degree of selfishness and, of course, self-protection. There is a good degree of harmony between the base Pisces and the position of Uranus and Saturn in Gemini, thus adapting him for writing or teaching the higher spiritual sciences. Jupiter will aid his general appearance and he will thereby attract the attention of the people to what he says, more than one of less prepossession. Mars, the planet of inspiration, is in Aquarius, which will give him considereble command of language whereby to express his ideas; and also give him power to inspire thought so as to make him successful as a teacher or writer. Venus in Aries would give polish and elegance to his words and manners.

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S. E. M. June 14, 1872. 10.40 p. m. Williams, Pa.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	1.	AIRY,	5.
MATERNAL,	1.	WATERY,	2.
REPRODUCTIVE,	4.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	3.	EARTHY,	0.



RISING SIGN—♒.

The basic principle of your nature takes in the airy triplicity. The operation of this triplicity in your life is peculiar; your body sign is the interior, the earth sign the expresser, and the polarity the head of the triplicity: this causes you to see everything in a different way than others, yet, it is your function, the base being Gemini, to take the thoughts of others and re-form and express them according to your own conception, which is largely governed by the influence of Uranus and Jupiter in Aquarius. Uranus will lead your mind into the mystic and occult and the subtle forces of nature. You should be an electrician or a chemist. Jupiter gives you an ideal of excellence and granduer, and causes you to give much regard to what the people may think of you; while the influence of Uranus is just the opposite; thus their is always a struggle in you between obtaining honor and worldly position and going your own way. You are influenced by the minds of others to a great extent; but, whatever decisions you make, you carry out regardless of everything; and because you are so largely influenced by other minds, you often make mistakes. You should weigh well everything you are about to undertake; otherwise, the result may be serious. Saturn in Cancer will probably cause you to make changes in your domestic life this year, as it transits the position it was in at the time of your birth. Mars and Venus in the fiery sign Sagittarius give you great activity, combativeness and intensity of nature. Mercury is in the best possible position in the Zodiac: being in Scorpio it gives you a vitality that is almost inexhaustible: you might go down to death's door and be given up by the physicians as incurable; and yet, rally in a short time. This position is a very important one; for, if you control the life and carry it up to the brain, you will become a great mystic, especially if you combine spiritual devotion with it.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS., Nov. 25, 1901.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Dear Friends:—I enjoy the Journal very much, especially *Practical Methods*, for I know, for myself, they are true.

I have learned by drawing near to God in loving spiritual communion, to fill my body with sacred life, but realize that it brings great responsibility and want to learn how to rightly control and use it. However, have derived great benefit, for I realize a clearness of mind and buoyancy of spirits and body that I don't remember enjoying even as a child. We were being weighed one day on a public weighing machine and when it came to my turn to step on the scale I came near saying, "I don't think I'll weigh much for I feel as light as thistledown," and it is still a question in my mind if it is not possible to so refine the flesh that it becomes lighter in quality. Please answer through the Journal if of sufficient general interest.

As a child I had a great desire to float through the air whither I would, and of late it has returned so that sometimes I hardly want to touch the ground. This is, I am sure, a soul desire and will some time be gratified; whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell and am willing to wait till the time comes. Travelling in the astral has always been a source of much delight.

To those who are passing through the experience which we are told comes to all, symbolized by the grain of wheat which falls into the ground and dies, that the new life may be manifested; I would like to say what a beautiful, restful thing it is to drop all consciousness of the body, as our dear friend, the editor, has so often advised. At first the experience was involuntary and so startled me that I immediately returned to

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bodily consciousness but found out later it was subject to the will. Conscious of nothing but a soft white haze which completely envelopes one when mind and body are entirely at rest, and nature carries on the reparative processes.

Yours, Leo–Scorpio.

Ans. In regard to floating in the air: levitation has been a mystic theory for ages; whether it was ever practiced has been a question in the minds of many. We read that the Spirit caught away Philip and that he was found many miles from the place where he interviewed the queen's eunuch. We believe the time is near when there will be many who have conquered every law in nature, even to gravity, so that they will be able to go, physically or mentally, where they please, by what has been called levitation.

MENOMINEE, MICH., Oct. 16, 1901.

H. E. BUTLER, Esq.,

Applegate, Cal.

My Dear Sir:—Please accept my most sincere thanks for your splendid magazine. It is such a welcome guest and such a dear friend to me. It is like a powerful light destined to illumine the entire world.

From early childhood up to the time I commenced reading your Journal, I remained in darkness in regard to all things spiritual and divine. I was not in this condition because I desired it or liked that state above any other; far from it: ignorance was the cause of it as it has always been the root of all evil in the world during all ages.

During the greater part of my existence I have been, so to say: "Unstable as water" in all matters touching religion and the higher philosophy. I have been driven from one extreme to the other, unable to find anything that would throw light on the purpose of the existence of man, or obtain that for which my nature called and my soul so earnestly desired, in any of our churches. I plunged into sensualism and materialism; Heaven, hell, salvation and so on were all a myth to me at one time. I was what is usually called a free-thinker, an infidel,

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scoffing at and ridiculing everything touching religious matters. I went so far as to try to suppress and almost kill out the noblest and best part of myself imagining this to be something foolish and evil that preyed upon me which other people had little or no feeling of. But, at the same time, my interior or soul nature cried out within me, condemning me for my egotism and the misery I was continually bringing upon myself; and right at this time I had some experiences and psychic revelations that will forever and forever banish materialism from my mind.

It was the cold, dark and stormy night of ignorance and animalism. The radiant light of knowledge and idealism is gradually taking its place.

Now, my dear Mr. Butler, how will I be able to repay you to some extent what you have done for me. You have brought me out of a state of ignorance and despair into knowledge. You have through the medium of your Journal educated me more in one year than I would have been able to acquire in ten years in an ordinary way, and made me think and reason more than I have none in my entire lifetime. I am extremely happy and thankful for having been brought in contact with such grand and lofty souls as the Esoteric Brotherhood. God grant me power and wisdom that I may be able to utilize not all but anyway some of your high and noble teachings to my own and other people's benefit and welfare.

I have not yet made any efforts to live what you call the regenerate life. The past year has solely been a kind of preparation for leading such a life. I have during this time confined myself to deep-breathing, concentration and meditation alone. I was not satisfied with the idea that sexual incontinence destroys all happiness and love. Of course, to a certain extent I knew it, but had to prove, to demonstrate that this is a fact before I felt strong or ripe enough to undertake such a thing. I have now come to the positive knowledge that this is the cause of all misery, disappointment and suffering in the world; consequently, I have determined to live up to it from now on.

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During the past year I have been subjected to some strange and disagreeable experiences that I would like to direct your attention to, hoping you will favor me with a reply as to what it is and what to do to avoid the same. When concentrating the blood always has a tendency to flow to the head. At various times my condition has been very bad. The brain seems sometimes to be almost clogged up with blood. For instance, when retiring at night I feel like going into a kind of trance, and sometimes I have done so, with the result of awakening to find my brain and head all confused. My head is suppressed, and I always feel restless and have inclination for worry and anxiety, especially is this the case toward evening. Now I am not in any way overdoing myself, I concentrate about twenty or thirty minutes in the morning and about the same length of time at noon. What is this, what causes it and how shall I overcome this? O. A. A.

Ans:—The feeling of fulness in the head and the trance condition at night indicate that you have not taken control of the life currents, as they affect the mental action. What you need now is to take control of thought. Your concentration is not good for you. The only concentration that you should take is the practice of holding your mind firmly fixed on a single subject, to prevent its flitting from one thing to another, so that you can at will take up a line of thought and think it out without side issues coming in: then when you have thought on a subject until you think you have gone far enough in that direction, learn how to throw it off your mind, to stop thinking and go, as it were, into the body. Bodily exercise of some kind is good: either working or walking, whatever exercise seems profitable for the time. Remember, the thought is to cultivate the habit of thinking when you want to think and to cease thinking when you wish to. Study the process by which you throw the thought power into the brain to begin thinking. When you throw the thought power into the brain to begin thinking you throw the blood into the brain and when you stop thinking you stop the blood from going into the brain. This you must discover for for yourself and learn how to control it. The condition of stupor befor retiring is very bad for any one. You must also learn how to stop the reasoning brain and enter into the subjective thought

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realm; into that thought realm that acts in your consciousness without taking the blood to the brain, or without the phenomenon of brain action. This condition of thought is the one that is always present when you are on the borderline between sleeping and waking. Study to know what this condition is and then learn to control it and make it that which you wish to have it.

Dear Friends:—The *Pilgrim's Path* came safely to hand. I pronounce it the best book for advanced students ever published. I have read about all the books and magazines on the higher unfoldment, both Oriental and Occidental, but, never came across anything before that answers every perplexing question that troubles the student like this book does. If I had had it a year ago, I would have saved myself much time and a year of mental anguish that I shall never forget; but my experience of last year has brought me to the same conclusions as those contained in this book; but, it is always better to have our conclusions verified by one on a higher plane, as it removes all room for doubt.

No advanced Student should be without this book, and to those just starting, I would say: buy *Practical Methods* and this book and refer to the latter every time you are in trouble, and it will prove a balm to the soul. It will be my pocket companion at all times.

Respectfully, W. R. Castle.

PITTSBURG, PA., Nov. 23, 1901.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Dear Friends:—Your letter and character sketch were duly received; the latter is, as far as I have become acquainted with myself, most accurate: a reflective mirror wherein man stands face to face with his astral compound.

I know from past experiences how strongly I am polarized in the vital currents of earth: my passionate and impulsive temperament has cost me several failures; but, I shall press

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onward, impelled by one all-consuming desire to become a grand, noble and majestic man; by bringing the divine attributes of the human soul into rythmic expression and objective demonstration, thus prove to myself and the world, that Man, the Divine, is greater than and superior to environment and heredity, obstacles and limitations; that the God-hood of man, the Divine in man; that the Christ degree of soul consciousness and its demonstrative features, are more than idle dreams and speculations; that illumination and inspiration reflect degrees of soul states of high development, and that Man, through purification and holy devotion, may enter into those subliminal states of celestial consciousness.

It is all a matter of faith, of strength, the ability and power to maintain that high degree of magnetic relation with the ever radiant Sun of Divinity, within the fathomless depths of the immortal self, which the "Divine Father of Being" revealeth unto his children.

Let me say briefly that my experience during the last few years has been marvelous. I have have been led into a path through the wilderness of mortality, which has brought me into a realization of the Truth, a re-generative life, which has torn me asunder and made me anew: no, is making me anew; for as yet I am confined in the womb of making, quickened by the mighty powers, not yet born: but growing, feeling that the hour of birth is near at hand; oh, the indescribable sensations of the approaching supreme moment, no human tongue can ever express — never; and when I found the esoteric thought, and studied your *Practical Methods* and became familiar with your ideals, devotions, aims and purposes, there awakend within my heart a warm sympathy; for it seems as though I had found a companion traveler. I trust that you have found many striving, seeking souls preparing for a higher mission in this world, who will entertain the same high esteem and gratitude for your help and stimulus given through your publications.

I am fraternally, Richard F. Fisher.

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OAKLAND, Jan. 6, 1902.

EDITOR BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL,

Dear Sir:— The soul, to me, is a globe of light, the most brilliant that I ever saw. Detached from the body it is the image and likeness of God. The work of the soul is to perfect an individual form in matter with an individual consciousness.

To me there are three states of consciousness, the objective, subjective and spiritual or soul consciousness. At death the objective is merged into the subjective and is the astral consciousness on the astral plane. When the desire body looses its strength and falls into a comatose state, the consciousness becomes the subjective consciousness of the new born babe, then a new objective consciousness grows through the experience obtained by the five senses.

The memories are the product of past incarnations, always remaining with the soul in a globe within the soul.

The light of the soul is caused by the action of the Spirit of the Father on the Son.

The individual consciousness is the soul that sinneth or misses the mark and dies, for it looses its form on the astral plane, is reduced to a cloud which is all indrawn to the new material body of the babe, three days before birth.

We start with perfection on the spiritual plane to make perfection on the material plane; our mistakes puts the individual consciousness on the astral plane to go through the process of re-incarnation.

To live in the consciousness of the soul, which is the consciousness of the Son, is to overcome death and reach material perfection, making a union of the three states of consciousness.

S. G.

We publish the above letter as it furnishes suggestions for thought and contains theories demonstrable only by experience which perhaps some of our readers have had, and the expression of which through The Journal might be of interest to our readers. [Ed.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

We have before us a book of 79 pages, by Eugene Del Mar, entitled Spiritual and Material Attraction,—A Conception of Unity It is an effort on the part of a Mental Scientist to prove that there is but One Force; One Principle; One Power. He has taken up the scientific side and has labored hard to prove that there is no repulsion in nature: all is attraction. While, of course, we do not agree with him in the idea that there is no repulsion; yet, we are glad to see the advance made by a Christian Scientist in making the effort to prove the truth of their position from science; for this is a step in the right direction, and, if they continue in this direction, they will arrive at something tangible that can be laid hold upon by all classes. The book is well written and very well supported by the axioms of scientific men; but, one of the fallacies is shown in the idea set forth, that atoms are kept apart through the attraction of those on either side being equal, yet, all being in motion,—which is an impossibility The book, however, is well worth reading; it is nicely bound and printed on good paper Price 75 cents. Address Eugene Del Mar, care George's Weekly, Denver, Colo , or F. P Del Mar, 8 East Forty-Second St., New York City.

We have before us a lecture entitled Intuition, by S. A. Weltmer, which shows that the author is a man of inspiration It is stated that he had no idea of the subject until he stepped into the hall, when it was given to him, and he simply opened himself to the inspiration and the thought flowed in The subject is very nicefy handled and the lecture is one of interest. It is printed on very elegant paper and bound very tastily in crinkled cover. Address S A Weltmer, 205 South Ash St., Nevada, Mo.

We also have before us a pamphlet entitled How to Control Fate Through Suggestion, by Henry Harrison Brown. Price 25c. Published by the "Now" Publishing Co., 1423 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

A pamphlet by J. Ball, M. D.,—Psychologist,—Mind, Soul and Spirit. Price 10 cents. Published by the author at 1073½ Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

Secrets of Religion is the title of a book written by Vindex Veri The book, to my mind, is the product of one who has read a great deal, memorized many things, and has taken hold of one idea which he is riding as a hobby-horse through the mist and darkness of human imagination In his attempt toward what is falsely termed "higher criticism" the author makes a myth of everything of the past, even to the Temple of Solomon, which he claims never existed only as other multitudinous temples existed all over the world The Jews, to his mind, did not have a standing in Jerusalem, but originated somewhere in India In short, it is a work that is of special use to those who wish to wipe out all history, both religious and profane, and attribute all that is held sacred or religious as the myths of antiquity. Published by "The Two Worlds" Publishing Co., Manchester.

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THE DIVINE LANGUAGE OF CELESTIAL CORRESPONDENCES, by Coulson Turnbull, is the title of a book of 230 pages. It is called "A Study in Planetary and Spiritual Vibrations with an Account of the Soul's Involution and Evolution." and is a compound of astrological lore and the principles of Solar Biology. The author deals with the qualities of the different signs, beginning with Aries, giving the signs in the same order as Solar Biology, and adds to each many ideas which, no doubt, are original with him, or at least collected by him and put in order. The students of Astrology and Solar Biology may, by experiment, find many thoughts in it that will be of value to them. It has this merit, that it does not confine itself to any system, but might be called a book of suggestions. We are satisfied that there are many truths in it and also many mere statements. Upon the whole, the book is one which those who have time to investigate astral influences will find very useful. I am sorry to say that the present edition is very poorly printed, but the author informs me that the next edition will be better. It is for sale by Thos. G. Newman, 1429 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.; The Alliance Pub. Co., Life Bldg New York, and others. Price $2.00.

EDITORIAL.

The time has now arrived when there begins to be a general demand for the *Esoteric literature*, and if we could publish one-half of the commendations we receive from the students of *Practical Methods* as to what the teachings have done for them, it would be apparent that this little book is really doing more for the people than all other systems put together. Quite a number are now trying to imitate *Practical Methods*; but, I am sorry to say, they come far short of givin the people real practical working principles. The demand for *Practical Methods* is such that the way is now open for us to distribute —we are satisfied we speak within limits when we say,—from one-hundred-thousand to one-hundred and fifty-thousand copies a year, if we had the means; but, with our present facilities the the best we can do is to get out from ten thousand to fifteen thousand a year. Now, if those of our many friends who see the value of the teachings in this little book and who have the means would place in our hands from three thousand to five thousand dollars,—for it would take at least five thousand

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dollars to put before the world the hundred-thousand copies of the booklet:—it will enable us to do our work effectually; and to put into the hands of the people the knowledge requisite for a higher order of attainment. Those who have studied the public mentality, realize that the thoughts of the people go in waves over the planet. The wave of desire for these higher instructions has now struck the people; this wave will have passed over in a few years; and while it is high tide we should be enabled to improve the time and do our work, and do it effectually.

Ever since we started *The Occult and Biological Journal* we have been centering all our efforts and economizing our means in every way possible, sacrificing even the comforts of life among our people, to get means to place these truths before the world, and the few that are here work from early morning till late at night and frequently all night in order to get the work done. There are probably no people in the world working as hard as the members of the Esoteric Fraternity to get the higher teachings into form and before the public. Because of this, we feel that we have a right to ask those who are receiving the benefits of our efforts and sacrifices to help us with the means they have in their hands to accomplish the work. We do not feel that we are asking it for ourselves; but, we have a just right to expect the world, which is receiving the benefits, to meet the requirements: it is only a matter of honor and right. So far as we are personaly concerned, we want nothing from anyone; but, so far as this work is concerned and the thought that the people need, we want the world to supply its needs in this direction.

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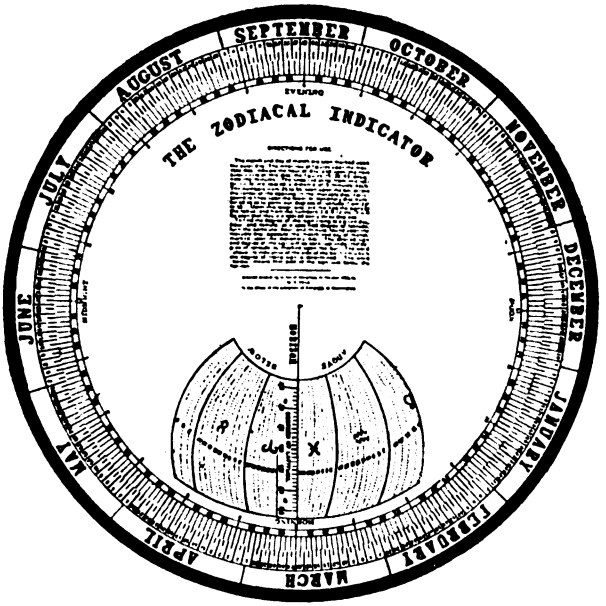
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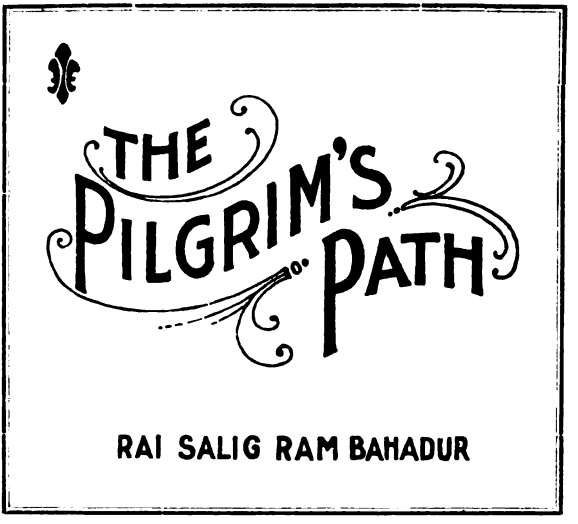
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WHAT IS SEX?

Sex is a principle, that is recognized in the Mineral, Vegetable and Animal Kingdoms; in Mechanics, in Chemistry, in Botany, in Zoology and in Anthropology. Wherever this principle exists, there is recognized the idea of two distinct fractional parts or elements whose union is absolutely essential to the perfection of either; that either is purposeless and fruitless without this union; and hence, the inquiry is forced upon the mind,—to what end, for what purpose is this division and this union?

We now enter upon speculative ground where our only guide must be facts that have been strewn by the way-side. These facts must form the basis of all our theories, in order to insure permanence; and with this basis, the theorizer of to-day has as much right to propound and defend his own speculations, as far as he is able to do so, as had the theorist of yesterday. Let all grasp the gospel of facts and study it well, for it will furnish the needed data, and from these data reason must not bend.

What then are the undisputed facts which are to furnish the data for our deductions upon the questions at issue? First, we

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find all animate nature existing in fractions,— everything exists in halves: all existence is dual yet single, or, in terms appropriate to our theme, every department of animate nature, so far as we are capable of explaining it, exhibits to us this principle, which we name *sex*. We find it extending, not only through the animal kingdom, including the human; but also through the vegetable, and, more indefinately to human perceptions, through the mineral as well. We find this principle growing more and more distinct from the lowest point at which we are capable of observing it, up through the highest existences, and hence, assume that it is a universal and eternal principle. Before we adduce more evidence in favor of this assumption, let us ask, what is the purpose of sex? Facts teach us that upon a proper union of these fractional elements into dual units, depends all the successive and progressive unfoldings of nature. Take as an instance a plant in which this dual principle can be distinctly traced; if legitimate union is by any means prevented, the parts thus separated will live out their specific term of organized existence and return to their primitive elements, leaving no impression of their individual peculiarities to succeed them as offspring, and to perpetuate such peculiarities, thus the type is lost forever: on the other hand, when the union is consummated, we find that although the type may perish, a perfect impression or reproduction of that type remains. As this occurs invariably, from the lowest to the highest forms, we justly conclude therefore, that at least one of the legitimate purposes of sex is the perpetuation, through reproduction, of each and every individual type of progressive existence; and from such evidence we assume, also, that reproduction is a universal and eternal principle which runs parallel with *sex*.

To recapitulate, for we cannot build our battlements too firmly: we have found from an examination of facts, which are visible to the external senses of man, that a principle which we designate by the word *sex* forms an essential element in all animate existence; that this principle becomes more and more distinctly

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appreciable to human senses as we rise higher and higher in the scale of development. As an accompaniment to this principle, we have also found that a legitimate union of the sexes has for its purpose the perpetuation of the parental type. Principles are eternal, and their application universal. Now, let us proceed: having traced sex through the vegetable kingdom to the animal, thence to its highest type, Man,— what are we to do with it here? How are we to dispose of it? Is its mission finished? It has been clearly demonstrated that man is to exist in a higher condition than the present: we have traced sex with him to the highest point which is appreciable to the external human senses, but the mind refuses to rest here, it reaches on and on, and demands,— is this principle to accompany us into spirit-life, or has it reached its ultimation here? Have we found the *end* of a *principle* which has thus far pervaded every department of visible nature, growing brighter and brighter up to the last step? Nay; we have assumed that *sex, marriage* and *parentage* are eternal principles, and must defend our assumption. The sensuous fails to serve us and we must now resort to the higher light of reason. What does this teach us? Does it say that a principle which has maintained its integrity through all the varying conditions of two kingdoms of existence, may reach its ultimation and become obsolete just at that point where the human merges into the next higher, the Spiritual? or does it not rather say that having preserved its identity thus far it must be eternal, and, if so, must continue on and on with us through Eternity? The latter is surely the only rational conclusion. If *sex* is thus continued in the Spirit-spheres, to what end is it continued? This is a point which is hard to demonstrate to an age deeply rooted in dark superstitions and wedded to ignorant predudices; hence, the necessity of approaching it with slow, firm, and well-matured steps.

We know what has, up to this point, been the purpose of this dual existence, and can we find a reasonable justification for believing this purpose to be changed here? If we claim that such

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a change is wrought, we must launch our investigations upon the fog of mysticism at once, without chart, compass or rudder, giving up all the data which we have gathered from the external, sensuous world, trusting to the chances of an unknown and trackless ocean of doubtful life, to demonstrate to us its realities. Upon what basis can we predicate an argument to support us in making an entire subversion of the legitimate function of an eternal principle? As rationalists we can only conclude, that if this principle of sex is eternal, and if eternal principles are immutable in their action, we have no right to say that the union of the sexes in the spirit-spheres may not produce spirit-offspring corresponding to the parent type. We may, of course, be allowed to speculate upon the mode of manifestation; the differences existing in the different kingdoms which we can analyze here will justify such speculations, but this cannot in the least militate against the argument, that in the spirit-spheres as elsewhere, procreation is the legitimate result of or consequent upon a perfect union of the sexes; and, as it is a law that everywhere attaches to this element of life, that however high or low may be the *form* of existence, every type procreates or reproduces its own likeness, therefore, we justly infer, that if these principles opperate at all in the spirit-spheres they must of necessity produce from spirit-parentage, spirit-offspring.

Strong and bitter are the predudices we have to encounter in opening this subject. Man will start back with horror, accusing us of blasphemous trifling and profanity; but this is the result of absence of a close, analytical habit of thought. To the logical mind this is but an inevitable conclusion, drawn from indisputable witnesses, based, step by step, upon a sound *material* philosophy. The material existence of spirits having been demonstrated to the satisfaction of thousands of earth-clad witnesses, we may safely say that we have proceeded thus far upon a strictly material basis. Here we must leave those who can reason from *external* data only, inviting those who have grown to an acceptance

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of the intuitive — so far as we not only do no violence to *known* facts but present nothing which cannot be made to harmonize with all that has been given through the external,— to proceed still farther; asking no creedence for what way be given on the grounds of infallibility; simply appealing to the interior consciousness of each and all; wishing all to listen closely, to criticise rationally and logically; accepting that alone which comes out brilliantly cleansed by such an ordeal.

Having traced the Principle which we denominate *sex*, across that "dark stream" which divides the Human from the Spiritual mode of existence, and established its identity, or, at least, its probable existence in spirit-life, let us examine some of the consequences and relations of such an existence. There is no lone spirit throughout the universe of created intelligences; every spirit has somewhere in the universe a counterpart, to which it must sooner or later be united; a corresponding fractional existence, which, when conjoined with itself, constitutes that dual unit which is essential to reproduction: this coalescence being effected with the certainty of affinitive magnetism, whenever such spirits, by a progressive unfoldment, shall have gained sufficient control over the material elements to be susceptible to the real affinities of their existence: such a union is recognized by spirits as the true, natural, and eternal marriage.

Thus far the Intuitive will easily accept our teachings, because these things have been so often repeated as to have become a part of their faith and philosophy; but many truths which must be revealed and which even follow legitimately from what has been already received, will be rejected and warred against, simply, because they are new. The questions naturally arise; how came this perfect adaptation to exist for all? What have we for a basis upon which to rest a faith that such a Marriage is to bless all the storm-tossed spirits of earth? Can there be no failure? Where is our assurance? Can we not get a glimpse of the law through which this is attained? The answer is, yes; if

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you will listen to the teachings of intuition, you may receive an answer like the following.

As heaven is not, as was in times past supposed, a place of quiet sameness, but a condition of harmonious activity, so neither are spirit-marriages negative, fruitless unions; their fruits being real entities, and not cloudy nothings; these fruits are produced in pairs, twain-born, one of each sex, perfectly adapted to each other: these fruits being the ripened or matured seed of that mysterious flower the Human Spirit, whose material growth or root was in the human soil, must also take root in the same soil, ere they can, in turn, attain to the unfolding of the parent stem; and the twain being separated while taking on this external growth, they are unconscious of their existing affinities until each bursts into bloom, and thus stands self-revealed in the unerring geniality of nature. As the interior meaning of these revelations burst upon the undisciplined mind, and the leading ideas first disclose themselves — viz., that the children of spirits, born in the spirit-spheres, are *afterwards born* of *human* parents, the objector exclaims, "this is doing violence to our philosophies; this is retrogression instead of progression, and hence contrary to all we see of nature's movements." We answer, nay, not so; this is a hasty verdict, which will be reversed by yourselves upon mature, deliberate thought: it arises from the narrow view you take of human life, its beginnings, its purposes and its ultimates. We will show you by a simple illustration that this is not only *not opposed* to the visible operations of nature, but that it is perfectly in harmony with those with which we are most familiar. Plant a kernel of corn in the earth; when it begins to germinate, while yet it is beneath the mould, watch its progress hour by hour; it throws out its tiny rootlets into the surrounding soil; and, after these are firmly established in the earth, it throws up feelers for the *higher life*, and soon a beautiful green stem arises from the earth-sphere, which grows, buds and blooms in a higher sphere, the atmosphere; and, while in bloom, the male

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and female principles which reside in separate parts of the same plant are united or *married*, and the result is a re-production of the shining kernel, a perfect likeness of the parent kernel,—which new kernel we must *give back to the earth*, the same as we did the first, to insure its germination, its growth, its flowers and its fruits; it was born as an individual kernel in a higher condition, the atmospheric life, and must return to its lower condition, the earth life, from whence its parent germinated. Do we infer from this that the raising of corn is a retrograding process?

Now let us apply the growth of the corn to our subject, and see if we do not find some analogy. Instead of the shining kernel of corn, let us suppose that shining germinal, the Human Spirit, planted in its proper earth-conditions. It first exhibits such qualities as are necessary to mingle with its earth-relations, its roots; when these are sufficiently established to afford a future support, then it also, like the corn, throws up feelers for the higher life, in aspiration for immortality; and, in due time it bursts from its clods and springs into life in the spirit-spheres, where it unfolds, blooms, marries and matures its fruits; and now that fruit must be placed in the soil from whence its parents had their root as unfolding individuals. Is it not in perfect harmony with the corn-growth? Is this retrogression? Nay; it is but one of Nature's great circles, helping to form the one great spiral whole which links us all to God, and makes us part of Him.

To those minds who have followed us closely, it will seem rational that we speak more at length of Parentage. The principles which we have been elaborating present two distinct orders of parentage; first, the *real* or spiritual, and second, the *apparent* or human: the two being entirely distinct from and independent of each other. The offspring of the spiritual union being the etherialized or concentrated *essence* of the blended parent-spirits, while the second parentage is but to furnish materials suited for the dressing or encasing of the former being, hence of only secondary importance to the first; which brings us, naturally, to

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the consideration of earth-marriage in distinction from spirit-marriage.

We have said that a reunion of those spirits which are twain-born, after having passed separately through the process of humanization, is recognized by spirits as an eternal, spiritual marriage; that this union inevitably awaits every son and daughter of creation, and over this, human follies can exercise no control, except to retard its consummation, by hindering the natural development of the spirit, depending, as it does, upon growth; even as the blooming of the plant may be retarded by adverse winds. But, aside from this, there is a true earth-marriage; true, because it has its legitimate purposes. This also is regulated by laws as eternal as the first, but its legitimacies are all of earth. Earth-marriage may be entirely distinct from spirit-marriage, involving other parties, or it may exist between the same parties and be blended with the other; but not necessarily either, for they are each distinct from the other in nature and function.

When the intuitively enlightened man surveys the married world by the light which is his, and sees the discordant elements which there meet and try to mingle in harmony; when he sees also and knows that it is impossible for such elements *ever* to unite harmoniously, he is forced to exclaim in bitterness, *all is wrong;* and in seeking for the remedy his mind reverts to that sweet, that beautiful, that harmonious and that eternal partnership which has been revealed as spirit-marriage; but the distance between the apparently chaotic confusion of the present, and that happy condition is too great, and he wearies with the thought that this must be the remedy for present miseries. He sees, at once, that if spirit-marriage is the only remedy, there can be no hope for earth for many generations to come;— first, because the spiritual nature of man can, as yet, in few instances pierce the pall of material grossness with sufficient distinctness to appreciate clearly its true affinities; and, second, in many cases these true spiritual partners are inhabitants of different spheres, so that each must remain unmarried, or be uncongenially united.

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While thus musing, he feels that even God's laws must be imperfect, requiring impossibilities as conditions of harmony. The people must understand sufficiently of the spiritual conditions to *know* that every human being has an existence there *first;* that each has a *real parentage* there, and then a *temporary parentage* in the human sphere, distinct from the first, whose necessities are no less imperative than the first; and when they know this, they will be able to find in these earth or human necessities a basis for a marriage not incompatible with spirit-marriage, although it should chance to be distinct from it and embrace different parties. But here again the advanced and intuitive mind of man sickens with the thought that, even admitting this order of unions to be harmonious, they can be effected only by *great advance* in *knowledge*. The work is indeed great, but all impossibilities being removed by placing all the elements necessary to its consummation within the human sphere, nothing is needed but the light of truth to work out the problem of conjugal harmony and happiness.

There is one other practical point in spiritual philosophy which, though not directly connected with what we have been giving, is, nevertheless, of interest to you, and cannot be as well given in any other connection, depending as it does upon what has here been given of spiritual births, to place it truly before the mind. It has been asked by investigators why, in communities where all the individuals mingle and associate freely with each other in all intellectual pursuits, enjoying essentially the same advantages, and intermarrying with each other; there should be such a marked difference in the development of individuals; why a few are developed so much more rapidly than others, or at least, live so much in advance of the masses,— as has often been expressed "living two or three thousand years before the age." To these inquiries we answer that there *is* a cause which you cannot understand until the theory of a *prior birth* is accepted; for progress is a universal law of nature which is ever active in all departments of life; therefore, *time* assumes importance in computing progress.

In any form of matter, that portion which has existed in any given form the *longest time,* must be in advance of all that has

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existed for a *less time* in the *same form.* This law being active in man as upon everything else, each succeeding generation as a whole must be a progress upon that which preceded it; and not only is this true of man's *human* stage of existence, but also of his spiritual; and hence those germinal spirits which are born from these human generations, maintain, necessarily, the same relations, each generation of germinal spirits being in advance of the germinal condition of the generation which preceded it. Therefore, it must be clear to you, that upon those planets that have been inhabited longer than the earth, not only are the inhabitants more advanced during their human stage than those of earth, but the spirits also must be more progressed than the spirits of earth; and hence, also, the germinals which are born in the spirit-spheres of those planets maintain the same advanced relationship with those from the spirit-spheres of earth.

Now for the direct solution to our question,— why are some individuals of earth thousands of years in advance of the masses? The more progressed germinal spirits from older planets are often sent to earth as missionaries to receive their human experience here; and in spite of their unfavorable surroundings often manifest the natural superiority of their spiritual natures in a very marked degree. They are drawn here by attractions which need not now be dwelt upon, as we only wish to convey to your mind the idea that the great and wise men among you, those who astonish all their contemporaries by the grand operations of their minds, have their spiritual oregin with a race more advanced in material development than those of a more common capacity here; and their superiority instead of being mysterious or an effect of any special manifestation of Divine interposition, is simply a priority of development, controlled by the universal laws of nature. They are superior, just as the full-blown rose is superior to the less mature buds on the same stem.

Let all work on patiently then, unenvying the great, nor feeling that the great are the especial favorites if heaven, but that they are our older brothers who have come to teach us how to rise more rapidly to their plane of consciousness.

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.

(III.)

In the preceding article of this series, we touched lightly and briefly on the idea of God, the formless, the all-intelligent, the all-knowing; as the fountain from which all intelligence and all knowledge is derived. For further elaboration of this subject, see the first lecture in *The Seven Creative Principles*, the article entitled "Knowing God" in volume xiii of *The Esoteric*, numbers 2 and 3, and the article entitled "The Purpose in the Creation of the World" in the first volume of this journal, numbers 10 and 11.

The beloved disciple John, who was beloved of Jesus because of his purity of life and holiness of character, expressed a deeper and fuller spiritual knowledge than any of the other disciples: in his gospel he says: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Here is an unexplained declaration, and one that can only be known when experienced, and to experience it there are many steps leading from where man now is, to where that knowledge of God and of the divine sonship becomes absolute knowledge to him. We know this is possible from experience, and many others know it the same way; and if you follow the way we have indicated in these instructions, you will reach a point in your development, where you will be ready to separate yourself from every worldly interest, love, sympathy and desire; and thus you will separate even the currents of your life from the spiritus mundi, and

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reach out into the cause world, unto the everlasting Father, and draw from his immortal substance, until that substance becomes the consciousness within you; and when it does, then you will know, not only that God is spirit, the formless that filleth all things, but you will be brought into touch, yes, into actual seeing, into actual conversation with and feeling of, the presence and power of His son. We say His son, because, notwithstanding there are millions of souls that have reached the state of divine sonship, yet, these souls, being in God and living from his substance, are one; not that they are all alike, but, similar to man on earth; each having his peculiar sphere of use and calling. Jesus had a deep meaning when he gave the parable of the talents; the one who received five talents and gained five more was made ruler over many things; likewise, the one who was given two and gained two more. Herein Jesus referred to the order of the heavens, and you will see in the articles above referred to, that on all worlds there are souls who have finished their work, have reached conscious unity with God, and have become immortal entities, and as such occupy place and form. Not only do they occupy place and form, but they have dominion over certain realms, and you may, by proper life and thought, become personally acquainted with these souls, spoken of by the apostle, as, the souls of just men made perfect in the heavens.

In the order of the universe to which we have frequently referred in our former writings, there is a body of souls perfected in and removed from all worlds of our solar system, who occupy, as it were, the center of it, and who are, in reality, the God of our Solar System; for, notwithstanding the body has members, yet each has an individuality of its own, yet, in perfect harmony with the whole body. These are undoubtedly the ones referred to in Genesis i. 26, where it is stated "Let *us* make man in our image." This plural expression has

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puzzled many who believe in God as a great man seated somewhere in the heavens; as the Aryan catechism states; someone who is independent of all others and beyond all others. But when you have lived the life and practiced the teachings, that are embodied in these instructions, up to the point where you are made partakers of still higher knowledges and methods, then you will know these things absolutely. Some may ask, is not Jesus Christ the God of our solar system? If he is at the head, he is only one of many members; therefore, he that created the world and is controlling and guiding its unfoldment and development, and leading the people on toward the ultimate purpose that was in his mind when he created it, is none other than the souls of just men made perfect; but all they do is done by and through the oneness of their spiritual existence with the All Spirit, the God of the universe.

The Hebrew scriptures have greatly puzzled the minds of many, because God is often spoken of therein as if he were a man. For instance, see Genesis xi. 5, and xxvi. 2; also Numbers xii. 4 and 5, and many others. The Lord's appearance, in the above quotation, to the old patriarchs and prophets as a man talking to his friends, has led the masses to think of God as a man; but while we believe and know that the God of the solar system is indeed the body of the souls of just men made perfect, who have dominion over the solar system, yet, the idea of God in the churches is below the standard of the existence of these souls, and no man ever has or ever will be able to imagine the greatness, grandeur, glory, power and wonderful wisdom of the members of this body that forms the God of our solar system. Therefore, the words of John, previously quoted, are absolutely correct, for no man can know the true God until he has lived the life requisite to prepare the mind and soul consciousness for that knowledge; and that which

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prepares the soul for that knowledge, prepares both the soul and body of the individual, and fills it with immortal life, for God is eternal; therefore, if man becomes filled with the spirit of God he also becomes immortal.

The church, while believing that Jesus Christ is God, judge of him by themselves, and they think that by prayer and supplication they may change his purpose and cause him to do that which he would not otherwise do. In other words, they have imagined a God like themselves; a capricious creator who is angry when offended by mortals, and pleased when obeyed, worshipped and eulogized. Such conceptions are the conceptions of an infant race and are unworthy of the thought of the mind of mature men and women. You should bear in mind that the laws of God; the laws by which worlds were made and by which we came into existence are inexorable and unchangable. If we keep the law, we live in harmony with it; in other words, we apply the law, for to live in harmony with the law is to apply its powers to methods for accomplishment.

Everything that lives, and this is true especially of man, is a creative center; a center from which thought is formed and radiates as a creative power, and by the application of law and obedience to it, we inspire qualities and put in motion the efficacy of those qualities; therefore, when Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," he simply meant that he was living in perfect accord with the purpose of God in the creation of the world, and living in accord with that purpose, he became the perfect expression of it; because of this, John speaks of him by the Spirit, as the word of God.

In order to be like the Christ, we should, in all our life and thought, seek harmony with the mind and will of God, and, as we have already said, to seek harmony with the mind and will of the Father, we must necessarily have something like a

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proper conception of God: we must also have an understanding of His purpose in the creation of the world, and of ourselves. When these are correctly understood, then we are in a condition of mind to work in harmony with the creative law of the universe, and with the souls of just men made perfect.

By carefully studying these thoughts and reaching out, in your soul's aspiration, with a desire to know the truth, the Spirit of Truth from God will be given to you, and you will thereby obtain a correct understanding of these important and most vital principles.

No person can reach unity with God without applying the law, and living in harmony with it, which brings absolute results. Now, do not say, then there is no use in prayer, if all is law and nothing can be changed, for such is not the truth. Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart, the silencing of the external sense life and thought, and a centering of the soul upon God. This attitude of mind is requisite in order to open your consciousness to a realization of spirit; and to silence the senses, hold them in abeyance, while the higher self, desiring to know God, reaches out with all its power to receive of His qualities. Thus, your prayer should have two effects upon you: the first, to change the condition of your mind and to place you in a condition of receptivity; and the second, which is by virtue of the first, is the inflowing of the Holy Spirit: hence, prayer is the act of inspiring the Holy Spirit, which, when drawn in, acts upon the sensorium of the soul, and the soul upon the body and mentality, which brings to your consciousness revelations of knowledge and truth. This condition is absolutely essential to all who desire unity with God. If you can thus pray continually, holding the inner consciousness always open toward the Spirit, as if listening from within to the voice of the Spirit, then there will come into you that which Jesus called the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who, he said, will lead

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you into all truth and show you things to come. Without this Spirit to illuminate your mind and elevate your consciousness, words of instruction will frequently be misleading, from the fact that we always understand according to our mental state at the time. It is precisely the same thing as we have referred to in our previous writings, when we called attention to a dozen persons witnessing a scene; who afterwards, being called up in court to state what they say and heard, gave contradictory testimony, although we will grant that they were perfectly honest in making their statements. It is because of this diversity of understanding and perception that our courts have been forced to be exceedingly lenient in the laws punishing perjury. There is a certain class of people, especially those belonging to the sign Libra, and in fact all persons who are governed by the external mentality, who want to be told exactly what to do and how to do it, and then they will make the effort to follow the instructions verbatim et literatim; but such persons always fail and get into much confusion, and lose their way. No teacher can guide anyone through the physical intellect into the path that leads to immortality. An angel from heaven possessed with great wisdom and knowledge could not by words alone guide any soul to the realm of immortality; but words may guide you, who have begun to awaken to a consciousness of being a separate existence, to turn your attention toward the Spirit and to unite your love, sympathy and desire with the Spirit, and thereby receive a knowledge of the truth.

During the past life of the church, there has been one great vital factor, and that is the spirit derived through devotion. A true Christian, in times past, was one who had a consciousness of the Spirit, at least, occasionally, and such were taught to lead an upright life. Of course, great knowledge of truth was seldom obtained, because the time was not ripe for the

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harvest of the immortal souls, but the vital principle of Spirit was with them. Now, we must have that vital spirit with us, and in the above thought we have attempted to lead the minds of those who have a degree of spirituality into the path where they may obtain the Spirit of Truth; for the time has come, and the people are here who may know the truth.

We ask you who are following these instructions to ponder over them well; search within your inmost soul for that which will reveal to you, make you understand, the truth; in its method and application.

God willing, in our next number we will call your attention in brief to the *purpose of God in creation*, and how to identify yourself with that purpose, and thus know Jesus, the anointed, the son of God, and become one with him, possessing the fulness of the divine sonship. *Peace be with you.*

(To be continued)

THE COMING AGE.

Roll back the cloud that the Light may shine,
The light of the Coming Day;
For the world seems ready for the Light Divine,
Which shall scatter night away.

The time for the winning battle has come
When the last enemy, death, shall fall;
And the soul triumphant makes earth its home;
For the Christ Love gathers them all.

No more on earth shall death hold sway,
No more shall the power of darkness reign,
For the love of mankind hath paved the way
To conquer all sin and banish all pain.

Then, let us all rejoice in this age of truth,
That sin and death, have for e'er passed away;
For the aged have become as in the days of their youth,
And all give praises to God night and day.

L. D. Nichols.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT.

One summer, Sunday morning as I sat in a large church listening to the services that were being administered by a clergyman, of both pleasing address and appearance, the tones of his voice gradually became fainter and fainter, and his form and all the church and surroundings, kept receding, until at last they passed away entirely, leaving me out on what seemed to be a boundless plain.

The morning seemed to have more of life and exuberance than even the brightest June day. The plain spread away in all directions in great beauty. There were flowers of every color and fragrance, in great profusion, while many towering trees gave habitation to the songsters that filled the air with their music. I walked on and on with my whole soul most keenly alive to all this beauty, fragrance and melody. At last, I was aroused from my glorious communion with nature, by the thought, that although I was in a habitable place, yet I had seen no people. This seemed somewhat strange to me, so casting my eyes around to make a complete analysis of my surroundings, I became aware that there were many peculiar looking buildings scattered quite closely along the way. Many were spacious and of elegant appearance, but each of them had only one entrance, and no sign of any windows. Curious to know the purpose of these structures, I entered the nearest, going into what, to me, seemed like darkness, but as my eyes became used to the dim light, I saw that the building was lighted by a small skylight in the middle of the roof, but this seemed sadly clouded by the dust of ages. The building was crowded with people, and to my great astonishment I beheld

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the same clergyman that so lately faded from my view, so with the idea of hearing the rest of the service, I sat down in a back pew. The minister was preaching and the whole trend of his discourse, the aim and object of all his reasoning, was to prove to his hearers that the only light that existed was that which came through the small dim aperture in the roof, toward which he continually pointed, as he labored with great earnestness to urge his people to look up to this one little opening that admitted the all in all of the light to him. He seemed to be totally unconscious of the great ocean of sunlight outside, and his congregation seemed to be as ignorant of the fact as himself.

Being ill at ease under the cloud that enwrapped this assembly, I at last silently stole away, out into the beautiful sunlight, to ponder on the shortened vision, the obscurity and the ignorance of those people. But not yet satisfied, and being anxious to know if all the rest of the buildings were filled with people in the same state of mind, I entered another, whose outward appearance differed somewhat in detail, but in which I found the same dim light, also coming from a skylight though, in a different part of the roof. Here, the preacher was laboring with the same zeal to convince his congregation that their's was the true light, and the only light in this sin cursed world. How my heart ached for those poor souls who were searching for light, and receiving only that which was so dim and uncertain. There was here and there, one that I felt I could whisper to and tell of the beautiful light outside, and was able to induced a few to come out into the great sea of light that lay like a beautiful halo over everything.

I carried my investigations still farther, hoping to find fewer anxious, distracted souls. In the main it was the same, only the one, small dust, bedimmed window to admit light, and the preacher ever saying, *all is eternal darkness outside our strong fortress;* be satisfied here with the Father's faintest smile, and

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in the distant future, in some far-away place you shall dwell forever in His glorious presence. I went out with eyes that were dim with tears, on account of the hopeless condition of these poor deluded people; but when I came back to my own normal condition and surroundings, I found I had gathered much food for thought and growth in my wanderings. I saw, as never before, how great, how boundless, how free, is the Great Fathers life and love in which we may live and move and have our being. That we may partke of this glorious elixir in unstinted measure; the quantity being limited only by our capacity to hold; and yet how the people are being led away and shut away in these darkened inclosures.

This blessed thought came to me, that, in the coming time the divine law of wisdom and love would disolve all these structures, and all poor, dwarfed, famished souls will stand out in God's great universal sea of light, and will drink deeply from His inexhaustible fountain of love, and be made every whit whole. B. B.

THE EARTHLY AND THE PLANETARY MAN.

Solar Biology not only introduces us to the single cell (man) of the Planetary Man, but also to the different groups comprising that Man.

The dominant white races represent to our mind, the tribes of Israel and can be traced with wonderful accuracy by, not only their traits of national character, but also by the uses to which they serve, thus combining function and use.

Take Libra, which by its mass and strength, and supported by what this world calls civilization, naturally absorbs the tribes and nationalities of past cycles, which is represented by Russia; thus exemplifying the office of Libra in the human

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organism; absorption of the extracts of foodstuffs—preparatory to distributing them throughout the organism.

Take Taurus, (England) the glands of the human body, its colonial system, drawing wealth to its seat, the cerebellum,—the tribe Asher; again, America, the tents of Issachar, Gemini; the expresser of every creed, belief and contention, the battle-ground of opinions; the country of newspapers and rapid political changes. However, thus far the tribes have been guided by the creative forces of purely animal origin, hence, the head imbued with reason is not yet apparent, and each center governs itself, but, as with an individual, so with nations; a time comes when one realizes his spiritual origin, and takes possession of the body through reason, and controls the animal. It is evident that this time is near at hand, and we are certain that when Gad, the Seer, makes his appearance, which will be when that mystic body, called the one hundred and fort-four thousand, comes together, then unquestionably there will be rapid and eventful changes in this world, and anyone who during the last fourteen years has essayed to follow conscientiously the teachings of the Christ, conserving their energy, knows through his own experience what these changes portend.

Now, let us not be deceived; the spirit of animalism will try by all known means to mislead, but he shall not able; behind all his promises stands Death, and we labor for immortality.

With this picture in mind we readily perceive, not only the necessity of such change, from generation to re-generation, but brethren, it is, "the Law." Gen. i.26, first with Gad, the intellect, then gradually controlling the rest of the body and and before our eyes we see the Planetary Man in God's image and His likeness, the heart of the Solar Man.

Capricorn-Aquarius.

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A SOUL'S LONELINESS.

Is there any thoughtful man or woman, who has not from time to time, paused an instant amid life's busy world, to consider the loneliness of life? The two principal events which all experience must be accomplished, more or less, alone. In the first, birth, the individual is assisted to some extent; but the last one, death, must be accomplished alone.

The soul begins its individul existence with its first breath, at first unconsciously, aud afterwards, consciously. Each must have its small achievements and its small failures. The individual, as an individual, is always insignificant; it is only as one of the human family that its life becomes important. The smallness and narrowness of some souls, and the full and comprehensive view of men and things of other souls, is surprising: what makes the difference? It is a question that many people ask, but few if any can find an answer.

The more progressive and ambitious for the accomplishment of good and right living a soul may be, the greater will be its loneliness. Only the progressive and ambitious can really understand what struggle and loneliness are.

Talent and genius, those two qualities of the soul which accomplish most along the lines of the mental or the creative, are the souls which struggle most, and generally speaking, accomplish most. Genius and creative talent are God given gifts, and great is the responsibility of the individual, to humanity, endowed with either. The isolation and loneliness of these souls, as compared with the majority, can scarcely be understood, except by those either blessed or cursed with either genius or talent; blessed or cursed according to the point of view.

There are times in life, however, when every life is lonely; when it comes to suffering; either mental or physical. At no time in a soul's history is loneliness so pronounced and unavoidable as when the last hour comes. At that time each soul

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stands alone in the fullest sense of the word, and fortunate is the man or woman who has bravely and conscientiously struggled through an earthly existence. In such a case there can be no fear; and fear is the element which makes the idea of death so difficult for some to face.

There need be no real loneliness for those who are well endowed with appreciation of beauty; for beauty is everywhere for those who can see it. As some wise man once said, "They are never alone who are accompanied by noble thoughts."

Aimee B. Marsh.

The loneliness mentioned in the above article and which is experienced by the majority of the people, arises from the fact that such persons are in advance of their associates. If we look back to our early life, when we were full of hope and buoyancy, the eyes of our mind were on the world and the people around us, and there was no consciousness then of loneliness, in the higher sense of the word; but in after years, when we began to experience disappointment in the qualities and condition of the people whom we touched, the consciousness of loneliness was approached, and as the soul awakens to higher realms of existence, this loneliness increases. The prophet said of Jesus, the Lord's Christ: "I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with me." Did he not have his disciples; at least the twelve who were with him from the time he began his work until he finished it and left the world? Did he not also have great multitudes of believers? Yet he was alone. There were some living at that time who saw some of the lower characteristics of his great nature, and who attempted to follow him, and did follow him, but afar off; for he could not open his soul to them; as he said to his disciples a short time before he left the world: "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now," that is, he could not meet anyone on earth soul to soul and open up the great fountain of that deep consciousness; but the seed that he sowed is now bringing forth fruit, and many of his children (Isaiah liii. 10) are having similar experiences; but, O! how like maniacs are those children wandering through earth's wilderness. They hear the still, small voice saying; "Come out from among them and be ye separate;" they also hear the voice pointing the way to the place the Spirit has prepared, where kindred souls may gather and work out and perfect that deep, vague consciousness that produces that lonely longing within them.

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While they hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, they here also the howling of the wolves who speak with men's voices, and the wild beasts of prey, of every description, causes them to fear to follow the leadings of the Spirit; and even some of the children, who are half awake, have heard the voice and are beginning to repeat the lessons they heard, but dark spirits and grave old men murmer carefully, do your duty to your family; you have duties to this one and to that and to the world; if you are on a sinking ship, you are a coward to leave it and let your loved ones go down to the bottom. All such utterances are without thought: if you leave the sinking ship, your loved ones, who will not believe your words now, may see the way of deliverance and be saved; but if you sink with them, what profit is there? The Good Shepherd who has come and wandered far out in advance in the wilderness of the world, is calling, calling, calling to each; but at the present time the wolves in sheeps clothing, hear the call and re-echo the words. When he says, here is the place where His children shall gather; they re-echo the words, here is the place where his children shall gather, this is the organization to which they must belong, and many voices repeating the words of the Good Shepherd and varying them to suit their convenience are heard throughout the land, and none will know the truth and come out from the old and be partakers of that divine blessing intended for His children, or at least, be partakers of the first ripe fruit of that blessedness; but, those who close the eyes of their mind to the world, to their self love, desires and sympathies and reach out to God with all their soul, mind and strength, and surrender and consecrate their entire being to God: these will hear and know his voice and will be led out; these only will be saved from the great "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them them that dwell upon the earth." The time has come, for the people have come and the awakening has begun; and the combat between the two forces, generation and regeneration, God the Creator and God the Spirit; but it has begun only in thought and occasionally finds expression in words among the people, but it will soon find full and complete expression in acts. When all earthly hopes have passed away, then the wolves in sheeps clothing will be revealed, for "they shall pass through it hardly bestead and hungry." (Read Isaiah viii, 19 to 22 inclusive.) Then will the lonely souls hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and will gather together and build a new heaven and a new earth, wherein will dwell righteousness. [Ed.

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JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

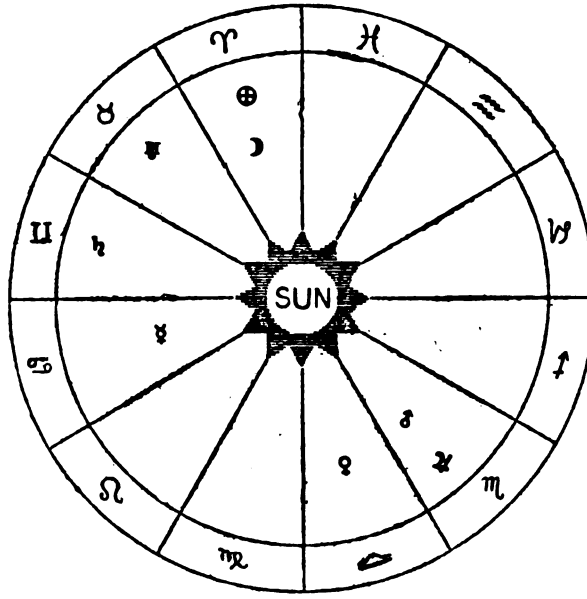
The Nineteenth Century formed that period of time in human history, when the more material elements of thought were giving way to that which was more intellectual, progressive and uplifting. The Piscean waves that had long been undulating were being hushed into calm, and the Aquarius zephyrs were bringing new life and beauty to the waiting world. As the century advanced, noble souls found their places in the various departments of human progress. During the first twenty-five years the birth throes in America alone were noteworthy. We have but to recall such names as Emerson, Lincoln, Longfellow, Whittier, Lowell, Holmes, Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker, and Charles Sumner, to realize what a galaxy of minds came into this transition period, to mould it into that larger comprehension of life and liberty, for which the world was waiting. Into this early formative period came also James Freeman Clarke, born, April 4, 1810.

Earth	(⊕)	in	Zodiacal	Sign	of	Aries	(♈).
Moon	(☽)	"	"	"	"	Aries	(♈).
Uranus	(♅)	"	"	"	"	Taurus	(♉).
Saturn	(♄)	"	"	"	"	Gemini	(♊).
Jupiter	(♃)	"	"	"	"	Scorpio	(♏).
Mars	(♂)	"	"	"	"	Scorpio	(♏).
Venus	(♀)	"	"	"	"	Libra	(♎).
Mercury	(☿)	"	"	"	"	Cancer	(♋).

Elements.		Trinities.	
Fire,	Two.	Intellectual,	Four.
Earth,	One.	Domestic,	One.
Air,	Two.	Creative,	Three.
Water,	Three.	Serving,	None.

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James Freeman Clarke, Nat. April 4, 1810.



Differing by birth in many particulars from any of those already mentioned, but partaking, biologically, of much the same intellectual trend as William Ellery Channing, born thirty years previous (April 7, 1780) he was to stand forth in his uniqueness as a leader of the people along ecclesiastical lines of thought and feeling.

May we trace this natural leadership and development to the influence of the planetary forces as God's agents unto great ends? We so affirm.

A glance at the Zodiacal Circle discovers that both the earth and Moon were at his birth in Aries. This duality of endowment at the head of the Intellectual Trinity, enabled him to possess an unusual centralization of brain power, capable of thinking in an independent way, much as though he stood upon a mountain peak rising above all other peaks around it.

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He was self-centered, self-reliant, investigative, questioning and yet reverent. This position of moon and earth blended orderliness of mental procedure with positiveness of assertion. To him there was an intellectual sacredness in all he saw in nature or humanity. In this he had an ally through the position of Uranus in Taurus, as that planet's mission is to act metaphysically, and here his lower brain of sensation was made psychometric, and thus the occult in its finer unfoldings became an important part of his being.

Saturn in Gemini created an intense longing for knowledge, coupled with a strong desire to utilize it for the world. Besides, it became the expresser of his Intellectual Trinity and and so easily led him into oratory.

Both Jupiter and Mars in Scorpio created much bodily vitality, with rich ideality, strong will power, and great psychic forcefulness, so that when combined with Uranus in Taurus (opposite) his whole being could almost transfer itself to the regions where, in thought, he penetrated. To a considerable extent it permeated his whole life giving him in a large degree, what the Ancients called, the Wisdom principle.

But Venus also had a large mission with him. Being in Libra — the very seat of the intuitions — it balanced his dual intellectuality with an interior and ideal fineness, that enabled him to reach conclusions, simply and clearly, even with the most difficult problems. It furnished the autumn air for the ripening processes of his brain, so that his intellectual expressions became like "the full corn in the ear," complete. His "Ten Great Religions" bear ample witness to this, while his "Life and Times of Jesus," in the form of a story, gives a fascinating history of the Master, simply told.

Mercury in Cancer supplied him with superior lung power, and through Mercury's effect upon his home life the parental love was firmly established. Home became to him a sanctuary

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where the inpouring of the Holy Spirit was delightful unto his soul. In Cancer, the head of the Watery, Emotional, Triplicity, his intellectual, as well as the domestic and psychometric qualities of his mind were touched by the Messenger of the Gods in a soft and subtle way, which enlarged and enriched him.

Thus endowed he looked out upon God's great family as bound indissolubly, and he would do something to unite and uplift them. Most naturally no creed could bind him. The simple thought that we are the disciples of the "Master of all lands and all ages" and that as each planet turns to the sun obediently and willingly, so would we turn, if untrammeled, to light and life. Hence, the formation of "The Church of the Disciples" in 1842,—without a creed and with every pew free. But he did not reach this result until he had passed through five years of preaching,—preparation.

He was of the tribe of Gad(armed—prepared) and the sign of the Ram. He must lead the flock. Without endowment in the Serving Trinity (see circle) he was negative therein, and so was not in any sense, a follower of other men. He must lead as Christ's spirit directed. And here it may be noted that not only was he born at the head of the Intellectual Trinity, but also at the head of the Fiery Triplicity. In a true sense he was of the white flame which the triad of Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, constitutes. It burns the way for better time to come. It destroys the obstacles of human progress. It foreshadows the newer and more enlightened days when, following the flame of destruction, *the white light of truth can be appreciated and appropriated.* The Church of the Disciples, during the forty-six years he was its pastor, constantly proclaimed the truth in its Christly simplicity. The calm trust and heroic faith of its founder not only taught his hearers how to live, but has *infused into them a benediction that still lives.* His pen also was a very busy one.

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Over these years he proclaimed what religion was and is in nearly all parts of the world. Being of the tribe of Gad, he had an inherent faith that his righteous aspirations and consequent actions should "overcome at the last."

The writer vividly recalls how, when he was summoned into a higher tribunal of spiritual life, his younger brother Edward Everett Hale (also Aries born) said of him: "We know not how to spare him for *he had become our Metropolitan.*"

Born on Wednesday, Mr. Clarke belonged to that class of workmen who *finish* the foundation stones for the Temple. While others had hewn them out of the rock and squared them into proper shape, he put the final strokes upon them, and handed them over to be put into place so that the Temple could safely be built thereupon. The violet shades were soulfully assimilative to him, indicating those finer vibrations which are undefinable.

So did this Aries born son of the heavens become a man among men, demonstrating the value of his birthright proclivities, magnifying his gifts as a leader, ever growing into the hearts of all who knew him, while his own spirit sounded its farewell of faith and love on its seventy-eighth birth-day:—

"Not the vast laws to whose control are given
The blades of grass just springing from the sod,
And stars within the unsounding depth of heaven
Can touch the Spirit hid with Christ in God.
For naught that he has made, below, above,
Can part us from his love."

Libra.

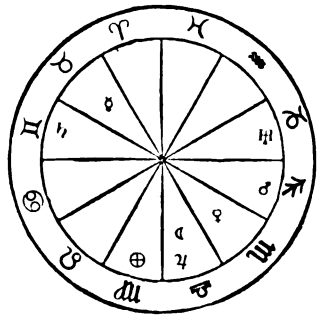
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand thta the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

B. P. Sept 18, 1868. 9.30 a. m. London, England.

Trinities.		Triplicity.	
Intellectual,	2.	Airy.	3.
Maternal,	1.	Watery,	2.
Reproductive,	5.	Fiery,	1.
Serving,	1.	Earthy,	3.



RISING SIGN—♏.

You are a woman governed by your intuitions and impressions. The earth in Virgo, moon in Libra and Scorpio rising, turns your whole mentality into the intuitional. While you have great ideals of knowledge and education, yet the ordinary way of getting an education has always been too slow for you; you lose interest as soon as you begin to study. This is very unfortunate for you, because the position of Saturn in Gemini qualifies you as a writer; this is intensified by Jupiter in Libra. We would advise by all means that you give your time and thought to acquiring knowledge. Mercury in Taurus would aid you in doing this; it also gives you power to control the sex nature. Venus in your body sign gives you a strong love nature and an active passion nature. Uranus is in the mystic sign Capricorn, therefore, your studies should be of the laws and principles governing the cause of things. Mars being in the priestly sign Sagittarius may be caused to make you a fine mechanic and artistic in all you do, or it may aid in the intellect, and be the source of your inspiring knowledge of a practical, useful character. You should make the gathering of knowledge for practical purposes the predominant feature of your life. Take as your motto, "Use determines all qualities, whether good or evil;" follow the spirit of usefulness; search for knowledge; control the life currents of your body and turn them toward the object of your quest, and there will be a great and beautiful future open before you; but if you follow in the currents of human thoughts and emotions, you will accomplish very little, and your health as well as your worldly prospects will be very unfavorable.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

EUREKA, CAL.,

H. E. BUTLER, APPLEGATE, CAL.,

Dear Sir:—About two years ago, your booklet *Practical Methods*, fell into my hands; I purchased it from a lady friend, and last winter I read it. This little book gives me more courage and hope than any other work, large or small, that I have yet read. When I read it last winter, I made up my mind then and there, that I would put the fasting method to the test. It was not possible for me to do so last winter, unless I fasted while working, which would not be wise, since the world has so many queer ideas and notions, one does not like to run the risk of being pronounced insane, so I put off my fast until this next winter. In about two months from now, I want to go back into the hills into a cabin all to myself, and there and then I shall make a desperate effort to fast for a period of two weeks. In undertaking a thing of this kind I need especial encouragement, after I have passed through the trying ordeal and have fully regained strength, and shall have reached the point where I can feel the benefits that I know must come from it, I shall do all that I reasonably can to get a copy of this little book into the hands of every intelligent man and woman. Assure me, as I know you can, that no injury to the stomach or other bodily organs, can come from fasting for a period of two weeks or fifteen days? It is natural for one who has made it a rule to eat three meals a day for forty years, and to take special pains to put in a good supply, to waver and doubt a little, especially when he begins to get a little hungry. But I did manage to fast sixty hours once, and would have fasted several days at that time, but feared that some injury might result to the stomach. Assure me on this point.

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I enclose stamp for reply, and shall feel grateful to you for information and encouragement in this matter. Hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly, F. R.

Ans:—While the above letter demands private attention, yet, as its thought is one of general interest and the answer will propably be of practical value to many, we publish it. We realize that many need encouragement in the effort toward fasting. It should be remembered that fasting means two things: first in importance to the individual is the taking control of the body by a firm, unwavering mind, and in order to insure success without injury to the body in any form, it is necessary for all to realize that they are not a physical body, but that the physical body is theirs and that they themselves are mind, and thus immortal. If we can realize that we are mind, the immortal part that cannot be sick and cannot die, then we may take hold of the body as we would of an animal and cause it to obey our will. No possible injury can come to an individual unless through fear of injuring themselves by auto-suggestion, which sometimes happens; therefore, every one who decides to put into practice self healing through fasting, should separate the consciousness of the mind, the selfhood, from the physical structure, and realize that they are the master, and that the body is a servant.

VALPARAISO, IND.

HIRAM E. BUTLER, APPLEGATE, CAL.

Dear Editor and Friend:— . . . I met a young man last summer who is a Catholic. I asked him to send for *Practical Methods to Insure Success* and this is what he wrote me.

"I have every reason to feel grateful to you for the salutory influence you have exerted, or rather exercised over me. Your soul to soul talk awakened thoughts and resolutions which found vent in actions that brought sunlight and strength unto myself. I feel inadequate to the task of thanking you, but in your maternal love for your own son, you can add the satisfaction of knowing that you have filled a mother's place to another boy, who will always have a warm corner in his heart

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for the woman whose disinterested kindness awakened him to the true responsibilities of life. I have recommended several to read the little book published at Applegate, so you see your good influence is bearing abundant fruit." These words were much to me, as I hope they may be to you.

I received such a blessing when I read "New Practical Methods," ("A word to Women"):—although conditions have not been, or seemed to be, favorable for my advancement, yet, I have made great progress.

Twelve years ago the revelation came. When I was ready, your Esoteric Volumes I and II come to me; step by step I am learning. I always believe and understand more than I *do*, and then I thank God afterward that when I would not do willingly and submissively, the Great Heart of Love compelled me to act. You have answered so many of my questions, that sometimes I have thought a letter of this kind altogether unnecessary. While I am calling the unseen is answering me.

Believe me always a devoted friend of the Journal and a personal and loving friend of the editor.

Yours sincerely, E. M. B.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

My Dear Brothers:—I thank you very much for the interest you have shown to me and mine, and I only hope you may never be disappointed in me, for I intend to try and reach the goal, if God so wills it. I hope I may ever continue thinking as I do now, and my wife the same; for when one thinks, its only a short stay on this earth and forever in the next, we all ought to try and make the best of our lives we can in this world, and try and help others.

You are doing a great work, and it will be the means of many reaching the high goal, for were is not for your work, we would still be in ignorance of the true way. But many say,—Oh, I take the Bible for my guide. I tell them they are not

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in a condition to understand the Bible, until they get their bodies in harmony with nature. Some are willing to listen, some are not.

What about Genesis xvii; 10 to 15, do you think it should be kept by us as it is by the Jews? Kindly let me know. Who where the people Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were at war with, as stated in Genesis, the Kings, etc? Were they from Adam's race or those before Adam's time? They seem to have been ungodly people, and the Lord God had no mercy on them, as He caused them to be destroyed. What do you think of His inclination to show mercy to the people of Sodom; for He said if ten righteous were in the city He would not destroy it; Genesis xviii, 32.

I have thought of this a great deal and would like to have your opinion concerning it.

Yours in Faith, Dr. G. L. H.

Ans:—You ask if the covenant spoken of in Genesis xvii. 10 to 14, should be kept. Most emphatically yes, it should. It would be well if it were, and we believe the time is coming when it will be kept the same as Israel kept it, by the physical cutting of the foreskin, it would obviate much disease among children and even grown people; but the real signification of circumcision, being a sign of the covenant, is the cutting off of generation, ceasing from the generative act when the time arrives for God's covenant to be established. The covenant means, the regeneration.

As to the people with whom Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were at war and whom they were commanded to destroy,—they were, undoubtedly, the pre-Adamic race, for we are satisfied that Adam, so called, was the first of a covenant race, or, as it was said, God took the highest branch and planted, watered and cared for it; carrying the idea that God dealt with the human race with the same wisdom that a farmer deals with his stock; he uses means by which the best stock may be raised, and the poorest and weakest may be disposed of. The Canaanites were an older and therefore a lower race, and had necessarily to give place to a younger and higher one. It is only the expression found in nature named by the scientist the survival of the

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fittest. As evolution is undoubtedly the law by which God carries on the work of developing the human family, it follows, that in order to have a correct understanding of the Scriptures we must recognize this fact.

BRISTOW, I. T.

Mr. H. E. BUTLER.

Sir and Brother:—The writer of this has followed theoretically your teachings about sixteen years and practically about eight. By the nativity at the end of the letter you can see the difficulties which I encountered in overcoming the flesh, but I have done it. From personal experience I know that Solar Biology is the key which unlocks the mysteries of the universe, and to this earth it is the stepping stone to another, and the only true way of living. To-day I live in the Planetary Man; my consciousness or the Me can traverse the Man of this earth and see the state of his development as easily as I can that of my own organism, (which is but a cell of the planetary Man.) The sins of him are mine, his greatness is mine, through my way of living (conservation of energy) redemption cometh to him, through my errors his growth is retarded, that which lived in me in the past I see in others; that to which I aspire I receive from those who went before me; distance and time to me is no more,—it is a delusion; the present world, I mean the condition under which the different aggregate cells of the Planetary Man live, is a dream of the past, and not only am I conscious here on this planet, but I traverse the Solar System, and could tell what I see in other planets, but, dear brothers, Gods live in silence, and your answer in your last magazine, to R. J. Thompson, covers the ground: how could one speak, to those who live from earthly aspirations, about the limitless, the formless, the shining, the all pervading, endless, Eternal One.

The delusion of the senses is the veil which hides the real from man. The victory over self, brings victory over time and

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space, and brings not only to memory but to actual knowledge, the main past lives one lived, and the realization of the glorious future which is in store for the Planetary Man as a member of the Solar Man.

It is easy to see that in the Planetary Man there are cells (individuals) who, through development, are recipients of spiritual truths necessary for the guidance of that man, and this all unconscious to him, just as in the single cell or individual, the brain is the seat of reason and guidance; also there are in the Planetary Man cells which mould his destiny and as the destiny is expressed in Genesis i. 26, it follows that in time to come the perfection of the single cell will be the inheritance of the rest. Sometime ago I questioned the Spirit, and the answer came to me in the following vision: A square table came before me, by it sat four individuals one on each side; a cloud was covering the faces of three but the fourth was looking at me and it was you; of course you are Leo, why could I not look at the rest, Scorpio, Taurus and Aquarius? I was once looking at your nativity, of course you are a Saturn man—Saturn is opposed to generation, those who live there are shining ones,—at least so I have seen them,—Saturn being in Cancer controls your body and imparts the love of science to Leo, whose nature finds expression in Sagittarius, the priestly sign, and that of Gemini expression through Jupiter adding to it the beautiful congeniality existing on Venus through Virgo. Mars in the intellectual Gemini is another help to express scholastically the new life, and lastly, Mercury is carried to the heart to strengthen its regenerate emotions.

Capricorn–Aquarius.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Gentlemen:—Your most kind letter of August last *deserved* a response—though in a business sense none was required. Had not my attention been claimed by a host of details, I should have written you.

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I became interested in Mr. Butler's *Solar Biology* and bought a copy about twelve years ago, and have always been interested in his valued works. I was glad to receive the little book, which is a significant and potent teacher. It is doing immense good, and spreading a truth whose recognition is the savior of the world. You are doing an important work, whose depth and strength of purpose and actual accomplishment I have felt specially the last year in the pages of your monthly. Thank you *sincerely* for your kind words regarding myself: I appreciate them heartily, Yours faithfully, C. T. P.

Managing Editor, *Boston Ideas.*

FRESNO, CAL.

Mr. H. E. Butler,

Dear Friend and Brother:—I cannot find language to convey the depth of my appreciation of the grand lessons contained in your "New Practical Methods," which have decorated and illumined the pages of the Journal for a time. I hope you will continue on those lines, and keep the soul stirred up and ablaze with such helpful divine utterances, until every shadow of the animal nature has departed and the kingdom of God established on earth. Oh, how I long for the time when the prince of darkness will be entirely overthrown, and from the shadows of material environments the struggling spirit (the divine spark of the Infinite) having reached forth from the last cloud of depressing involution, can step out upon the bright sunshine of spirituality. Evolved from the chasm of gross matter into the holy atmosphere of divine Love and consciousness of the Christ principle within. But, alas, the distance seems so great and the obstacles so many.

All that I can do is to plod along onward and upward the rugged mountain side, until the fulfillment of time, when, I may reach the summit.

Please answer and oblige one of your ardent students,

J. F. G.

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MADRAS, INDIA.

Mr. H. E. BUTLER.

Dear Sir:—Your kind letters came duly to hand. . . . Your Biological Journal is a veritable mine of useful information. You are perfectly right in your statement that we are nearer to each other than many of our city neighbors; it shows your kind spirit, and the broad God-like views you have. . .

Your Biological Journal and other books are very interesting, and if I occasionally differ from your views and criticise them, it will be with a view to give them greater prominence before the public.

I remain, Yours very sincerely,

B. Suryanarain Row, B. A.,

Editor, *The Astrological Magazine.*

BOOK REVIEWS.

WILDWOOD PHILOSOPHY is the title of a booklet of 113 pages, containing seven essays. While the title is very much against it, as it conveys the impression that the work is merely idealistic, the book really contains deep and important philosophy and teaches important truths. We heartily recommend it to our readers. Address the author, Mr N. M Zimmerman, Vancouver, Wash. Price 50 cents.

NEW THOUGHT is a monthly magazine printed for private circulation among the members of the Psychic Club of America. Such clubs are doing their work, and it is probably a very good one, for anything that brings added knowledge to the world is good. Published by The New Thought Pub. Co., The Auditorium, Chicago, Ill. Subscription $1.00 a year.

We have before us Volume i, and Number 2, of what is called THE SUN WORSHIPER; "Devoted to Oriental and Occidental Philosophy, Sociology, Religion, Science, Cultivation of the Higher Senses and the Development of the Body" While the name of this magazine would repel the Christian World, yet there is some very important thought in it, especially that relating to breathing, vitalizing the body and opening the higher sensibilities. Published by The Sun Worshiper Pub. Co , 1613 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill. Subscription $1.00 per year. Foreign postage $1.25 or 5s.

PHOGNOSTIC ASTRONOMY. "The Scientific basis of the Predictive Art commonly called Astrology: to which is added a Complete Set of Tables with Emendations and New Rules for the use of Students." By Sepharial," author of The

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Manual of Astrology; Lectures on Astrology; Hindu Astrology after Parashara, etc. Published by L. N Fowler, 7, Imperial Arcade, Ludgate Circus, E C., London, England We believe that this book is more advanced than most of the preliminary works on Astrology that are now being published, and it seems to be very condensed and direct. It will be of special value to Astrologers who make their own computations. This book comes through, what might be termed, the center of modern Astrology. There are a few good minds that are hard at work gathering the best material that can be found in order to set before the world a Scientific Astrology. How well they are succeeding, we are not prepared to say, as we have given very little attention to the study of the science.

THE BREATH OF LIFE, edited by the Reverend Greathead, is devoted largely to methods for proper breathing. We touched this line of thought in years past, but have not felt impressed to go deeply into it and make a speciality of it For those who wish to go to the depths of any one idea it becomes necessary that they should apparently carry it to extremes, and in these extremes the balanced mind can find the medium. The Breath of Life is a beautiful journal, and we are pleased to recommend it to our readers. Published monthly by the Breath of Life Pub. Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Subscription $1.00 a year, 10 cents a copy.

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THE INTERPRETER. I have been specially interested in the writings of Reverend George Chainey, the editor of this magazine. In his last issue I find an article wherein he opens up that most important subject of all, the purpose of God in the creation of the world. While he has not gone into it deeply, it shows that he has entered a realm where great and vital truths will be given to him, and we wish him a faithful devout life to the Spirit, which will result in an illuminated brain for the good of the people. This magazine is published at Room 938 Fine Arts Building, Chicago, Ill. Subscription, $1 00 per year, 10 cents per copy.

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We regret to say that we have just been informed of the death of our friend and co-worker, D. N. Holway, who has for a number of years been the manager of The Union Central Life Insurance Co. of Boston, and has been the writer of the delineations of prominent men and women published in the first and second volumes of this Journal. He has for years been interested in the Esoteric teachings and especially in Solar Biology, and was one of the few who are ready to speak what they believe. He did much for the work, both in Boston and New York, and now has gone from labor to reward; we shall therefore discontinue the delineations of prominent men and women, but shall continue the short delineations, at least, until the close of this volume, when we shall probably cease publishing delineations altogether.

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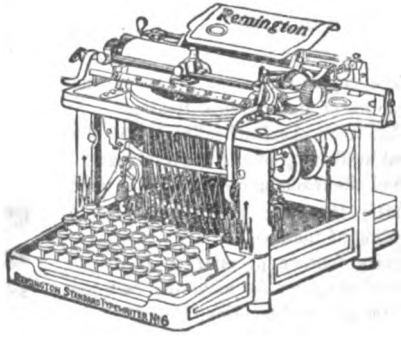
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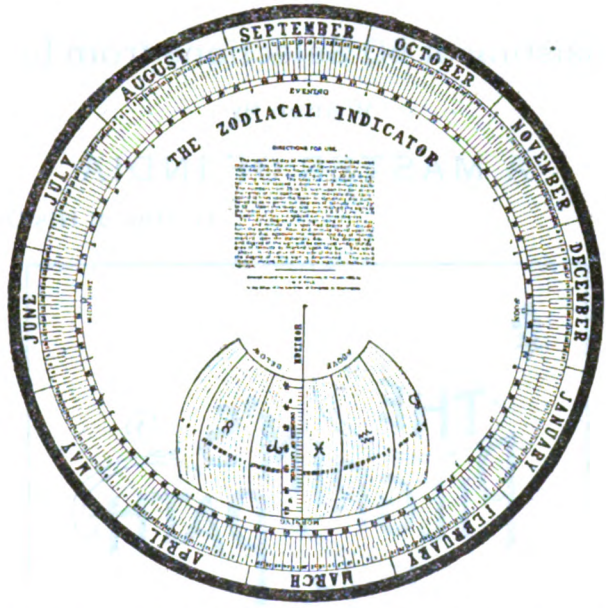
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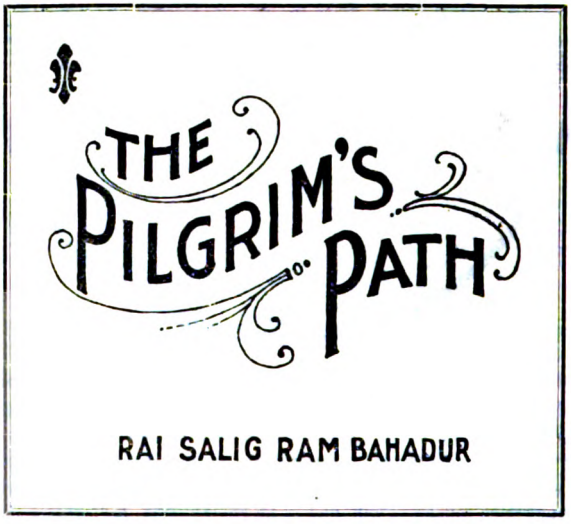
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These are the ones who have the greatest number of followers and get the money: for money is the God of this world, and the worshippers of that god, money power exclaim in ecstasy they have the truth, for do you not see that everything they do prospers? The world is now ripe for the fulfilment of the words of God by his angel to John, when he said: "All the world wondered after the beast;" that is, wondered, admired and followed after; but God in his great wisdom causes, as He said, even the wrath of man to praise Him; He causes even the selfishness, greed and self-gratification of these would-be teachers, to teach great and important truths. Some of these teachers are merely expressing what is in them, without any particular care or desire in any direction, except to make the most and best of that which they have.

Independent of any of the previously mentioned classes, and among those who express the greatest amount of real honesty and guilelessness, is T. J. Shelton, the editor of *Christian*. He started out by giving his rea ders to understand that it was money he wanted, and at the same time, he talks just what is in him at the time being. In reading his writings one is impressed with the slang expression "He is talking through his hat;" but, nevertheless he talks just what he has. When he was married, he evidently entered into the senses fully, and taught sense gratification in his paper; and all who have followed him since that time, have seen how naturally he has floated into new conditions brought about by his marriage; but a chemical change is being wrought in him. Whether he was ever begotten from above, begotten of the Holy Spirit, or not, is uncertain, but the last numbers of *Christian* would indicate that he has, for he has been talking about that most important thought, namely, that unless you are begotten from above, you have no life in you; that is, they that are begotten of flesh are flesh, and nothing else, and like the animals they die and perish; and they that

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are born of the spirit are spirit, and will grow and unfold and become like unto, yea, are indeed the sons of God. He evidently dimly sees the regenerate life, for he says; they that beget flesh are of the earth earthy, and cannot see the kingdom of heaven, or words to that effect; and that the regenerate life is of fire and of the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit; but he says of John Hamlin Dewey: "He is a beautiful old man. What's the use! he hasn't saved up enough money from his medical practice and authorship to buy himself a grave. He prays and I swear. Which is the better, God only knows." He also refers to the fact, that while he prayed and was devout, he was poor, but when he gave that up, he got money. Such is the order of the world. Now, if Shelton has really been begotten from above, he finds that every time he swears,—though, so far as the swearing in his paper goes, it is not vicious,—he feels that it hurts something deep down in the interior, but if he does not feel it hurt, it indicates that he has yet to be begotten of the Holy Spirit, to receive divine sonship.

All who desire to be begotten from above, let them be in the New Thought or out of it, must begin with a loving, childlike devotion to their highest ideal of good, right, or God. If you will inquire of your inner self what is the nature and effect of devout love, you will find in the answer, the condition for obtaining the rebirth, the begetting from above. You who do not know anything of love, and cannot answer the question, know nothing of God, for "God is love;" but you who know love in its purest and highest sense, the love that is above the animal sex passion, may and do know something of God, for, as John said: "He that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him." Those who have that pure and high love that permeates the deepest recesses of the soul, cannot, in the slightest degree, profane that love without feeling hurt and wounded in their soul. You who would know the truth, that

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truth which will make you free from the law of sin and death, must know love, and must seek God through love, and when you do, you will realize what is meant by the words of Christ, when he said: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

There is no use in talking about spiritual things to anyone who knows nothing of God; you might as well go out into the fields and talk to the donkeys; they would probably know as much about what you are saying, and there would be less opposition and antagonism. One thing is certain: none of the advanced thought people have taken up the keynote of the subject as thoroughly as Shelton is at the present time; whether he will switch off from the track, remains to be seen; but the keynote of all advanced ideas is in being born of God. We do not feel that the time has quite come for us to take up the subject of the new birth, but we believe the time is near. It is a fact, however, that in the ideas and doctrines of the Christian Church can be found the germs of all that is vital in Christianity; but the teachers of the church have shut the door of truth in the faces of their followers, and have intimidated them, so that they are afraid to think; they fear a knowledge of the truth, and therefore they stand still and hold to the first principles of the doctrine of Christ; that is, a few are holding to the first principles of that doctrine, while the majority are following the ministers,—who are simply educated professionals,—away from Christ into a mere society life; but they will soon learn that the Apostle was inspired by the spirit of God, when he said: "Leaving the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection."

The time is near when a great and beautiful body of men and women will come out from the old, dead body of the church, into the resurrected body of the Christ.

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THE PEARL: ITS PRICE.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I shall be their God and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

That the above is true none can doubt, for the records of all ages show that the prophets, and all those who have received spiritual gifts for the benefit of the world, including our blessed Savior, the Christ, as well as all those who have lived since, have been children of God in the truest sense; for, apart from the world and its boasted learning, and in a simple life of quiet devotion, they have received and given to the world, truths from the Book of Life, the fountain of infinite life and wisdom.

There is much to be gained by thoughtful musing upon this. But it may be well to consider here the first question that naturally arises within each of us: why is this? Why is it that the human mind, independently of accepted sources of knowledge, and in a life of seclusion and devotion, brings to the world new messages of truth, ushering in cycle after cycle of evolutionary enlightenment, and substitutes or adds to old forms of religion, which have become outgrown, a higher application of divine law to meet the needs of a growing people? Such have been the bearers of the Truth in all time. These have demonstrated time and again, that "God reveals himself unfailingly to the faithful, solitary seeker;" and that "silence and meditation are the means of following the Way."

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It is reasonable to conclude, and experience will abundantly prove to one and all, that there is nothing inherently self-sustaining in the individual, as some at the present time would have us believe, and that the following prophecy is now upon us, we cannot doubt, for all over the world the advocates of the "I Am" are rapidly multiplying, "For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, none seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, 'I AM, AND NONE ELSE BESIDE ME.' Therefore shall evil come upon thee: thou shalt not know from whence it riseth, and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know . . . Let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; . . . they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flames." Isaiah xlvii; 10–11; 13–14.

Man has that within him which is dependent for its perpetuation upon recognition, union and oneness with the Spirit of God. The mass of the people of to-day, though they live after a fashion, yet life with them is as transient as the grass of the field. He has, given him under the law of generation, a certain power of involuntary thought, by which he is able to inspire life, until his usefulness under the law of animal creation is at an end. All life is drawn into us from without by thought, and this, the unconscious thought by which the world now lives, is similar in its operation to the process of healing, and that of digestion, and the action of all the involuntary organs of the body. We know that man, insofar as he is expressed in the physical, is but the expression of Mind, (not the mind of man, but the Mind of God, working through man), and we know that, to perpetuate this expression, we must understand the quality of thought which brought us into material

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manifestation, and which is continually evidenced, to a limited degree, by the silent, rebuilding processes in the body, which are maintained and terminated without, and despite conscious volition. We shall receive of this life, of which the Master came to give us more abundantly, when we consciously and intelligently feel after and live in God, the Holy Spirit,—separate and apart from every other thought and desire. Then we shall receive, in their fullness, those vital forces, which are now silently sustaining us for a brief span of years only, under the old law of generation and death. Thus has been the operation of creation in you, just as it was the act of God in the creation of the world; and, just as He, after the days of creation, rested on the seventh day, or Sabbath, so must the individual enter that Sabbath of eternal rest and peace: that new birth that comes of an eye that is single, and a heart and mind wholly in the Spirit. O, that the words of the Master, with all their beauty, power and truth, may sink into the consciousness of each of us! "Verily, verily I say unto you, ye must be born again." And that this truth may become imbued in us wholly and bring forth the blessed fruits of the new life: hear what the apostle was given later to say, as some even then were able to receive it;—" Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, etc." I John iii; 9. Thus we see the beginning of a higher order of life: and this new life is dependent upon another and higher quality of thought than that which maintains those on a lower plain of life: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways high higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah lv; 9.

Truly it is said: "More are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. . . . For thy Maker is thy husband; the Lord of Hosts is his name; and thy redeemer the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah liv; 1 and 5.

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In conclusion, let us consider the following prophesies, for the time is at hand of which they were spoken: — (The people lamented the fate of Jesus as they followed him to the cross, and so will the world reject and despise, and some lament, the supposed ill fate of all who are ready to come out from among them, and die to the old, that they may take on the new.) "But Jesus turning said, daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children, for, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, fall on us, and to the hills, cover us." Luke xxiii; 28–30.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city New Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. . . . And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for *the former things are passed away.*"

Adnah.

Lose yourself in the moment, each and every moment, and be absorbedly in God, for herein lays the beauty and fullness of the statement of the Christ: —"He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it." Therefore, seek ever to evolve that stillness, that equilibrium and adjustment, born of activity, and give to it perpetuation by oneness with the Spirit; well-doing; diligence in the Lord:—"rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation, continuing nstant in prayer."

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STRANGE POWER.

BATTLE CREEK ARMENIAN PREDICTED DESTRUCTION OF ADVENTIST SANITARIUM.

His Revelations Proving a Puzzle to Investigators of Psychic Phenomena.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Feb. 24.—Arden Dearbeyne, an Armenian, who has been in this city for several months, possesses strange occult powers which are puzzling the investigators of psychic phenomena. That which attracted attention to this Asiatic mystic was the fact that at a public meeting during the holiday time in one of his visions he described a calamity which was to befall this city by the destruction of a great public building. Since the verification of this vision by the burning of the sanitarium, more speculation has been aroused regarding the occult powers of this man.

Dearbeyne was born in Smyrna. From youth he possessed psychic powers. He seemed by this power commanded to come to this country. He found his way to Battle Creek and has become a member of the Christopathian brotherhood, a new sect organized in this city about one year ago. Dearbeyne is not a spiritualist, and does not claim to be influenced by disembodied spirits. His powers are those inherent and latent in every human being — the psychic, which, when developed, will bring wonderful results to mankind. He claimes the power of "soul flight," and can visit his old home in Asia and see what his friends are doing. He also claims to visit Mars and the other planets, and tells of the people, and what they are doing in the other worlds. People who have had sittings with him

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have had him visit the home of friends at a distance and relate what was transpiring at the time. It is claimed that what he related was afterwards verified by corresponding with those friends and finding out what they were doing at that particular time. "Soul flight" is the principal phenomenon connected with his occult powers.

During his sittings he remains in his normal state, simply closing his eyes and placing himself in a state of repose. He does not go through any of the twitchings or grimaces peculiar to spiritualist mediums. *The Evening News, Detroit, Mich.*

We received the above clipping from a friend, and we see, in looking over the Rev. Greathead's magazine, *The Breath of Life*, that the man referred to, is a member of the order in which Mr. Greathead seems to be specially interested. This order is undoubtedly intended for the upliftment and development of the race toward true spirituality and God-likeness, but it is evident that none of the members have had experience enough to realize, that, making public the fact that there is a "master" with them who possesses wonderful powers, will attract many to that society, whose only desire is to obtain similar powers. That desire in itself makes it impossible for the individuals who have it, to ever attain true spirituality, or a conscious unity with the Father; not, but what we believe that in time there will be, as there are even now, those who possess equal powers to the man above referred to, but if they are led by the spirit of God, they will keep the manifestations of these powers in the background; for, in order to possess spirituality, there must be a perfect and entire surrender of every hope and desire to the mind and will of God, that the individual may become the temple in which he spirit of the Highest may dwell, and through which it may have perfect expression on earth. It is a very subtle temptation to make the manifestation of these powers a drawing card for the establishment of an organization, and I repeat, it will either make impossible the completion of this organization, or else it will resolve itself into an organization of magic seekers.

The time is rapidly approaching when the man of sin, referred to

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by the Apostle, is to be revealed, and that man of sin will work great magical wonders, and as the angel said, according to Revelations; the whole world shall wonder after the beast, and all they who are not sealed of God, with His name, His will, fixed in the seat of their intelligence, will receive the mark of the beast, and be partakers of the great destruction that will suddenly come upon that organization of magic workers. The two bodies are now forming; as the Spirit said voicing the spirit of the Christ, "a body hast thou prepared me." The twelfth chapter of Revelations refers to the woman who is to bring forth a man-child that is to rule all nations, and this man-child will be none other than the body of the Christ, the hundred and forty and four thousand, the first ripe fruit of the earth. The other body is called the beast, because it is the physical or animal nature of the human that will apply the laws of creation, or the laws of the spirit of the mundane, for its own gratification. Thus it will be evident to all who stop and think, that, while the two bodies will in the ultimate, but not in the beginning, manifest wonderful powers, yet, one seeks power for the sake of power, while the other seeks God for the love of God and righteousness. [Ed.

Activity of mind or body (or both) is the law of God: when this is unceasing, then equilibrium, which is but the resultant of opposing forces, is maintained: — the centripetal, and centrifugal are in adjusted operation. The centrifugal is always active, and evidences itself in the process of decay and death. An idle thought or deed gives impetus to this principle; or, in other words, when time "hangs heavy" on your hands, distraction and disintegration, i. e., destruction, is in the ascendency, and Nature is clearing away the debris, (for all is such that has ceased to be true to its office — its *use*) and making way for a more worthy kind.

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MAN'S REAL SELF.

And ye also shall bear witness; because ye have been with me from the beginning. St. John xv; 27.

The Spirit of God, or the Creative Mind Power of the universe, works for the accomplishment of its purpose, which statement is self evident; and following this proposition, we must conclude that each center, and each planet in the universe, fulfills its destiny; that each is a function, and those who have the highest development on any planet, are the receptacles of the ultimate of the thought or the will of the Creator towards it.

That, man is an epitome of the unvierse, is an accepted belief, but the how and the why of it, is, to the vast majority of mankind, an unknown proposition, and even in this enlightened time there are, to-day, but very few who have any idea of the vast possibilities couched in that statement. When Jesus of Nazereth was born, the known world of those days was centered in Rome. Rome was master of the world and its expression, yet but a handful of its citizens had any idea of the Messiah of that age; and Jesus,—after planting the seed of Truth, before leaving, proclaimed, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. *Even* the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know Him for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." St. John xiv; 16–17.

Rome at that day worshipped gods of imagination, and works of their own hands, and at the time of the birth of the Christ, it stood at the pinnacle of its glory, yet, written history attests the fact, that at that moment internal corruption, profligacy, and debauchery, were working their destruction in the

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vital parts of the organism of that republic, and at the same time events in the cradle of mankind, Asia, were forcing into motion, masses of people who were to overrun, engulf and swallow the strongest power of the known world at that time. These people accepted the teachings of the followers of Christ, but only in the letter.

The Creator's purpose concerning the earth was declared in Genesis i, 26. Now, the universe and the workings of all natural, unhampered, laws, evidence order, precision and harmony; and as existence or life presupposes immortality, the ultimate of man's existence is an endless consciousness of his own being, a oneness with God. That this world is far from this oneness or immortality, is attested by the fact, that man's mind is ruled by the idea of death, which is an outgrowth of error, yet the evidence is before us, that the whole world has succumbed to that deception and that only experience or growth is able to lead men and women out of this sea of destruction. Jesus promised his followers the Spirit of Truth, and as the concentrated truth of man's existence is stated in Genesis i; 26, and the belief that man reflects the universe, we should attempt to solve this riddle by assertaining how he is an epitome of the universe. We could not suppose that his actions or mode of living is a pattern of the heavens, for his ways are disorder, inharmony, sickness and death. The mystery is solved when we begin to anaylze his functions, and not his personality.

The personality of man hides his real existence, and prevents his real self from exhibiting the activity of the function to which he belongs. Function is the use and expression of the several parts of the human organism, which in their totality support the man, the ego which dwells within; and each vital function corresponds to the function and use of the mass and totality of each planetary member of the Solar System; hence, man reflects the universe, only when he accepts the Spirit of

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Truth, which teaches that growth toward the "likeness" (Genesis i; 26.) consists not in generating his kind in the flesh, but regenerating himself self through conservation of energy and aspiration towards the highest conception of the cause of existence, thereby continually throwing off, by means of transmutation, likes and dislikes of the past, which are taken up by others; similarly to the discarded elements of planets, which appear again on the visible plane in the satelites surrounding them. Now the first visible manifestation of the word of God, which, as we have seen, was stated in Genesis i; 26, was brought to light with the advent of our Lord Jesus, the Christ; who, true to the type of the Spirit, and in conformity to the pattern given in the Mount, gathered unto himself twelve disciples, thus laying the foundation of that which was to come; which time is now; for the Spirit which he promised is abroad, calling to all who are able to come up to the pattern, and can, within themselves reflect the universe, to gather and become the temple where God himself shall dwell.

The growth of man is like the growth of everything else; when the time was ripe Jesus came into manifestation and the world of those days was remodeled to a higher standard, so will it be now, the world will undergo a change, and come to a different understanding of the aims and uses of man's existence. Life forces will be used for higher purposes than the mere aquisition of pleasures; and those who are unfit to accept the new condition will be, through means which are visible even to-day, gathered to where they belong; for generation leads to weakness of the organism and death. Lust creates discord, and misunderstanding, and levels man to the condition of the beast; hence, war, pestilence and want, are the legitimate outcame of a perverted life. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come. Rev. xxii; 17.

Capricorn-Aquarius.

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.

(IV.)

Before getting formed in the mind, the four essentials previously mentioned; namely, the idea of God, the purpose in the creation of the world, the covenant, and the name of God; we meet a condition of great uncertainty and doubt, which leads us to inquire deeply for some proof of a substantial and vital character.

Before we even attempt to express the purpose in creation, we should have established within us a settled conviction concerning God. In the foregoing presentation and reference to former writings, we set forth two ideas: one, of the formless, all-pervading, all-knowing, all-potential deific spirit; the other of a body of perfected souls who have gained perfect supremacy over all earthly conditions, and who have incorporated into the substance of their natures, the substance of divinity, by which they are master over all the lower forces, and have become a united body. A body of such souls, having become one in each other, and having reached a condition where they have a complete consciousness of the deific mind, have become the God and controlling power of the solar system. Now, these grand God-men and God-woman while they love their people, and it is the object of their lives to lead the inhabitants of all planets to the same condition they themselves are in, yet, as they know so well that everything must act out its nature, and from acting according to its real desires it must obtain

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experience, which is the only true, vital knowledge; therefore, they will in no case coerce souls that are growing and aspiring toward a higher life; but they will send them light and knowledge, which will come to them as from themselves; but the main light or knowledge they give us, is that concerning the law governing inspiration; the method whereby we may open up our own consciousness and come into conscious unity with the omnipotent Spirit, God, the God of the universe, in whom are all qualities, all powers, and all knowledges.

There is nothing that you can desire or aspire to but what exists all around you, exists in the substance of divinity; and the discriminative qualities of your own mentality (when I say mentality I refer to vital thought, that thought which arises in the inner consciousness), will lay hold of such qualities in the Spirit as you really desire, whether the consciousness of what you really desire has become a formulated thought or not, and will draw it in and incorporate it as a part of your organism; because of this, the Lord's Christ taught us to pray, and to pray always with all prayer. Desire is the expression of true prayer, especially when that desire is accompanied with a feeling of need, which in itself is a hunger. There is no real unadulterated desire for anything, unless we feel the need of it; and in order to gather in, assimilate, so to speak, the thing desired, we must offer no resistence to it, and there is always a resistence in our vital currents to anything we do not actually feel the need of; for their is a knowledge in man, and in all animate life, transcending the intellect, which causes him to feel that anything that is not needed is not wanted; because anything that is not really needed by the organism is an incumbrance to it, therefore, there must of necessity, be active within the organism a feeling of repulsion, no matter how strongly the intellect may desire a thing. That feeling of repulsion arises in the vital center of our being; because of this we cannot

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inspire anything from the spheres, or from God, until we feel the need of it; and we cannot feel the need of anything until we have within ourselves some of the qualities of the thing desired; and as all things are first spirit of a higher degree, afterwards brought down to the uses of the lower spheres; Jesus who recognized this law said, "except a man be born (begotten) from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In regard to this being begotten from above, or receiving into the organism the spiritual substance that creates in the individual a consciousness of need, it is necessary for us to take a brief view of the history of evolution, or the begetting.

For the sake of convenience we will simply say, of Adam it was said, the Lord God said to him thus and so. Now, the word of God is creative life: by the word of God the worlds were made. When it was said that, God spoke to Adam, that speaking means simply that the Spirit of God was sent into the man, which caused him to know that which he could not otherwise have known, and therefore, it might be correctly said that, the speaking to Adam was the begetting from above, the impartation to him of a spiritual quality above that which he possessed before. It thus appears that when God said: "I will make him a helpmeet *as before him*," it clearly and definately implies that there was a race of people before Adam, and that he, having received an added influx of spirit, had been begotten of God in a higher sense than the people before him; therefore, we read further on, that, the sons of God saw the daughters of men, and took unto them wives, etc., which displeased the Lord. Thus you see the sons of Adam were called the sons of God. Further on we read that God made a covenant with Noah; that is, in the development of the race the time came when another influx of the Spirit was made possible. Again we find God calling Abraham alone, and blessing him, and making a covenant with him, giving him visions and revelations, which

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was by the superaddition of another and higher spiritual quality. Then came the Lord's Christ, who held out before the world the one essential thought, namely, the absolute necessity of being begotten from above. He, in his own person, claimed to be the impersonation or embodiment of the son of God, or that super-added spirit consciousness, and we are told by the prophet, that, he was manifest that he might bring many sons unto God.

Now this being begotten from above is by virtue of our own will; that is to say, any man or woman who has a real earnest desire to be begotten of the Spirit, will receive from God that high and holy substance of life which condemns, crushes out and eliminates from the organism all the lower and more sensuous desires; that is to say, the individual who becomes receptive to that begetting from above, awakens within himself a feeling of earnest desire for a higher state of life; that desire always causes a certain repulsion to the lower conditions of his own nature. Whoever has this condition active within, should turn his whole thought, sympathy and desire toward his own highest ideal of God, toward that high and holy condition that he feels the need of. This opens the door to the beginning of prayer, the sincere, true, unadultrated desire of the heart. That desire will take the form of an earnest desire to know the truth, the true way and method of life, that you may live it. When that desire awakens within you, then let there awaken also an interior ideal of God, not before active within you, namely, that God is love, and something deep down in the soul will awaken a love that will reach out as a loving wife reaches out to her beloved companion, earnestly desiring to come in touch with and incorporate in the soul the substance so loved; and when that love begins to act within you, yield to it; suppress every opposing condition; give up your life to it; give up every desire for it, and let all within you merge itself into that one central desire. If you follow this condition carefully, zealously and with child-likeness, you will soon know what it is to be begotten from above, and that begetting is not a mere

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thought, it is an actual receiving of the substance of life from God. Jesus said of it: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and wither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." Whether there will be any who receive this begetting without being conscious of the fact, being able to point to the hour and minute, yea, the very second that they received this "baptism of fire," or not, we do not know; but our own experience is, that we can point to the hour, minute and second when their came from the invisible a living, loving fire, which coursed through all our veins and made us know that we had received the spirit of immortality; but there may be some into whose nature that Holy Spirit will distil as gently and imperceptibly as the dew on a summer evening. One thing is certain, however, if you earnestly desire that baptism of fire from on high; desire to receive that high and holy life quality, when you have received it, your inner consciousness will know the fact, and as you attempt to reach out as before, earnestly desiring this Spirit, in place of your inner consciousness desiring it, it will impress upon your external senses the fact that you have it; and when you have it, then it remains for you to surrender your life to it and live for its unfoldment and development; or, in other words, live for the one purpose of making the body a perfect instrument for the expression of this new and higher life thus received.

Here is the marked dividing line between the two bodies that are now forming in the world. The presence of the knowledge and methods given by the Spirit for reaching this higher state, will become an instrument in the hands of those living in the old condition of life, by which they may organize a body of magic workers, called in Revelations, "the beast," being purely the physical or animal desires of men. When anyone receives the baptism of fire, there springs up in the soul a love for God, for with that added life comes a consciousness of its source, and this life spontaneously exclaims, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,

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thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven." Again, the language of the very breathing of that newly begotten soul was expressed by the Spirit to the apostle, when he said: "Lo, I come to do thy will, O, God. He taketh away the first that he may establish the second." Hebrews x; 9. Then all desire for magic power; for power over your fellow men will pass away and be lost in divine love and wisdom. On the other hand, the body of the old order of generation is now seeking power through the spirit, and therefore, they are searching all the old records for magic, and among those who are following the practical instructions taught in the Esoteric books, will be found those who will be most potent for evil, because the old body of the animal nan instinctively knows that this newly begotten son of God that is organizing and preparing a body, has come to supercede them, to be the Jacob, the supplanter, and, therefore, while their may be no open and external antagonism, yet, there is a natural interior hatred on the part of this magic seeking body for those who are begotten from above. They become the natural enemy, and seek earnestly to destroy the "man-child that is to rule all nations," before it is born, before it comes into its power and dominion. You, who are seeking power for the sake of superiority over your fellowmen, know this, that you have no part in these instructions, and every individual must draw the line closely here to know absolutely within themselves to which body they belong, and each of us has herein a means by which we may know if we are the sons of God, or the sons of earth; and we know also that there is no use of associating with or in opening our sympathies to anyone who is seeking magic, for by so doing we yield ourselves to be buffeted, to be scourged and tormented almost beyond endurance, and unless you know the law, you will not understand why it is. It is because of this that the Spirit said: "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

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ETERNAL LIFE.

It is probable that there never was a time when the question of immortality, its possibility and methods of attainment, agitated the public mind as it does to-day; and as a natural consequence, there are to be found many who attempt to teach the methods, some indeed with very plausable reasonings, but none in modern times have been able as yet to prove that their teachings are anything but mere theories.

It is evident that the one who can accomplish any certain thing, is far better qualified to teach others concerning the proper method for its accomplishment, than those who cannot; and since Jesus demonstrated his ability to attain immortality, and also hinted that John had attained thereto, we feel it were well to consider their teachings concerning this matter.

The apostle Paul made the simple statement that he had not yet attained to the resurrection of the dead, but, that he had apprehended it; so we will consider the teachings of these three concerning this most vital subject.

Paul said: "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

To the ordinary mind, Paul has enumerated here almost everything which is desirable, in the way of attainments of mind and soul powers. In looking through the varied New Thought publications, we find the inducement which many teachers hold out to their students, is, that by following their

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teachings they will gain certain magic powers. But Paul, who appears to have had a full share of these powers, declares, that without love, they are nothing: even that generosity which would give all to the poor, or that heroism which would suffer martyrdom, will profit nothing without love. Jesus himself, if he did not speak of magic powers as an inducement to follow him, at least considered them a legitimate result to be expected and proof of a correct faith in his teachings; for after he arose from the dead, he sent his disciples to preach the Gospel and said: "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Should these proofs of a correct faith in the Gospel of Christ be demanded of the Christian Churches to-day, we fear they would not be forthcoming.

What did the apostle mean by love, and why did he speak of it as he did? Let us turn to the teachings of the Master, and see if we can find out why love is of such vital importance. Concerning the kingdom of heaven he said, "Every man presseth into it." by this we are to understand that heaven is a stace of consciousness to be entered by the power of mind, forceful mind, we might say, for he said again, "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." By a forceful effort of the mind man pushes away the consciousness of earth, which attracts his attention to earth, and touches that realm called heaven, but it ordinarily requires long and persistent effort to touch it, and sometimes years of endeavor before one can hold to it for any length of time.

In the beginnings of his struggle, the neophite is given an occasional glimpse, perhaps sees and talks with some of those souls who live there, and is thus encouraged to continue the

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effort; and it is by this persistent effort that the mind is strengthened, so that, finally, he is enabled to realize, though very faintly at first, the fact, that deep down in his consciousness, he is uniting himself to God, and he begins to understand what the Master meant when he said: "I and my Father are one."

While man turns from the things of earth and enters heaven by the power of mind, yet he maintains his hold upon that state only by an attitude of receptive love. Love is life flowing, and when man turns his mind toward any realm and opens his heart to it, its life flows into and radiates from him; if this is simple animal life we call it vitality; and when it effects the sex appreciably we call it passion; when it flows into or from the heart we call it love, and when we hold our hearts open toward God in an attitude of receptive love *that*, is prayer: this is what is meant by the words, "pray without ceasing;" there is, however, another form of prayer.

In a general way the effect of love upon one's nature is dependent upon its quality, which quality is dependent upon its source; the apostle John, said: "God is love," that is, that mind and life which we call God, flows into man as love, and since the purpose of man's creation was that he become God-like, become a partaker of the divine nature, the first great commandment (i. e. first in importance) given to Israel and repeated by our Lord, was: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." By no other method can man become a partaker of the divine nature. We now begin to see why Paul recognized love as the all important; for, it is the means which makes all other things possible, without it all other powers fade.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As my Father hath loved me, so have I loved you." Apparently, the disciples had not reached that degree of knowledge where they could love God effectively

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without Jesus' aid; hence, he said to them: "Abide in me," and "I am the vine, ye are the branches." But, what is the result of this love, of what benefit is it to anyone to have God's life flow in? It is this; continued life. In the first epistle of John wherein he speaks so much of love, he says: "We have seen and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested unto us;" that is, was manifested in the body of the Lord Jesus. He might have expressed the thought this way: we understand and show you how to obtain eternal life from God, even as Jesus did. Jesus himself, however, expresses this truth thus: "This is life eternal, to know Thee the only true God;" and John goes on to explain that it is only through love from God that man can obtain eternal life, we say *from* God, for, as John said: "not that we loved Him but that He loved us." Here we have what, according to the words of Jesus and of John, is the secret of the attainment of eternal life. A doubting Thomas exclaims: how is this, if by learning to know and love God, man need not die, what about the apostles and disciples the immediate followers of Jesus, they are all dead, why are they not alive today? The answer is simply this: they did not gain a sufficient knowledge of God, nor did they develop the capacity to receive his love; not one, excepting Jesus, attained immortality, save it were John; of him Jesus said to the rest of the apostles, "what if I will that he tarry till I come (again)?" and it was then accepted and reported by them that John had attained immortality; and it was this same John who gives us such positive assurance, that only by a receptive love, God's life flowing into man, can he live forever. Concerning all the others, we can only say, as it was written of the patriarchs, priests and prophets, "These all died in the faith, not having received the promise;" they died believing in the possibility of immortality, but they did not attain it. Even as Paul wrote

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"if by any means I might attain to the resurrection of the dead."

Jesus said: "No man knoweth the Father but the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal Him." Here is the condition which must first be attained ere man can know and be loved of God. He must become a son of God: this is the first great step; as Jesus said: "Ye must be born again."

The question now arises: by what means do we become sons of God? In St. John iii; 9, we read: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God." By this we understand that if one keeps all the seed in his body he keeps the law of life, insofar as the preparation of the body is concerned.

So we see that if we believe the teachings of Jesus and of John, we are compelled to accept the following premises: first, immortality is possible of attainment: second, it is attained by being loved of God: third, God must be known before he can be (receptively) loved: fourth, no one except they who have attained that condition called the son of God, can know Him: fifth, by retaining his seed man prepares himself to become a son of God. Hence the steps whereby man attains immortality: by keeping all the seed, his body becomes sufficiently refined and filled with life that he is may know God, and by a receptive love receive Him into himself, and with the inflowing of the Divine substance gradually attain to his nature and consciousness of immortality.

Phebe Hart.

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DHUNATMAK.*

Slow and low, far tones of Rest Day singing
Through our worn hearts, re-keying us to peace;
In music's earthless temple, chiming, ringing,
Unheard,— Dhunatmak, subtle,— cannot cease.

Like phantom fears, bowed ever at this alter,
Sins slip from out the soul with silent tread;
Eternal sound,— Dhunatmak dare not falter,—
Remains to guide the living, wake the dead.

Changeless, the central life which ever
Through newer skies is bourne, where higher sound,
To rapturous, creedless music; there, forever
In calm, God's holiness, with joys resound.

Concordant spiral song mounts up to heaven
From Christly deeds, ne'er told, ne'er sung, ne'er heard,
In higher octave, where mysterious seven
Echoes to souls a clearer note or word.

The dream life past, like chant but faintly spoken,
Is lost in silence, yet that inward ear,—
Dhunatmak's plaintive minor chord so sad and broken
Calling the soul,— doth hear, doth hear,

And through the waking sense once wraped in slumber,
Truth's nocturne, trilled by trembling thought now thrills,
Symphonic harmonies, whose chords outnumber
†Vaikairi's music, though the world it fills.

Eva Marble Bonda.

*Dhunatmak — Abstract Sound. †Vaikairi — Vocal Sound.

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Dear Friends:—I note with much pleasure what you say about the Leaders of the world; I knew the dates of birth of each of them except the Czar of Russia. Kindly send me the date of his birth when you write again. Francis Joseph of Austria is a Leo, with the moon in Leo, I think I have his date of birth somewhere: will send it to you when I find it.

It does seem a strange coincidence that we should have the "four beast" on "the top shelf" in these "latter days." I consider Theodore Roosevelt and Edward of England one and the same tool in the hands of the Almighty to work out the same end. The works of God are truly wonderful.

I have had my 1st Volume of "The Journal" bound in blood-red cloth and morocco, with strips of appropriately colored ribbons bound in with the book, they are put in at the color readings, and are the full length of the book: it makes a handsome volume, and I am really proud of it.

Please accept my sincere thanks for "the covenant," and Journals, other things you have so kindly sent me from time to time: let me assure you that they do not lay idle.

Best wishes: may the Spirit abide with you, is the sincere desire of J. R. L.

CHEBOYGAN, MICH.

ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Gentlemen:— I wish you would publish an article on Eternal Punishment. Do you teach that all will finally be saved, or will those who do not repent be punished always, or will they be annihilated? Very sincerely, *A Subscriber.*

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Ans:— If you will stop and think a moment, you will see that there is nothing eternal in all the universe: everything is moving on; the condition that exists to-day in any world, or in any system of worlds, will not exist to-morrow; therefore, punishment cannot be eternal. Our God is not a God of caprice, but a God of law. You know it is the law that if you burn your hand, you will suffer until it gets well, and any sin against the body or mind will cause suffering until time and progress heals it. Sin is invariably the result of ignorance. Many will contradict this by saying: I know I sin sometimes, knowing it is wrong. Yes; but if you were not ignorant in other directions, you would not do it; if you knew all the connections and results, you could not be induced to commit sin against one of the laws of nature; but as you only know the surface and external side, you say, O, well, I expect to suffer and am willing to do so. You foolishly think that suffering ends it, whereas it enters into your future, shaping its course and building conditions for a future life. We have not space here to enter into a discussion of the law of reincarnation; but we have no doubt that the soul that sinneth dies to the consciousness of having lived, and comes back into another organism, and lives out another life; and so repeats the process over and over again, until it has grown wise and strong enough to live in harmony with, or, rather, to know and apply divine law; then such a one will attain immortality.

The whole Christian church would rise up and punish a man who would whip his horse for doing wrong, and keep whipping it day after day; week after week and month after month; he would not go very far before he would find himself in prison; yet, they believe that their God would take a poor, ignorant man or woman, because they had sinned in ignorance, and punish them, and continue to punish them through all eternity. Such a God would be to us a devil. The church would call a man a demon incarnate, who would do the things attributed to God. The theory of eternal punishment is now nearly a thing of the past; very few of the church members believe it at the present time

Sin is the result of unripeness, and as the soul ripens and matures, it will, by its own inherent nature, cease to sin and love righteousness.

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MYSTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA.

H. E. BUTLER, APPLEGATE, CAL.,

Dear Sir:— In reference to the article "The Wrong and Right Beliefs," page 212 of the February issue of the Journal, the statement is made, that "All we have known of those who are dead, is forever dead; and, if father, mother, child or friend passes away to return at some future time in a new body, when they return they are no longer our relative or our friend, but a stranger to us, for were it possible that we should meet our dearest friend reincarnated, we would be strangers; so that, we shall *not* know each other there, or here either."

Brothers and sisters, well I know that this will discourage and turn back many of you who are just starting in the new light, and some will turn back who have entered it quite a way. It did so with me at one stage of my growth. But first let us see if the above view is consistent in the light of past history, from those who were enlightened.

First, I will say, if you remain at the beginning and never get higher, it is a truth; but, very few of you will be able to do this even if you wish too, because after the soul has caught a glimpse of the light you will unfold, even unknown to yourself. And I can assure you, you do not have to become a master to get an occasional glimpse of some past lives. Whether you really remember, or read it from the reflections in the Astral Light, makes no difference; I cannot say which you will do, but you will catch glimpses. I maintain that most of our acquaintances and friends are the same ones we had in former births, and very frequently our wife is the same one. Note how Gautama Buddha told his wife in a few sweet words, how she had been his wife through long æons, and what a help she had always been to him in his upward struggles, birth after birth. Of course, at some births we undoubtedly change and are born a woman, then our wife becomes the man and husband If man and wife follow each other why should not children be attracted back to the same family? Observe the mystic

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sayings in the appendix to the *Perfect Way*, in regard to this. "Therefore, only those loves and memories return to the Nephamah, which have penetrated the earthly soul sufficiently to reach the divine soul, and make part of the man." It is said that marriages are made in heaven, this means that all true love unions are made in the Celestial within man. The mere affections of the Anima Bruta are evenescent and belong only to it. Of course the affections of the Anima Bruta will never be remembered. Again, it says: "if a man would meet and recognize his beloved in Nirvana, he must make his affection that of the Anima Divina, not of the Ruach or Anima Bruta.

There are many degrees of love. True love is stronger than a thousand deaths; for, though one die a thousand times, a a single love may yet perpetuate itself past every death, from birth to birth, growing and culminating in intensity and might. Also, in the Fragments form the Golden book of Venus; No. xiii; part ii, is a long discourse on the Communion of Souls, and of the uses of love between creature and creature.

Friends, these teachings are to the point. I am not discussing this matter from the standpoint of my affections, but from the light within, and solely for the good I can do those souls who are beginning to see the blessed truths of reincarnation.

Yours for truth, W. R. C.

MACEDON; N. Y. MARCH 1, 1902.

THE ESOTERIC PUBLISHING CO.

Dear Friends and Fellow-workers:— Ten years ago, this spring, I happened as it seemed, to pull from a pile of old papers, laying on the office table of a friend, an old, partially destroyed magazine, which, upon looking through, attracted my attention, and won my admiration. It made that springtime a very gateway to heaven; and from that torn magazine, there among the waste papers of the office, there came into my

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life that larger thought, which has since grown into more and more perfect revelations of the truths of the Infinite God, and of the most vital needs of humanity. I still have that magazine, and I prize it above every other book, it is The Esoteric of April, 1891.

Through the years the glorious light of Christian re-generation, as taught by The Esoteric, has been and still is to me an inspiration. While I read and re-read the *Practical Methods to Insure Success*, as well as having given out to those whom I know have been profited, at least ten copies, still I want a permanent copy, and shall send herewith for the same.

The Biological Journal is not less a noble exponent of truth. I believe in it above many other magazines of a similar nature. It vitalizes Christianity, and through the revelation of the ages one learns to see, not the letter only, but the spirit of truth.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. H. M. W.

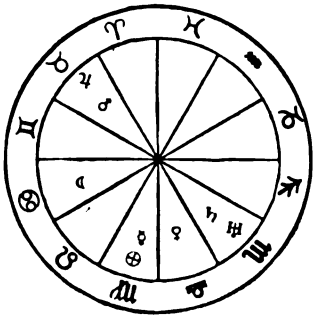
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand thta the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

D. M. Sept. 8, 1853, 3.40 a. m. Chatham, Ontario.

Trinities.		Triplicity.	
Intellectual,	2.	Airy.	1.
Maternal,	4.	Watery,	3.
Reproductive,	3.	Fiery,	1.
Serving,	0.	Earthy,	4.



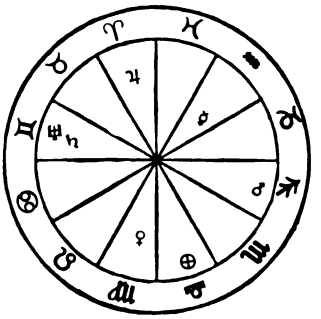
RISING SIGN—♌.

The base of your nature is Virgo, the interior will. Governed almost entirely by the intuitions, which makes it very difficult for you, to listen to another's arguments, yet you like to hear them; while you do your own thinking, in a way, you like to have others do it for you and then you criticize it and do what you please. Leo was rising at the time of your birth, which characterizes your physical body, and combined with the Virgo base it gives you an unyielding determination and persistence in whatever you undertake. You can scarcely realize that there is any such thing as failure for you. You are a good friend, but a bad enemy; not that you are particularly malicious, but once you start to antagonize, you do not know when to stop. The base and body sign are led out through the head of the maternal trinity,

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which is somewhat of a reverse order, and turns the forces backward upon general principles, which is against your success in many respects. When you make business conclusions, you often feel that you meet something that you cannot account for; as if there were something that was not all right, which is hard for you to define; but with the centralization of all your powers in the maternal trinity, you feel than you are right and should be looked up to and respected as one capable of leading. Uranus and Saturn in Scorpio give you great vitality and produce in you strong imaginations and ideals of the mystic. Jupiter and Mars are in Taurus, the opposite pole; thus you have great power to control the sex in whatever direction you determine to go. These positions make you a natural mystic, but if your mind was turned against the mystic, you would be a most bitter enemy, and if turned toward it, you would be the strongest kind of an advocate. Venus in Libra gives you fine perceptions of art, beauty and elegance, and Mercury in the base or life sign makes you skeptical, critical and inclined to materialism. You are liable to go to extremes in whatever direction your mind is turned.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	4.	AIRY,	4.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	0.
REPRODUCTIVE,	2.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	2.	EARTHY,	3.



RISING SIGN—♍.

The basic principle of this child's nature being Libra, he is governed by the spirit of love, for, according to the geocentric system, Venus governs both Libra and Taurus; his Libra nature feels and reflects the mental and physical conditions of those around him, but this is brought under the control of a powerful will, as Virgo was rising

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and the moon was in Taurus. Taurus is the sign of sensation, therefore, all his senses are intensified. Next to Taurus in sensitiveness is Virgo, his body sign, which makes him a natural psychometrist. Both Virgo and Taurus have powerful wills and the strongest combination of the zodiac is Virgo-Taurus, hence, this boy will always be an extremist in that he will hate to do what he is told to do, or follow the leading of another; he will have quick perceptions of the right thing to do, and will have sufficient will to carry it out. He should be impressed with the fact of his sensitiveness in taking on the conditions of others, thus enabling him to be himself at all times. Libra and Taurus both being ruled by the planet Venus, he is a child of love to a remarkable degree. Uranus, Saturn and Jupiter will give him great mental ability; he should have a first class education; for he is to live by his mind. Venus in his body sign, Virgo, its home position, makes him loving and kind, even to excess; he will be a great lover of the fine arts; of elegance, beauty and music; but with all his tenderness and kindness, he is well endowed with combativeness and self-protective power, because Mars, the god of war is in the warrior sign, Sagittarius; so that he might become the greatest general of his age. Mercury in Aquarius strengthens the nervous system and makes him bold, strong and capable. This boys nature looks like one of the old masters, reincarnated for a purpose.

The parents of this child say of him: "He is, to all who know him, a marvel of health and beauty; that he seems by a superhuman power to draw everyone to him with his bright cheerful way. His love of all that is beautiful is so often spoken of; he has an inborn horror of suffering; anyone who seems in trouble or sorrow, at once makes him desire to help them. I feel that in him some of the Esoteric thought is expressed. He will be lead in the path of regeneration, for we both have found peace in its life.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

We have before us a beautiful little book by Mrs. Grace M. Brown, entitled, STUDIES IN SPIRITUAL HARMONY. It contains seven chapters, and one hundred and thirty-four pages. It is made up of a very interesting course of lessons on the following subjects: Practical Metaphysics; Vibration; Concentration; Breathing; Mind; Self-reliance; and Ethical Dietetics Those who are paying from five to fifty dollars for a course of lessons, will probably find as much or more of vital usefulness in this book than in the lessons they are paying a high price for. The author seems to have gathered from many sources that, which to her mind, is most useful for self-culture and development, and she has done very well. In regard to the chapter on vibrations, I cannot say much, as I know very little of the law. We are told by the New Thought student that the higher vibrations are the most spiritual; if that is the case, I cannot be very spiritual, because, I find that when I hear a person talking in a very high key, which is so common to women of the eastern states, it makes me feel as I used to when I was a boy, and heard the north wind whistling around the fence corners, like closing and buttoning up my coat around me. On the other hand, when I hear a person speaking in a low, well modulated voice, it seems to touch something deep down in my soul, and there springs up a feeling of love; the vibrations of that voice are very low, probably not a hundredth part as fast as the voice that grates upon me. Again, when I hear a person run over the keys of a piano, the low tones are pleasant and seem to produce a feeling of aspiration and a consciousness of inspiration; while the high keys produce quite the opposite effect, and are always unpleasant when held very long. This may be because my vibrations are low; however, these are a few of the things that we are able to know of vibrations. Another perhaps, is, we know an electric current of high potentiality may pass through a person's organism without injuring them, but as soon as a vibrator is put in the circuit, it takes but a low current to shake the body and convulse the muscles. This teaching about vibrations may be very nice, and when we are told that spiritual vibrations are above the vibrations of sound, which, according to some teachers run up into the hundreds of thousands per second,—well, I cannot count a hundred thousand a second, neither have I much idea of the number itself, and while I am not disposed to say what one does not know, I must say, it sounds like *talk*, when people write about high vibrations and low vibrations, etc etc It may be a convenient word and a convenient simile, and no doubt the author of this work may have some inspiration on the subject, therefore, I would not criticise that part of it; there is too much of real value in the book to criticise it The practical side of this idea of vibrations belongs virtually to magic. Some years ago there was an occult society that taught vibrations, but there teaching was connected with concentration and psychic influences to control conditions and persons, and they began by counting, one — two; one — two; the even numbers were projective, the odd numbers attractive; thus they sent out vibrations with the rapidity of one every second, or perhaps one every two seconds. This we can grasp; this is somethiug we can get hold of, and see that there is something in it that the mind can grasp, and we may, through theory thus, double these vibrations as far as the multiplication table will allow, but when we begin to multiply we get into the realm of

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speculation and leave the realm of knowledge. The book under consideration, however, contains many practical methods that can be applied by many and we therefore reccomend it to the public. Address The Reed Pub. Co. Denver, Colo.

YOUR MESMERIC FORCES AND HOW TO DEVELOP THEM, giving full and comprehensive instructions How to Mesmerize. By Frank H. Randall, author of "Practical Instructions in Mesmerism." This is a book of 151 pages, nicely bound in cloth. Price $1.00 I do not claim to be a critic on the subjects handled in this book. and perhaps, the fact that it is published by L. N. Fowler & Co. of London, and The Fowler & Wells Co. of New York, is a better recommendation than I could give it These people have been engaged in studying and teaching these subjects for years, and were in fact among the first to bring them to gereral notice; therefore, a book on this subject accepted and published by them might be expected to be authentic and of more practical use than any other. Address Fowler & Wells Co , 24 East 22nd St., New York, or L. N. Fowler & Co , 7 Imperial Arcade, Ludgate Circus, London, England.

We have before us a pamphlet published by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, Allegheny, Pa. It is of the Adventists' Order. The title is WHAT SAY THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT HELL? There is no sect now in the world who have made so thorough an investigation of the true words of the scriptures, in their original and translated expression, as the Adventists, therefore, we believe there are none so capable of writing a book in this subject as they are, and we heartily endorse the position they take in this little work. Of course, such theories as the soul, meaning exclusively the body and life of the body, and the resurrection of the physical body, are unreasonable to my mind; but laying aside the little differences, one who is uncertain in regard to what the scriptures teach on the subjects of heaven and hell, will find this pamphlet one of the most authentic sources of information On a postal card received with the book we find the following:

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EDITORIAL.

There are some facts relative to the use of Solar Biology that we would not call attention to, were it not that we are frequently called upon to help, in what we esteem, a fraud upon the public.

There are a great many magazines now using Solar Biology in different ways; some are even giving delineations of character from it, but not one of them calls it Solar Biology; most of them call it Astrology. The question may arise in some minds, what difference does it make what they call it? It makes just this difference: the world knows what the word Astrology has stood for, for hundreds of years, and associates the word with predictions from the positions of the planets; but there are now hundreds before the world advertising themselves as astrologers, who, when asked for an astrological reading, will give a more or less imperfect delineation from Solar Biology. They get the money and give nothing in return, not but what Solar Biology is all right: an egg is good for those who like it, but if a man wants a fish and asks for it, he does not want an egg; he wants what he buys and pays for. Many who have Solar Biology and understand it better than many of the fake astrologers, are deceived by those who get their money for nothing.

We have been astonished to find that respectable magazines, and those who profess friendship for the Esoteric Thought, are writing delineations, and even publishing them, from Solar Biology pure and simple and calling it Astrology. Notable among these is *Medical Talk*, and when the editor is asked to answer astrological questions, he replies: our astrologer does not answer such questions. Why these people prefer to call Solar Biology Astrology, and thus deceive the public, is a mystery; for up to the present time Astrology has been in great disfavor in the public mind, because it meant uncertain predictions; and to-day, to the majority, it means charlatanry. Solar Biology stands purely and simply on its own reputation,

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and all who know of the science, know of it favourably. We can see but one reason why people prefer calling it Astrology, and that is the common selfishness of the human mind, fearing to assist another, namely, the Esoteric Publishing Co., in bringing the science of Solar Biology before the world. Probably, if the author were dead and his existence a history, they would call it by its name. An excuse that has been given us for not calling it Solar Biology, was, that the name was not appropriate, as people understood Biology to be a different science. Such criticism to our mind is ridiculous. Every student knows that Astrology is a less appropriate name for that science, than Solar Biology is for the science it represents, for Astrology is not a science of the stars, but insofar as it is a science at all, it is of the solar system. We wish to call the attention of the public to the deception that is being perpetrated upon them, that they may, insofar as it is possible, shun the charlatan who is masquerading in false colors, because every student of Solar Biology and Astrology knows that there is nothing in common between them, save that they both use, though in a different way, the signs of the zodiac and the movements and positions of the planets of the solar system.

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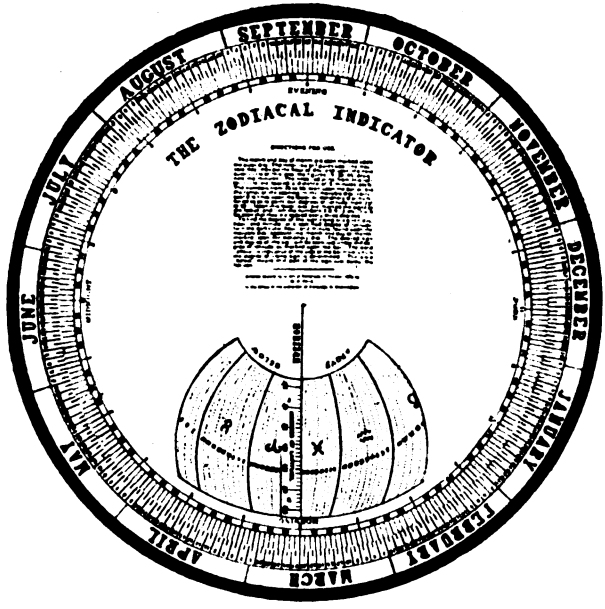
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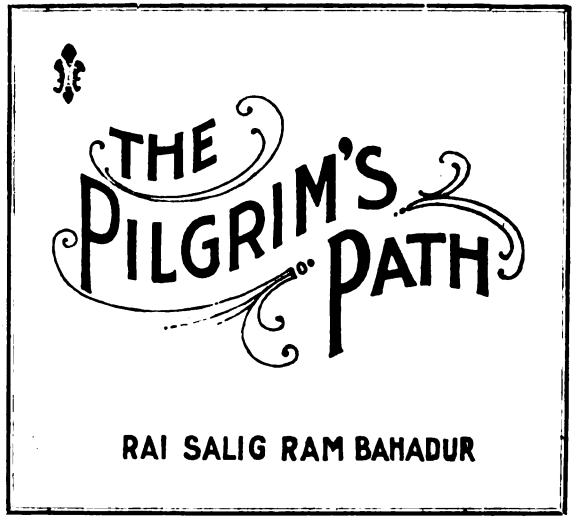
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WHAT IS LIFE?

The life of a human being of ordinary or more than ordinary intelligence, has a wonderful opportunity to give much to the world; the nature of that giving must depend upon the ability of the individual. The lives which are the happiest and most worth living, are those with the broadest sympathies for others.

The individual who hopes to do well in life merely for the gratification of a selfish desire for fame or applause, can never achieve genuine success. There is so much in life and it is so well worth living, if certain principles are only understood, and certain facts accepted at their true value. For instance: all so called ill luck or disease, is caused by lack of harmony that is, it is all the result of failing to work in accordance with the fixed mental and physical laws. Lack of harmony causes discord.

Each individual makes his or her own life either consciously or unconsciously, generally unconsciously. The whole principle

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may be summed up in the fact, that, what an individual gives to the world will return to its source, in one form or another, sooner or later; but often the individual is not inclined to admit this, or does not care to recognize the truth of the principle. Few weigh in the same scales what is done to others, and what others do for self. To do this requires a well disciplined and well developed nature, which few possess. It is on the principle, that, as the individual looks in a mirror and the face of self is reflected therein, so it is with our actions.

The general nature of an individual's life is either comedy or tragedy; it is just as easy to laugh at the weaknesses of others as to take them seriously, and allow them to disturb one. And so it is in almost everything. There are few trials that have not a funny or, at least, a grim side. Fortunate is the one who can understand and even appreciate the irony of fate, even if self is the victim; but such people do exist.

Life has been very truthfully compared to a stage. Each has a part to play, whether they desire it or not. Those who perform poorly are allowed to play it out to the bitter end, just as much as those whose performance is creditable or even very good. It is a strange thing that this is allowed, but life itself is strange.

Very seldom do any two lives have the same trials. These vary with the temperament, environment, and the aspirations of the individual. With life's pleasures, it is very much as it is with its trials, different people enjoy different things, or the same things in different ways. Some pleasures are free to all; such as, the beauties of nature; others must be purchased.

All through life runs the law of compensation; to one is given ability, involving, perhaps, much hard work and many disappointments; another has not the ability, but knows nothing of the discouragements connected with it. Each and every one has obligations and duties in life, and these also

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vary according to the social position and the ability of the individual. As the nature of the life changes, so life's duties and obligations change. One obligation, however, falls upon all humanity; the obligation to others, social and financial: "Owe no man anything."

Most people have some definite object in life or some ambition. Whatever it may be, all human beings desire that through it the one goal shall be reached,—the attainment of happiness. But only those who understand, at least to a certain extent, life and its problems, can ever hope to obtain happiness.

Thought is the most powerful factor in life; that is, when it results in action. The nature of the thoughts will, in course of time, become the nature of life; it cannot be otherwise. No one can really live until they have suffered: it enlarges the sympathies, chastening and purifying the nature; above all, if suffering has the right effect, it makes the individual tolerant. The individual seldom makes the most of life until the nature has been disciplined by suffering and defeat, which is the foundation of the greatest, genuine, success. Each receives the gift of human life, to make of it what the individual will.

The accident of birth accounts for much that puzzles most people. It accounts for the fact that some people have so much more to fight against than others; physically, mentally, and financially. It is strange how well some do, and what miserable failures others make. As a rule, the successful ones are grateful for each and everything that helped them, even in the smallest way; and, the unsuccessful ones blame anything rather than the real cause of their failure; namely, self.

Studying life in general, and the lives of those one knows best, in order to help them in the struggle of life, is both interesting and beneficial. In all things purity of motive will eventually succeed, although the individual may not always be

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conscious of his or her best accomplishments; the silent example in doing right is a powerful factor.

Life, in its highest sense, is well worth living, but those who solve its problems and understand its mysteries, even to a small extent, are in the minority.

Aimee B. Marsh.

MAN IS RELATED TO THE HEAVENS.

At the present stage of man's evolutionary development, his actions are the result of his intellectual deductions; but in the past, man reached a stage of consciousness which enabled him to walk and talk with God, hence, he was governed by his intuitions.

As man has to gain knowledge through experimentation, he has to go through varied experiences before he can realize in himself the ultimates for which he was created. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect;" but man is not living in accord with the purpose of his creator, hence his condition is one of spiritual blindness.

The power which created man intended this world to be the abode of pure spirits inhabiting immortal bodies, but, before man can reach this stage of his growth, this realm of light where he can perceive the conditions requisite for discipleship to the Christ, he will have to go through severe struggles and suffer many disappointments, for, at every stage of his growth he has to divorce his intellect from preconceived opinions, and subsequently enforce a new regime for his body; for the members of his body are his disciples.

Those of us who have conscientiously essayed to live the life of regeneration, know that those who live in generation are

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driven by a force of which they have not the slightest conception, and as such bodies are builded on selfishness, and preserve themselves through combat, we can faintly discern the enormous labor before us, for our relation (the body of the one hundred and forty-four thousand) to the planetary man, is the same as that of a regenerated soul to its body.

There is only one method by which man can touch the realm of mind, and that is through the process of regeneration: "Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his Glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matt. xix; 28.

The mind of man is the judge of his body, an aggregation of regenerated minds will constitute a creative center; and the evidence which is visible on every hand points to the necessity of such a gathering, for without it the world will sink into darkness; and it is of vital importance for each of those who are impressed by the Spirit, to look around and see where the light of God's truth, as stated in Genesis i. 26, is centered.

The space in which the worlds float is a sea of life, plastic to the human mind. On each planet and on each center governing the different systems, there are mind centers governing the entities dwelling on them.

Now, the inhabitants of this planet have been driven by a force which is stated in Genesis by the words, "Be fruitful and multiply;" however, the abuse of the generative function has given rise to abnormal habits, and man in order to allow himself an escape from the consequences of his sins, has deluded himself with the idea, that somewhere in space there is a place where his soul, the indwelling I which is the cause of his errors, will find peace and rest, ofter leaving this body; which belief is the most stupid of all his errors which lead unto death.

The time is at hand when the Truth, the foundation of

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which was laid in Gen. i, 26, and kept so faithfully alive by the prophets, and first brought visibly to light by Jesus of Nazareth and exemplified and elaborated before the world for the last fifteen years, is to shine forth in the glory of its pristine purity, illuminating the path for all struggling souls who wish to leave the dark confines of superstition, error, and death; which is the natural element of this world at the present time. This radiating center is to be established, for it is a necessity, and the purpose of God. "O Zion that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountains; O Jerusalem that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid, say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isa. xi; 9.

Capricorn-Aquarius.

There is no *preferred* road to attainment. The High Goal is reached through the "proving ground" of bitter trial. Temptations, like grim sentinels, bar the way at every step, until, diamond-like, you come forth purified and impregnable.

There is but one perfect way. "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

Life may be likened to two currents entering by one gate. By the choice of one we exclude the other. Thus checked, it masses up without, seeking by every means its old time inlet. With every step toward the good, we stand off its opposite, and thus it gathers force, until by dint of accumulated momentum it finally wears a channel to one side, and leaves us free.

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.
(V.)

We closed article number three of this series, with the statement that we would give the purpose of God in the creation of the world in the next number, but our mind was impressed with the importance of another thought, preparatory to a more perfect understanding of this most important of all subjects; for it is a subject that embraces all others, as it embodies all revelation; all that there is in creation, both visible and invisible; both in earth and in heaven.

We will strive in this article to give a very brief picture of the purpose in creation, as you will find a more elaborate statement in the first volume of *The Occult and Biological Journal*, numbers 10, 11 and 12; also partial statements all through our former writings; therefore, we will attempt to epitomize the whole subject so that you can grasp it, and hold it ever before your mind; for, God-likeness does not consist in mere intellectuality, it is first spiritual life which afterwards becomes knowledge; therefore, we gave the article in the last number in place of the one we will attempt to give now. But one more thought before we proceed: put aside all preconceived ideas, for they form the greatest barrier to the inflowing of Spirit, and consequent knowledge; hence, the use of these instructions. Were it not for this, we would occupy the same position as does the Oriental "Master," who claims that there in no use n teaching; that the same Spirit that taught one, will teach

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all. This is only partly true, for the higher or white race has been developed to where it is able to receive greater knowledge than the lower races, as the intellect forms the most important factor in the white race.

If you will take the following thought and begin a study of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, you will find in place of an obsolete book, as many of the clergy now hold it to be, a book of the most vital importance; and if you apply this thought as a formulæ to every chapter you read, the book will be a revelation to you, especially so if you have been begotten from above; have received from God his spirit, which is the spirit of truth, knowledge, understanding, and illumination.

John, the beloved disciple, began his Gospel by saying, "In the beginning was the Word," and states, that, "all things were made by him," the Word; and the church has for centuries taught that this referred to the man Jesus, or the God Jesus; both are true, but we will see that he was the expression of that word that went forth in the beginning. In the first chapter of Genesis you will find that God spoke the word seven times; as for instance he said: "Let there be light: and there was light;" and so on, the whole chapter is devoted to the expression of the word of God in the work of creation. What is the word of God? It is the sending forth of His spirit which caused things to be according to His purpose; as it is stated in verse second: "and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."* To avoid complication we omit much that should be said here, and simply say, the Greek word translated "word" is Logos, which the authorities define as "an effectual utterance;" therefore, when God spoke the world into existence, it was by virtue of a word formed in the mind of Deity, sent forth as a portion of His substance, imbued with

*For a complete comprehension of this work, read the Seven Creative Principles.

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His will, and characterized by His thought. In other words, it was His thought form; and as the form of that thought was to the creation of the world, what a plan and specifications are to the builder of a house, so, inherent in everything in creation is that potentiality of the original word, working in all things; plants, insects, animals, and man. The Christ, John said, was the first, that is, the only begotten son, at that time, of God; the first manifestation of that purpose in man. You will find the complete expression of that purpose epitomized in the twenty-sixth verse of the first chapter of Genesis, where it is stated: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion." If you count the number of expressions, "let there be, etc.," in the first chapter of Genesis, you will find that the declaration, "Let us make man," is the eighth, and it is because of that, that the angel referred to the eighth as being "of the seven, and goeth into perdition." Jesus was the eighth, because he was the complete manifestation of that Word, the embodiment of the seven, and he went into perdition; and he, as a man, will next appear in his body; as the Spirit said to the Apostle, "A body hast thou prepared me." Therefore, let it suffice to say, that the creative Word from God that went forth on the beginning to create the world and all things in it, had for its ultimate object to make man in His image and like Him, and to give them dominion.

Now follow me closely: the dominion is to be possessed by that Christ body, for truly did Jesus say, "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life." Herein we find a beautiful connection with the thought expressed in the preceding article of this series, namely, being begotten from above. When we have been made partakers of that substance of the spirit and life of Christ, then will we become members of his body, for, as he said, when

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the Jews murmured, and said: "how can this man give us his flesh to eat:" "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life;" and all who will be made partakers of that spirit and life are called the first ripe fruit of the earth.

In the first chapter of the Revelation that God gave unto Jesus, who sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John, was the manifestation of the son of God in his spiritual power, glory, and oneness. In the seventh chapter is the gathering and sealing of the twelve thousand of each of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. Note that the first ripe fruit are the sons of Israel; connect this thought with the one expressed in number three of this series, that in each age there was an added influx of Divine Spirit; the last influx before Christ being given to Abraham and his seed.

It has been well and thoroughly established, if the world would receive it, that the Teutonic and Celtic races are indeed the sons of Israel; therefore the English and German speaking races, and perhaps the entire white race, are the lost Israel; and Judah is in our midst. Then, if we are indeed the sons of Israel, literally and physically, it will be seen that the one-hundred, forty and four-thousand, who are to be the first ripe fruit of the earth, must come out from this race. This is brought to light on the fourteenth chapter of Revelation, where it is said: "These are they which are not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb." Again, in the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters is seen the holy city, the new Jerusalem; the new city of peace, whose foundation will be the twelve disciples of the Christ, and whose gates or means of entrance consists in being the literal descendants of the sons of Israel.

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Then, the purpose of God in creation, briefly stated, is this: first, all that is to be was embodied in the spirit that went forth in the formulated thought of creation. God followed that word by His angels, and by the members of the body of holy men made perfect in the heavens, whom Abraham and others called God, who carefully watched over and cared for it with great maternal love and with more wisdom than the stock raiser manifests for the precious stock that he is bringing forth. They have followed Israel all through the ages that Israel might become the most perfect race of men on earth; that from among them might come the body of men and women who are to be kings, because they will have dominion over the earth, and priests unto God, because that dominion will be by love, and the spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding; and, as the angel said, "they will reign on the earth." Now mark the expression, they are to reign on the earth; not as our fathers thought, to die and go to heaven and leave the earth behind; but as the psalmist said: "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

From this you will see the importance of the Esoteric work. It is the mission of the Esoteric movement to put in order before you the purpose of God in your creation, and the methods by which you may perfect your physical body and make it a fit temple for the indwelling of the Son of God; yea, to make it a temple wherein your real self, having become the begotten son of God, will reside and wield the dominion. Thus it appears on the surface that we are seeking this kingdom for the sake of the dominion and power, the same as the "beast" or animal sense body of humanity, who are seeking magic, but it is not so. All that is of self must be surrendered, given up, held passive under the influence of the Spirit of God. This attitude of mind will give freedom to the newly begotten soul within, to grow

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and expand; to illuminate the intelligence, and to unite with the creative word already working within us, which is indeed the old man, and to reform that creative word into His own likeness. In this reformation, the work of creation ceases when the object is obtained; and if you belong to the first ripe fruit of this creative word, and are thereby destined to become part of the body of kings and priests unto God, then creation has finished its work in you, therefore, generating your kind must cease and re-creation must begin. Bear in mind, creation as expressed in every manifestation of life, in the grass, the trees, insects, animals, and man, is expressed by the one factor above all others, namely, sex, generation. This is why the Esoteric work has been characterized, from its inception, with that one dominant thought, cessation from generation, from sex relations, and the beginning of the work of regeneration, the conservation of the life generated in us by the Spirit of God; for, if you turn to the twenty-third chapter of Ezekiel, you will find that God refers to Israel as His wife; and again, in Isaiah, the fifty-fourth chapter, He calls Himself, the husband. Thus when we are united to God in that holy covenant, it becomes to us a covenant of marriage; then all sex generation becomes adultery to us.

Do you wish to be received into that holy oneness with God? for God is love, and there is no real love outside of Him; then cease the work of generation, and marry the God and Father of the universe.

The marriage covenant is found in what is denominated the Ten Commandments, which we will probably take for our subject in the following number.

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TWO GUESTS.

A vision of glory came to me,
And charmed my soul with its light of love.
Her glance was winsome, shy, and sweet;
Her hands extended mine to meet.
The silver sheen of her garments white,
My tired eyes dazzled with changing light.
Out in the world I was captive led:
I asked not whither her footsteps sped;—
The soul within me laughed and sang;
My life knew no shadow, my joy no pang.
So sweet her spell, I could not see
The second guest who followed me
In sable garments, and tear-wet eyes,
And patient pleading unto the skies:
I saw her only when the darkness fell;
The white robed vision then lost her spell.
Ah, then in terror, my young blood chilled,
I followed the shadow wherever it willed.
And when for the joyous spirit I cried,
With gentle calm, my sable guest replied:
"The Sovereign Grief now claimeth thee,
Raise thy young eyes, and look at me."
And thou art Sorrow's pale guest, I said.
"So they call me,"— and bowed her head.
My soul burst forth from its mute retreat:
Oh, must I sit at Sorrow's feet?
Why is not Sorrow clothed in white?
Why does the sun go out at night?
Are ways all shadowed for weary feet?
"His path was weary, His guerdon sweet.
His peace is o'er thee,
And shall bless when thou canst not see.
Fear not the robes of sable hue;
Fear not with thy heart and purpose true.
Live thou thy life, be thou sure
That truth will keep thee secure."
My hand clasped Sorrow's with trust complete.
We seek together the guerdon sweet;
Sorrow with Joy makes life complete.
Two guests each life attends:
Welcome each, they are thy friends.

May J. Healy.

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THE ROSICRUCIAN BROTHERHOOD.

In the early part of our writings and teachings we often referred to the Rosicrucians as a grand and noble order, possessing knowledge worthy of being sought. At that time we were ignorant of certain books that had been written by P. B. Randolph, a colored man, who claimed to be a reincarnated Rosicrucian; and it seems there are many others who are following in the same line, claiming and making great pretenses as Rosicrucians, while in reality they are holding tenets that would make a Rosicrucian blush.

Because of the prominence of these perversions, who call themselves Rosicrucians, we take pleasure in copying the following article from *The Herald of the Golden Age*, which will give our readers something like a correct idea of that noble order. [Ed.

In consequence of the increasing interest which is being manifested by seekers after truth concerning the somewhat mysterious Fraternity known as the Rosicrucians, and because many Societies are springing up in various parts of the world which claim connection with them, (often for the sake of selling occult books at exorbitant prices), some information concerning the Order of the Rosy Cross may possibly be appreciated by the readers of *The Herald*, and therefore I venture to state some facts that are not generally known.

In the first place I will mention certain misapprehensions which exist, the chief of which is to the effect that the road to initiation in this ancient Brotherhood lies through Freemasonry. Masonic manuals teach that after passing through thirty-two degrees or stages of progress in Masonic lore, aspirants can be initiated into what is known as the thirty-third or "ne plus ultra" degree — that of the Rosy Cross — the ceremonials and symbolism of which are of the most sacred description,

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because they have been to a large extent borrowed from the genuine Rosicrucian mysteries. As a matter of fact, it is extremely difficult to find a Freemason anywhere who has reached, or even aspired to, this high degree. It would be all the better for the prestige of Masonry if more of its members did so.

Masonry has no vital connection with the Rosicrucian Fraternity, for a man might pass through the Masonic degrees and yet know but little about the spirit which dominates the true Rosicrucian.

Rosicrucians are not made by passing through ceremonies, nor by studying symbolic manuals, and they recognize each other by surer signs than secret grips and passwords. Any man can become a Mason, but not one man in a hundred can become a Rosicrucian. Material wealth will buy the highest honors of Masonry, but in the Rosicrucian Fraternity, spiritual wealth alone wins for its possessor the honor and esteem of the Brethren. Freemasons lay much stress upon ritual and attach much importance to occupying the chief seats at their feasts, but in the Order of the Rosy Cross it is not so — for he that would be great seeks to become the servant of all, and the ministering spirit is more earnestly desired than any title.

Another popular fallacy, if I may judge by the advertisements which are to be seen appearing in certain journals in America and elsewhere, is to the effect that Rosicrucians sell their secrets and are prepared to initiate any person into their mysteries for a consideration in cash. The gullibility of the public causes such advertisements to appear, and those who see them may take my word for it that they are issued by persons who not only are unconnected with the *Fraternitas Rosæ Crucis*, but are ignorant of its spirit and "modus operandi." True Rosicrucians do not sell the priceless gems of truth which have been revealed to them; they give them without money and without price ot those who are able to receive them and are able to profit by them.

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In the past centuries, and especially in the Middle Ages, when freedom of speech or thought were often considered to be capital offences, the Members of the Brotherhood were compelled, for purposes of self-protection, to surround themselves with mystery and secrecy; hence the idea that they were mere alchemists digging after "the philosophers stone" and the "elixer vitæ." And because we have but scanty historic record of them after we get back some few hundreds of years into the past, the notion exists that they only came into being during modern times. This is incorrect, for Rosicrucians have lived and carried out their life-work in all ages of the world's history, and in most parts of the planet. Lonely but majestic souls, they have in every land swayed the destinies of men, and molded the world's future by their influence and their devotion to the highest ideals.

The last misapprehension which I need mention, is one to the effect that the Brotherhood is mixed up in some way with "infidelity," or with "anti-christian" tenets. This is a preposterous fallacy for Rosicrucians are devout seekers after God, and they not only regard Jesus of Nazareth as their great exemplar and teacher, but speak of Him as "The Master" in their assemblies. They also commemorate His great love and self-sacrifice by observing the sacremental feast which He instituted for His followers.

What manner of men are they? First, they are seekers after Truth, aspirants after the highest Wisdom attainable by mankind. They seek illumination not for their own sakes, but that they may be better qualified to serve God and Humanity and to help their fellow mortals in their struggle upward towards the higher planes of consciousness. Unknown and unrecognized except by highly developed souls, dwelling in "the shadow" cast by sin and suffering, voluntarily bearing a humble share of the burden and toil which the redemption of

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mankind from darkness and evil renders necessary on the part of the "sons of God," sorrowful because of their sympathy with pain — yet always rejoicing — they go their ways quietly and without ostentation, and with the single intent to make other souls better and happier.

What of their much talked of "secrets?" They are such as the children of this world do not apprehend, but nevertheless they are of much worth and preciousness. Indwelling and abiding Peace, overcoming and transforming Power, clear vision that makes right Perception of men and things and eternal verities possible, Faith to do and dare and sacrifice — these are some of them. And those who win their way to the Light that shines beyond the realm of the Shadow are not far from Illumination and Realization.

Sidney H. Beard, *in The Herald of the Golden Age.*

AWAKE, AND BE DOING.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge; so will I also reject thee, that thou shalt not be a priest to me; and as thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, so will I myself also forget thy children. Hosea iv, 6. Rabbi Leeser's Translation.

The Wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalms ix, 17.

We presume there has never been a time in the history of the world when the people have so thoroughly forgotten God as at the present time. Forgotten? worse than forgotten, they deny His existence. The so-called *advanced thinkers* are elaborating the idea, that the only God there is, is within self; that is to say, there is no God; I am the only God; and while the churches do not openly declare that there is no God, they as much as deny His existence, and the truth and validity of the Scriptures. What is called the *higher criticism*, has criticised away the Bible; so much so, that the Old Testament

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is entirely thrown aside by the Protestant Church, as a body, and, we have good reason to believe, by the Catholic Church as a clerical body.

When the prophet Hosea said, "As thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, so will I myself forget thy children," he expressed a meaning that has an importance and depth transcending anything that the ordinary mind can grasp: for there is indeed a conscious, thinking, intelligence that is more than worthy of the name of God, which means power; even worthy of the name Yahveh, which means the will of the universe. Again, it is said of God, "God is love," and putting these three thoughts together, we are brought face to face with the fact, that if God forgets us, turns His attention from us, withdraws from us His will, the power to do and be; His love, which is nourishing and preserving, then, it will be found that the world posseses nothing but the grosser attributes which find expression in hate, selfishness and all desire for self in general, which must inevitably bring upon the world, combat, struggle, and a breaking up and destruction of all that man is dependent upon at the present time. We already see two contending factors: the wealth getter and possesser is rapidly losing the spirit of philanthropy and love for the lower classes, and the general combination that now exists is intended to oppress and enslave the working class. On the other hand, the working class recognize this fact, and are organizing and preparing to break up and destroy the aggregation of wealth, and, deep in the heart of this workingman's movement lies the socialistic, and behind that again the anarchistic; these three will be driven into unity; and the time is rapidly approaching when these factors will become the destroyers of the present order of civilization, and when your "gods of gold and silver and the workmanship of men's hands" are taken away and destroyed, then upon what can you depend? You will have no God, only

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that which is within yourselves, hence, you will be unable to save yourself from destruction, therefore, you must necessarily go down into darkness, suffering, and death.

There a few, however, who have not altogether forgotten the law of their God, the everlasting covenant that God gave to Israel in its material form, and which the Israelites to-day accept in a materialistic way, which, of course, is better than not at all. There are also a few here and there who have the law of God written in their hearts, as the prophet said: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they break, although I was a husband to them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." You will notice the difference is, the first covenant was written on tables of stone placed in the ark of the covenant, which no man could look upon without finding death in place of life; this time it will be written in the hearts of His people, the life of His people, so that it will become the law of their very existence; then will they know God, "and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads," that is, in their understanding. We sometimes feel, as we think Elijah did when Israel turned from God through the influence of Jezabel and worshiped idols, and he, by the power of the Spirit went to them and gave a demonstration of the power of Yahveh, and the people said, "Yahveh shall be our God," but they immediately forgot it, and even sought to kill Elijah, and he fled into the wilderness and "requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough;

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now, O Lord, take away my life; . . . for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away."

We sometimes feel that this little movement is the only one before the world that really has a God, for all the others are worshipping the gods of their own hands, the inventions of their own minds. Still, we feel that the words of God to Elijah are applicable at this time: "I have left me seven-thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." In Revelation, the angel prophesied to John that there would be, not only seven-thousand, but one-hundred, forty and four-thousand in this, the closing of the present period of the history of the world.

It seems to us, at the present time, that God is withdrawing the spirit of inspiration, knowledge and understanding from the people, and that the New Thought Journals that come here are lacking the freshness, energy, and newness that they had in the beginning. The same is largely true of our own thought. Has the time come prophesied by the prophet when he said: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run too and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. They that sware by the sin of Samaria, and say, thy god, O Dan, liveth; and the manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again."

This movement has stood before the world for fourteen years, holding the light of life; holding open the door that leads from death, sin, sorrow and corruption, unto life, immortality and eternal happiness; but the elementals, the wicked spirits, through their instruments, have intimidated the people, and

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have said of us all manner of evil falsely; thus you have clung to the world, your covenant with death is firmly fixed upon you, and we would not be surprised if we should be called away from the public into a place prepared of God, where we shall be kept until you seek earnestly with all your heart, in great sorrow and anguish for the place of safety, where resides the knowledge of the truth, (methods) that will open again the gates of the garden of Eden, and admit you into the presence of the God whose nature is love, and whose attribute is omnipotence, and, therefore is abundantly able to supply all the needs of His children. But know this, there is a God who knows your very heart, who loves righteousness and hates your perversion. You who are scattered about in the world have no idea of the state of your corruption; there is not one from the eldest to the youngest but is dying upon his feet, and the stench of the masses is actually and literally that of a decaying corpse; yet you love that death, and cling to it. Well, you have a right to it; you may have it if you choose.

Many are talking about immortality, and at the same time they are living in death and corruption, and are doing those things that must continue that corruption until they pass into the grave. Not one that has ever written, so far as we are aware, on the subject of immortality, has given even a hint that they have any knowledge whatever of the law that will bring immortality to them. We speak reverently when we say, we do know the law and the methods, but immortality can never come into the world to isolated individuals; it will come only under the rule of divine order and law, and until that divine order is established on the earth, all your talk about immortality is mere babble. We say these things to you, not from belief, but because we know them.

To forget the law of your God is to forget and neglect the law of your own existence. As God is our creator, He is also

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our preserver, and the law of His nature is the law of the vitality of our existence. No wonder then, that to forget the law of our God brings upon the world the conditions that now exist, and the conditions that are hastening in upon the masses. The words of Christ in his parable given by Matthew xxv, 1–13, and in fact his parables through the whole chapter, were given by one looking with a prophetic eye down to the time now present and approaching. We will not quote them here, but ask you to read them. Some of you may say, we have no faith in that old Bible; but you who have the Spirit of Truth within, will recognize words of truth, no matter in what book you read them, or by what person they are spoken, though the person may be low, unreliable and even vicious; but nothing that we could say, nothing that an angel from heaven could say, would be of vital importance to you who have not the Spirit of Truth within. Unless you have the Spirit of Truth in yourselves and are giving it attention and thought, and are following it regardless of where it leads you, or of what it costs you, you will be found among the virgins whose lamps have gone out, but the others whose lamps are still burning will enter in while you will be left out.

We care not what you may say to such utterances from us; if perchance we may stir to activity some earnest, loving, devout, soul, it is full recompense to us, but if you all reject it, it is just as well; we have done our duty; we therefore leave the thought with you and ask that Divine peace and wisdom may rest upon you who are seeking the truth that you may follow it wholly.

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WORK WROUGHT OUT OF OCCULT SCIENCE LESSONS.

HOW TO FIND THE SELF.

To find the Self is to put ourselves in touch with the higher self, which is the real ego, the immortal part, which has always existed and will always exist in the eternity of time or things.

When we have transmuted our substance and experience into knowledge, wisdom, power, expression, and understanding, we shall become radiant centers and see by our own light, which is concentrated sunlight, which lighteth every man into the world.

We are told that the solar plexes is the center of being and in time will become the positive and controlling influence within, and that all else will become subservient to it; then we may know ourselves, and also God, who is the oneness of the trinity which belongs to the higher self and expresses itself through the God-head, which is the Father-Mother, the dual principle of which all things are manifested.

The triangle is the emblem by which the trinity is typified: the apex is the oneness, God in one, Father-Mother in principle: the sides represent the separateness, as the male and female descending into matter for the purpose of generation and creation, out of the universal substance, connecting with the four lower principles, which constitute the quarternary of the Theosophists.

The Masonic square and compasses express the whole thing; the tools that are givento the neophyte with which to work in the building of the Temple as an Entered Apprentice.

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To the student of occultism it has a deep meaning. The self is the architect of the body not made with hands, but worked out in the laboratory of nature by thought power through alchemical processes.

Alchemy is the soul side of chemistry, and is the transmutation of substance into finer forces, and of a subtle nature or essence.

In treating it from the old Philosophers' standpoint, it requires study, and close application to principles. When dealing with soul science on the material plane, we must learn to handle "natures finer forces," which represent the working impliments, that build and construct plastic substances into forms that embody the thoughts of the Divine Architect. The breath is the power that moves the machinery of the body. The thought dictates, as the head master, in the process of building and rebuilding, until perfection is attained. To become living exponents of this truth, Lillian Whiting says:— "It is a work involving three threefold forces of the body, mind, and soul. While the spiritual man inhabits the physical body, the conditions of the body must effect, more or less, the receptivity of spiritual powers. The body is the temple of the indwelling spirit, and it has laws which must be obeyed. The body is the result of its range of attraction. It is constantly changing; old atoms being thrown off, and new ones attracted, thus one can make his body what he wills. The more light, agile and subtle, the better it fulfills its purpose as a vehicle. The factors in making it so, are air, water, exercise, food, and thought, the gifts of nature common to all, and there is an Infinite Source from which to draw.

Let us investigate these laws and see what they mean to us. Right here is a thought that we can practice in our daily lives, by using the breath as an instrument of force in building and rebuilding our bodies; by taking the thoughts of our higher

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selves, or the best we know, as directors and managers of these forces, in transmuting the lower substances into the higher, and more healthy conditions of harmony and happiness. We are living and growing bodies through the power of Alchemy, which is an existing life principle. Franez Hartmann says:— "The human stomach is an alchemical laboratory in which miracles are performed, which no modern chemist can imitate by merely chemical means. Milk and bread are transformed into blood and flesh within the living retort of the human body, and wonders are performed which modern chemistry cannot accomplish, because it does not control the organizing power of life. "It pays to devote time to this practice of Alchemy, and obtain the pure gold of wisdom from inferior metals represented by the animal passions. These passions are lent by nature, to make them into silver and gold, while living on this earth; they are steps upon which to climb to immortality and find the true divine self. It requires no books, no tools, and no furnace; for man himself is the alembic, the fire and substance to be ennobled."

Tatwas:—(from Sanscrit definition) Eternally existing *That*, also the different principles in nature, in their occult meaning; also the abstract principle of existence or categories, physical and metaphysical; again, subtle elements, which are correlative to the five and seven senses on the physical plane, the last two are as yet latent in man, but will be developed in the last two root races."

If we take them, the tatwas or senses, on the plane of the senses we use, we know of what they consist, and use them continually as part of our being. They are as follows: hearing, seeing, tasting, feeling, and smelling, a very necessary part of us.

The other two we have the promise of, which will lead us into the astral and spiritual worlds. Clairvoyance belongs to

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the sixth sense, and it is being used by those who have it developed, and it is bringing a knowledge of the unseen world round about us, that seems to many supernatural, but it belongs to our inherent development as much as the other five senses; and still farther, there are those who are reaching toward the seventh sense, a more spiritual class, and penetrating a veil still beyond, from whence comes all highest inspirations, This takes us a long way from primordial matter or nature; but I think it is something we can grasp better by tracing it back through the knowledge we get, to its primal manifestation. Annie Besant has defined it very clearly in her book called *The Building of the Cosmos*, "There is an intelligence inherent in primordial substance that plans and builds from its own essence all manifested worlds in harmony and unific order from the beginning to the end, the small and the great, governed by the same law of correspondence from the least to the greatest.

Their are corresponding organs in the universal substance or mind, from which to draw in for the formation and building of all differentiated life of the universal manifestations from the unmanifest. Psyche or soul is the potent power in the unmanifest, and through and by *that* all unfoldment and evolution comes."

Concentration by Demand:—All occult work is based on concentration of mind; to do this needs study and practice; and occult methods are necessary. We are told to sit in silence and mass our forces by deep breathing and thought power, controlled by the will; not an easy thing for the untrained student to do.

By making our demands, we are seeking, asking, and knocking at the door of occult knowledge and wisdom, which we are told we shall receive by persistently demanding.

How shall we know when we have attained an entrance into

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that Holy of Holies, the interior of our being. By the peace and harmony of all the senses focused; by an illumination of every part of the body. Every molecule becomes polarized toward the center, the heart, the seat of life, where the inbreathing and outbreathing meet and pass as one individual working force, giving and taking in equal parts, radiating to the circumference and back again to the center.

The law of correspondences applied to concentration reveals our relationship to the four great points, North, South, East, and West. Taking our relationship, in a general way, to the four great points; we must first consider how and why we are related to these points, or cosmic life. We must have had a common origin, or their could have been no relatedness; therefore the macrocosm and microcosm were evolved from the same eternal substance or principle.

We want to understand of what the macrocosm consists. We are told that it takes in the universe, as we know it, including our Sun, moon, and planets which revolve around the sun, the center and governing power of all, and great storehouse of energy, from which we draw our life-giving forces.

Now, as the microcosm is the outgrowth of the macrocosm he must correspond in organic structure, and embody all the different types and forms of the life that preceded him, and is dependent for growth and development from mother earth, and must come into close relations to unfold all the latent possibilities inherent in his constitution. Now we have a basis from which to work, we come into touch through the law of correspondence, by relationship or wires of connection to each special kingdom, as we need or desire, and we can draw from whatever source we want by conforming to the laws that are inherent in matter and in principle, remembering, always, that spirit leads and is master, and makes no mistakes.

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SUPPLY AND DEMAND,

FROM ANOTHER STANDPOINT.

That supply and demand are equal and interdependent, is accepted as a truism, but it is by no means limited to the necessities of physical life, but involves the quality and expression of all life and character, and the evolution of the individual. You and I are living and doing, day by day, what we feel to be our greatest necessity. Why is it? When we reflect, we find that we have never been false to necessity, never failed to meet it fully. Because, whether we know it or not, we live from God, and He is limitless. We draw from Him unfailingly to the full measure of our self-made limitations. These limitations expand or contract by reason of what we think *must be done;* for "occasion makes the man." Occasion, demand, desire, necessity; these manifestations of use measure the capabilities of the man and restrict or expand him. If they are small, the man is small. He is still smaller, and vexed and distorted, if the demands of his life — that which he inspires of energy and understanding, of love or hatred, is the consequence of what people estimate him at, and thus demand to come through him. No person can say at any hour, day or year, I will deport myself in this or that way; for nothing has its fixed abode in mind or body. All is transition. All is a constant current of mentality, varying in its quality or quantity in accordance with the expectation — the demands made upon the individual by his fellows, or by whatsoever he is serving The most brilliant mind that you can conceive of, is not so from itself, but only what it is drawing to itself by

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conscious demand in the service of individuals, communities, nations, or the universe, as the case may be. Suppose such a mind placed among a people whom it was to wholly and voluntarily serve, according to their wants, the powers of that mind would be in proportion to the expectations, the demands made upon it. If such people had no use for brilliance, no need for powers of mind, such manifestations of ability as were formerly evidenced, would, under such conditions, wholly cease. Not by reason of lethargy and apathy, slowly lapsing into nothingness, but the change would be immediate and complete; for, what he would express, if wholly given over to their service, would immediately be what they expected and thus demanded of him. It may be suggested that this is impossible; for, how could one accomplish instantly whatever might be in the hearts and desires of, perchance, a perverted, ignorant or fantastic people, with the most unheard of wants; demanding of him that he be their common beast of burden, bearing superhuman loads? Or, suppose he was considered a god-man, with unlimited power, and in all faith they demanded of him the most wonderful feats — leveling of hills, the erection of hugh structures, the creation of anything, by a word, that their uses might require; could he be equal to the demands? Yes! Each expresses just so much of the divine love and life, or power as may be the *necessity* he serves. In other words, we are creatures of inspiration: from and "in Him we live and move and have our being," and we command all that our necessity embraces. But it must be, not the fancied necessity, but the *genuine need of the soul.* This gives us little or all, according as we broaden use.

If man desires unity with the Soul of the universe, it is purchasable with the renunciation of every individual wish to the wellfare of all; and when he does so, he is no longer a creature of circumstance, expressing both good and evil in response to

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the ever changing events of a life in the gratification of the senses; but, henceforth, he becomes one with the Universal Soul. This blending of the soul with the Immortal, Omnipotent Spirit is aptly illustrated by one of the Oriental Masters: "The I which makes man worldly and attatched to lust and wealth is mischievous. The individual and the universal are separated owing to this I being in the middle. If a stick is thrown across a sheet of water it appears divided into two; (the stick is the I that stands between the soul of man and the soul of the Universal Spirit,) take away the stick and it is the same one mass of water." When this is his need, and for this only, he lives and inspires, how can he, then, who is without anxious thought, fearless and with no thought of self, no evil in his heart,—the expression, only, of the All Good, demand through others, envy and malice, strife, lust and hatred? impossible! They may slay him as they did the Master, because they, representing the prince of this world, cometh unto him, and find nothing in him upon which to feed. He makes no demands of them for all that their senses have been wont to express. He is living by that from above, which consumes all iniquity. Is it a wonder, then, that the iniquitous who meet such a God-man commenced to starve and be consumed in his presence, so that they could not bear him in their midst? No, for he was the Bread of Life; and as he said, it was not for the dogs, as long as they *were* dogs; but the transformation he was to some, who were not wholly dogs, has become an example to the world, in the instance of the woman who replied: "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Thus it is that each, as he or she becomes merged into the purpose of the true Good, becomes a strong arm of love and upliftment to all mankind; for to whomsoever that one's thought is directed, he gives to that one the Bread of Life.

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All that is best in him meets that quality, and he inspires it; and the will from without, having no further demand made upon it, ceases to act in and through that one.

You can imagine the effect of all Love and Good breathed upon one who is almost if not wholly the manifestation of evil. The evil,— that dwells without and seeks to express through men could not live upon it, and would turn elsewhere for admittance. Suppose, as it turned, now here, now there, it confronted good on every hand; it must wholly cease to manifest, and the one who had lived by such a quality of inspired life would suffer terribly in the transformation, i. e., the death of the old, and the reception of the new. Or, if evil had been strongly in the ascendency, rapid dissolution of the physical might ensue. This is an illustration of what occurs in the life of each, when new and higher demands are made upon him by the conscious needs of the soul, and all the former demands, with their attendant train of undesirable qualities of life, are cut off forever.

The life and character of the individual depends largely for its good or evil upon the demands made upon it by others, in the form of opinions and expectancies, expressed or unexpressed. Thus it is that each is responsible to every other person in the world. Each is placing limitations upon some, and perhaps starving the natural impulse for the best, by establishing the demand for evil. How? By first impressions and after impressions, which take the form of a fixed idea, whether correct or incorrect, and operate at will; the law of attraction between you and he, and between him and the quality of force which is thus directed through him to you. When such becomes fixed in your thought of another, it becomes such a drawing power, such a demand for that particular quality, that in your presence, at least, it is almost impossible for him to manifest to you other than what you are led to expect of

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him. Your conclusions may be correct enough, but why make of yourself food for something else to feed upon, which is operating through another by reason of your recognition, or your actual demand for it by desire or fear. Well may one cry: O, man, who set me a judge over you? You might refuse to demand, to expect, to fear and thus to draw through me that which perhaps I am striving too repress, shut my door to; and could by love and quest for better things, have drawn through me that which is most to be desired for you, and uplifting to me, therefore, Jesus said, "I judge no man, and yet if I judge, my judgement is true." The woman taken in sin, brought to him by far guiltier than she, was not denounced but comforted; and instead of recognizing the evil intent of those accusers, he gave it, by ignoring its presence, nothing to ally itself to, nothing to feed upon, and each in turn withdrew in silent remorse. And in the presence of this love, all that may have been evil in and through the woman ceased to lurk where it could not longer manifest; and, with the assurance, "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more," this soul went forth strengthened and rejoicing.

It is almost impossible for one, unless wholly in the Spirit, to be otherwise to you than as you expect him to be; and you will, unless well guarded, invariably place an estimate upon an individual which will help or injure according to your thought potency, and whether you are looking for the favorable or unfavorable through him. Man expresses to man according to the demands made upon him, and he must be strong, indeed, to close his door to what you think he has for you, and which is therefore striving to work through him to you by the law of attraction for evil, which is set in operation through one, perhaps wholly unaware of what you fear from or desire of him; or one who, although not exempt from those things which you impute, is the more in need of a helping hand. It is apparent

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that we demean or enoble, to some degree, by every expressed opinion, and every formulated thought. It may be suggested; how about one who does not care at all what you say or think? Possibly with such a one we may not affect his relations with others, but as regards you he is changed, for as long as your demand for a certain quality through him lasts, he will be expressing that quality, or so steeled against it that you will notice his constraint.

It is said, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he;"and equally true is it that, as you think in your heart of another, so is he to you, unless he is so focalized by high desire, that the good only can gain ingress to him.

Thus we are erecting or tearing down barriers to the soul's freedom; releasing others, or binding them to self. This in the Orient is known as karma, and must be worked out sooner or later, and overcome. The present, only, is ours to improve, yet we turn to the future, when *all* is encompassed in the *now*.

It is a well known fact that if we are feeling "out of sorts," we seem to come in touch with all others who are the same; we set in motion just what we are looking for, just what that within us allies itself to, or shall we fear — it is all the same. These varying qualities are actually demanded by the condition of discord within us, and everywhere we go, we may be enlisting unwilling victims of our own conditions, of which the psychic atmosphere of the world is filled by this operation of supply and demand.

This is why it is necessary for each who is seeking the unfoldment of the soul, to guard every thought and relinquish all of self, in order that the gathering potencies, through a life of regeneration, be held in control, and the doors shut to all but the good.

All who come in touch with the Good through separateness of thought and devotion, have the currents of life reversed,

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which means the repulsion of evil, not by resistence, but by the inflow of the Good. For love feareth not, "love thinketh no evil," seeks only its kind. This love, this flame of God in the soul, awakens no emotional demonstration of its presence: swift, silent, and vibrant it is abroad seeking its own. Thus are the lines being drawn, rapid and close among the people now. "God is a consuming fire." the "Final Things approach." Adnah.

"Every morn is a fresh beginning,
Every day is the world made new.
Ye who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you;
A hope for me, and a hope for you."

The power of thought, *per se*, is not all. The key to the treasure-vault is not the treasure; and however perfect, beautiful, and strong; however much it may be used in other, secondary ways, its office as a key does not operate until it is adjusted to the lock.

Thought is positive and negative. To be wholly positive is to be abnormally executive without the wherewithal to execute. To be wholly negative is to have wind and tide in favor, but, like the ship without its rudder, helpless, and exposed to good and bad, alike.

Let all that is positive take the form of *derive*: all that is negative, the form of *expectency*, and you have, at once, the key and its adjustment to all that your conception can picture.

But, remember, if you have *all*, without that which gives it life and perpetuation, you have only sounding brass and dry bones.

Love, *love* fulfills, i. e., *pledges* the Law. Adnah.

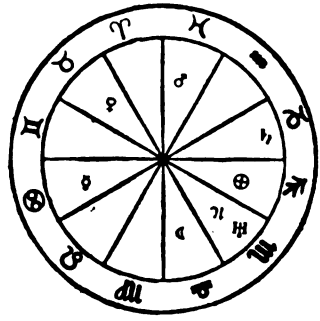
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

J. A. S. December 9, 1957. 9 a m. Napa, Cal.

Trinities.		Triplicity.	
Intellectual,	1.	Airy.	1.
Maternal,	1.	Watery,	4.
Reproductive,	4.	Fiery,	1.
Serving,	3.	Earthy,	3.



RISING SIGN—♐.

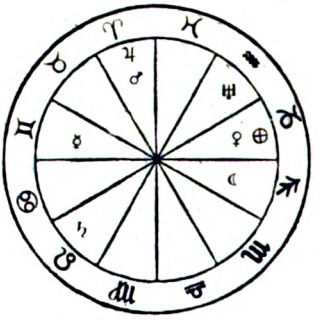
The basic principle of your nature is Sagittarius, the expressor of the muscular system, making you active and positive. The rising or body sign is Capricorn, the generalizer and business head; these are led out through Libra, the head of the airy triplicity: a sign of darkness and yet a sign of psychic perception. This gives you a strong love of the occult and a desire to delve into the unknown. The position of Uranus and Jupiter in Scorpio, the interior of the reproductive trinity, will add to this tendency and lead you to study the life forces and their manifestation; it will also give you great vitality and physical endurance, helping out the otherwise weak and nervous state of the body. Saturn being in the body sign puts your mind in order, so that you are naturally very orderly and methodical in everything

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you do; but along with that order and methodical tendency the Sagittarius quality sometimes finds expression, that is, you seem to break loose and do not work according to method and order. Mars in the struggling sign Pisces disturbs every effort of your life; it is the family planet and indicates that you will have much trouble in your domestic life. Your life-line, that is the line running around the base of the thumb, is undoubtedly broken, or else there are a number of smaller lines running parallel with it; perhaps it is partly double; this indicates what we have said, that you are either forced to live a double life, or there is inharmony in the home. Venus in Taurus turns your love into the senses, and it will either help you to control the sex, if you attempt to do so, or it will lead you to extremes, if you indulge the sex. If disease effects you, it will be through the influence of Mars in Pisces.

Mrs. C. C. H. January 3, 1875. 9.40 p. m.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	3.	AIRY,	2.
MATERNAL,	2.	WATERY,	0.
REPRODUCTIVE,	1.	FIERY,	4.
SERVING,	3.	EARTHY,	3.



RISING SIGN—♏.

The earth being in Capricorn, at the time of your birth, gives you a strong, practical mental tendency, which oscillates between the spiritual and the materialistic. The Capricorn nature is intensified, to a great extent, by Jupiter and Mars in Aries, which produce in you great ideality: your brain is always active with schemes and methods for accomplishing results in a business way, unless circumstances in life have caused you to live more in the body sign, which is Virgo; in that case you would act very positively and largely from the interior, and you would have a strong disposition to control those with whom

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you deal. The moon, being in Sagtitarius, makes you very expressive, and you probably often find yourself speaking too hastily and saying that which wounds the feelings of others, thus making enemies. Uranus in Aquarius gives you strong leadings toward the occult and mystic, especially toward mediumship, clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc. Saturn in Leo gives you love of music and harmony. Jupiter in Aries is unfortunate for you, as it inclines you to live beyond your means; your ideals are so large that it is difficult for you to economize and live on a small income, but Mars in Aries gives you power to inspire knowledge and methods by which you can succeed in makmaking a good living, if called upon to do so. Venus in Capricorn softens the otherwise hard nature, and gives you a strong, active, love nature, and adds its power to your musical qualifications. Mercury in Gemini is much against you; it has been an adversary in the doorway to success through life; when a way seems to open before you, and you make an effort to carry out plans that you know will succeed, the influence of Mercury causes you to drop your hands from your object and thus holds you to hard, physical labor. Eat your food carefully, in order to avoid dispeptic difficulties.

CORRESPONDENCE.

H. E. BUTLER, APPLEGATE, CAL.,

Dear Friend and Brother:— . . . You teach that immortality is to be *attained*. The church has always taught that it is a *gift*. Paul says, in the 6th chapter of Timothy, 16th verse, that the Lord Jesus Christ —"who only hath immortality dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto."

Then, about the one-hundred, forty and four-thousand John says: "These are they which were not defiled with women for they are virgins." Now, I cannot see how *women* are to have any part in that redemption,— he certainly meant *men* when he wrote of those which were redeemed. And how can anyone who has been on the plane of generation attain to immortality,

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unless it be in a future incarnation? True, they may *overcome*, but the fact remains that they have been *defiled*.

I do not wish to infringe upon your time. I appreciate your many favors, and often bless the hour when the first Esoteric fell into my hands. I have read much of the New Thought literature, it comes without my putting out a hand for it,—but your teaching transcends them all.

Believe me your's most sincerely,

E. M. B. Valparaiso, Ind.

Ans: — In the above quotation Paul does not mean to say that Christ is the only one who has or can have immortality, for that would blight all hope in the Christian religion, but the context clearly shows that Paul meant that immortality could not be obtained, only through Christ, for, as Jesus himself said, he came to bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel; in other words, to show the way to life and immortality; the way out from under the dominence of the wages of sin, which is death.

In regard to your reference to the virgins: in the first place, the word virgin means pure one, and when Jesus said by the angel: "These are they who were not defiled with women," he implied that these are they who have become virgins through the regenerate life; as the scriptures say, all old things must pass away and all things become new. Those who live the regenerate life will literally die, throw off the old body and take on a new one; all men are dying continually, but the difference between the regenerate man and the world in general is, that he, having been begotten from above, becomes the son of God, lives from the Spirit of God that has found admission into his organism, and as he lives from that spiritual consciousness and repels the old animal physical, the old man dies and passes away and a newly begotten son builds for himself a new body, which fully justifies the words: "These are they who are not defiled with women,—woman in the old generation is dominated by the serpent principle, whice brings death. The great sin of the race is the abuse ofsex. The regenerate woman also becomes a son of God, throws off the old body and takes on a newone, notwithstanding it is a material form. When the regenerate man and woman have reached the place referred to by the angel, in the above quotation, where "they follow

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the Lamb whithersoever he goeth," they are no longer men and women, but they are men-women and women-men; they are two in one; they are no longer two, though they may possess two separate physical structures, but the two are one in the highest, noblest, and most delightful sense; they are like the angels. Herein lies the mystery of the kingdom of God that none can comprehend until they have been born from above, have killed out the old man and their minds have become perfectly submissive to the new man, the son of God, through having lived the regenerate life. [Ed.

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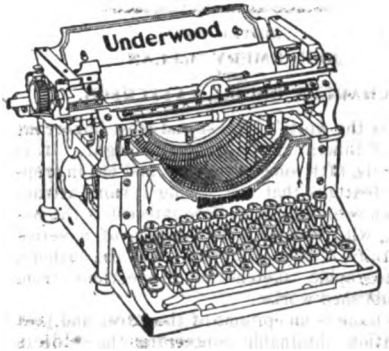
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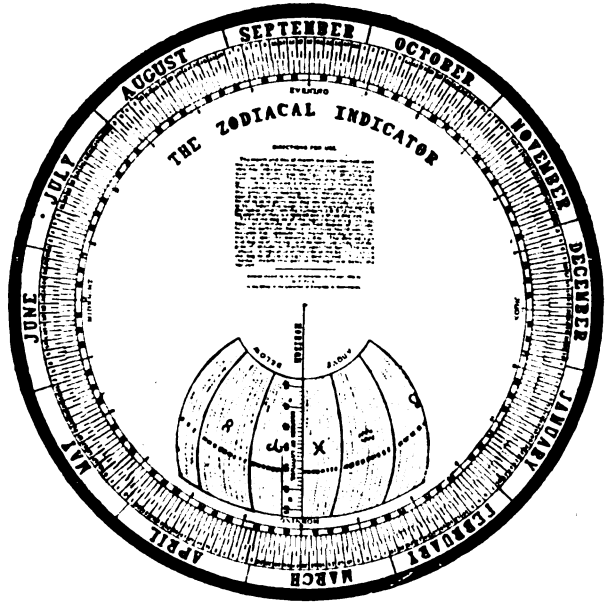
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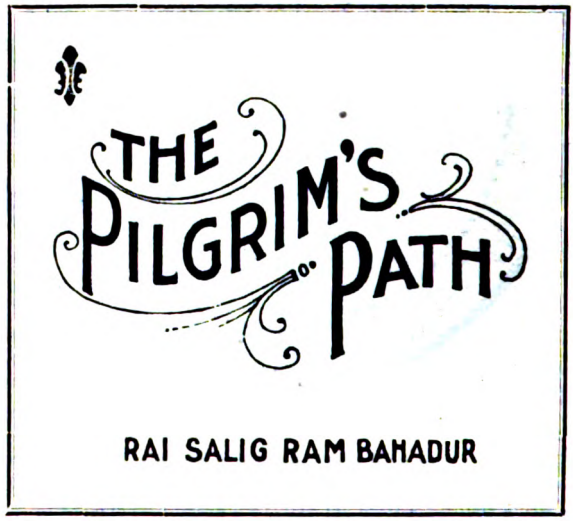
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THE CONFESSION OF THE ROSE.

As I sat under a rose-tree, one spring day, musing, the question came to my mind, that, while man's craving for infinite and endless pleasures is unquenchable, why can he never satisfy himself? I thought of those thousand and one objects constituting the pleasures of men, and confirmed the usual idea, that almost all of them are simply transient, mostly vain and dreamy; but, said I to myself, why then should we look for the endless in pleasure, and with an undespairing perseverance? And what is the meaning of the natural and rational desire which we never satisfy?

Being desirous of solving this problem, I tried to work it out mentally. Soulful though my endeavors were in this regard, I accomplished nothing. My mind strayed, and my thoughts became doubtful and sad. Suddenly, it seemed to me as if the rose-tree, under which I was sitting, began to diffuse a sweeter and stronger odor than usual.

Reluctant I ceased thinking, and lifted my hand to pluck a newly bloomed and tender rose, effusive with sweet scent. In my act of separating it from the tree, forgetting my usual rude way, I detached the rose with great care and awe, and drew in a long breath laden with its delicious fragrance. While scenting it, I noticed that every time I tried to draw all its perfume from it at one breath, in a selfish way, the rose would lose all its odor and its elegant freshness; so much so as to appear, to my eyes, faded and worthless; and every time I cherished a love for its beautiful form and nectarine odor, and felt grateful for the sweet enjoyment I was conscious it afforded me, it would appear to me as the essence of pleasure. This surprised

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me very much. Once more I drew it close to smell, and this time I experienced a feeling of protest from the rose, as if I were doing it an injustice, and the thought came to me that I was wrong in believing the flower I was smelling to be the rose, and what I held in my hand was not in reality the thing whose perfume enraptured me. Strange thought! Yet this was simply what I was thinking.

I put down the mystical flower, and pondered for a long time over this new thought, but at length feeling my inability to penetrate this mystery, I took up the flower again and with an uneasy movement, carried it to my nose, when the thoughts came to me as if I were reading the words in the flower itself.

"What you hold in your hand is only my likeness in earth form; that is only my body. I am the rose, the soul of the object you hold. The sweet odor that you smell is from me, and my odor is never exhausted. The soul of the flowers am I,—the essence of pleasure: I am not transient, I never fade away: I am eternal. I am not only here, I am everywhere. I am revealed in this rose, in its perfume and elegance; in that violet, in its modest mien; and in the lily, in its pure splendor. I am always evident: I never die. I am the endless pleasure and infinite enjoyment."

"Thousands of years ago, when men *loved* me, I would reveal myself to them distinctly. Those times have passed, and now men instead of loving me most, love themselves most. This is why I am not known to-day. He who loves me, he alone sees me, and I am in him." Caspar H. Tarpinian.

Surely if living creatures saw the results of all their evil deeds, they would turn away from them in disgust. But selfhood blinds them, and they cling to their obnoxious desires.

Buddha.

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WORK WROUGHT OUT OF OCCULT SCIENCE LESSONS.

"Hermetic Philosophy" says "Man's body represents the earth, and the earth is to become a sun. Why not man also? Christ is the spiritual sun of man, just as the great orb of day is the physical lord of creation: there is a perfect gradation from the physical all the way up to the spiritual, of which the law of correspondences in nature is the key." The North Center is our great store-house of energy, from which we get our motor power. It corresponds to our bony and muscular system, by which we move about, and accomplish the mygratory part of life; for without that, we would be inanimate. Now, what power does that imply to the North Center? The motions are rotary, and must have an axis, which means revolving, and must have the power to turn the earth, and hold it in position as the positive center. This then must be the wheel of life, and all action and being depends upon it. Electricity is the force which moves the universe, and the North Center is the store-house that furnishes the motor power of the earth, the generator of dynamic force. The South Center is the negative pole, without which there could be no manifestation, as all life is dual from the atom up to the highest form of life.

Vibration:—Vibration is life in motion, from which all manifestation comes; from the atom to the universe; each atom is a vibrating entity, with a life of its own, attracting or repelling, and governed by chemical laws which must be obeyed in order to build and form structures, which cohere and cling together, and become bodies, animate and inanimate.

Vibration is the moving power which brings the atoms together, and forms aggregations which manifest in all grades

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of evolution, mineral, vegetable, animal, and human, and must continue in the spiritual evolution.

It is said that when we move or speak, we move the whole atmosphere, but we can use expressions to modify the force of vibrations, which would otherwise bring inharmony to us. Every word we speak produces ripples on the sea of mental life, and either disturbs or harmonizes our real atmosphere. Accordingly our actions and words must have a vibratory power, and we should constantly try to modify and harmonize our expressions, in order to control that force, and bend it to our wills. All study and all culture must be means to that end. It is ours, like everything else, when we come to know. We have been using it all our lives, and we will get our knowledge of it from within ourselves. "Know Thyself" is the command, and when we know that, we shall know all things.

Currents:—Currents are rays of vibration from all sources, which are governed by the intensity of the object, person or thing from which they emanate. Look at the sun for the most intense radiations. In it you behold the most powerful, the most brilliant and far reaching, of anything in the natural world which to study.

Now, take life in all its ramifications, and think of the currents and cross currents, which constantly fill the universe and permeate all conditions, people and things, and imagine what a panorama would be presented to view, if we had the sense of clairvoyant vision, to see all that is going on about us, above and below.

Dealing with atmospheric centers:—The whole universe may be ours, but only through self-consciousness. The universe is a mental conception. The individual actually comprises the universe; and, when we become conscious of it, it is ours by possession. We are related to the four atmospherical centers, by physical and psychic laws, of which we must have a knowledge,

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to give us power to overcome circumstances and conditions, and become masters instead of servants. Physical laws control the physical part of our bodies, and give us the power of locomotion, and supply us with the elements that are necessary to build the temples of our bodies, in which we live, grow and develop in earth life. Phychic laws belong to the soul, which represents the astral body, (a counterpart of the physical) which surrounds and embodies it, and photographs the conscious life of the individual upon the astral part, as a mirror which reflects images. The two are co-related and held together by the mind, which is the master builder.

The North Center represents the stored up energies of ages, in the bowels of the earth, and is being liberated and utilized in the great enterprises which go to make up the century; her forests too, represent untold wealth, and the highways of her great lakes afford immence facilities for transportation.

The South is the store-house of the energies of the sun, where we have to look for life, health, and regeneration. We have already made ourselves more receptive to it by the knowledge we have gained.

The developments of the East Center are; clairvoyance, aerial psychometry, inspirational speaking, writing, painting, music and all developments belonging to the realm of art. Spiritual clairvoyance belongs to the realm of spirit, and symbols are given to be interpreted by those who can understand; and reaches still further, and becomes prophecy to the initiate. Aerial psychometry is thought transferrence, and will be recognized in the future as a means of rapid communication. Inspirational speaking, etc., comes from an interior harmony of soul powers, which express, on the exterior, the inflowing thoughts and ideas that unfold the expanding soul in its upward flight.

The burning of incense signifies liberation of soul powers from the bondage of matter, typical of the altar fires within

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the body, sometimes called the chemist, who transmutes the gross physical matter of our bodies into finer material, which is able to sense the God-essence, of whose nature we have a lawful inheritance, and are to become co-workers with him; and, according to the "Higher Self," make harmony within the temples of our bodies.

Through the laws of correspondence we can adapt ourselves to the laws of nature, and become one with it. The law of nature is the law of evolution, which is the law of progression and change; and by adapting our thoughts and actions to it we work in harmony and become one with it, by following the motions involved in each special center, which represents a different attitude and mode of procedure, in order to carry on the work of evolving the mental constitution of man, in harmony with the physical; for they must go hand in hand to secure the best results.

Rowing with the tide, or going with the wind, is a good illustration of the power and help we receive in moving with natural law; and it can be applied with the same force and assistance in the higher attainments.

Let the body follow the rhythm of whatever you are doing, as in music or dancing, and you will get the same effect in all work, and it will become a positive pleasure and make life a continual holiday.

Every rule has its exceptions, and we have to consider that we are coming to a point in the cycle of evolution where regeneration is becoming an important factor to be studied and understood as a law in making the higher attainments. This deals with evolution, and turns to the center from where all unfoldment comes; the home of the spirit. It is symbolized by the return of the prodigal son to his father's house. The forces that have been wasted in generation must be conserved and stored at the center, as spirit power and light to illuminate the temple of the body. This means reversing the old order, and cutting a new path through the old, in which we have been living and travelling.

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Nature has provided laws, and we can adapt ourselves to them and work in harmony with them, thus they will become stepping-stones as we climb to the mountain tops.

Everything that acts or moves in the physical and astral realms, has its correspondence in the spiritual. In the law of correspondences, the human head represents a complete cycle or sphere. The face, which is strong and positive, represents the heavens, while the back of the head is negative, and represents the earth.

Spirit is the center of all action or motion, and is the fountain-head of all life; therefore, the Father-Mother *God-principle*, from which all manifested worlds are evolved, with the teeming millions of sentient lives, that embody all the phases and stages of differentiated types that we see and know, and from which we have to study and draw our conclusions.

The source of life must determine the nature of results, which must have a correspondence or relatedness in some way, although it may be lost to sight in the devious paths through which it travels in its course through matter, in the physical world, and the astral world, included.

When we study man we study the universe, and if we trace him as a ray, or divine spark, shot out from the eternal, on a long pilgrimage from the center to the circumference and then back again, we cannot fail to find the laws of correspondence holding fast to every principle, and preserving the unity of being throughout the whole.

The head is an index to man's a character, photographic expression of the interior soul, which is being sculptured as a living, breathing, being.

Heaven is harmony, from whence man came. Earth is inharmony; because in a state of growth, a process of becoming, therefore constantly changing form, and expressing faculties, that go to complete the whole. When it will have become fully developed and well balanced, harmony will be expressed, and not before. Ancil.

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OUR COURSE OF ACTION.

As we consider our course of action, and listen as others express themselves concerning their objects, efforts, and experiences, we find that the objects and the direction of efforts are so varied, that we might say, each has an object and method peculiar to himself; not because many have a very distinct idea of what they want or how to get it, but, on the contrary, few seem to know what they want. This being the case, we are led to ask: what should we seek?

If we see a man making something, the purpose of which we do not know, we would be perfectly justified in inquiring as to what use the object of his labors is intended to serve; for we realize that a rational being will refuse to labor to no purpose, which simply means, that everything he does and everything he makes, is for the purpose of accomplishing some definite object.

As we observe the works of nature, we perceive on every hand, orderly, intelligent action, and accepting as reasonable, our premise, that an intelligent worker labors always for the accomplishment of a definite object, it follows that we should endeavor to know what the object of our creation is; and what purpose we are intended to serve.

When an article of any kind fulfils the requirements perfectly, for which it was made, as long as it is useful it is valued and cared for accordingly; consequently, we feel safe in assuming that if we serve the purpose of our creation well, the power which created us will appreciate and care for us accordingly.

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We believe that life is not worth living unless it is lived in harmony with the purpose of our creation. It is not our desire to consider here the rationality of deliberate self-destruction, to escape an undesirable existence, as a little child, weary with the haps and misshaps of the day, goes to bed before the day is over, other than we perceive that by doing so we refuse to fulfil the purpose of our creation, although we may be ignorant of the existence of any such purpose.

While questioning carefully as to what might be the purpose for which we were created, we perceive that, at first sight at least, we have very little data to work from, and upon inquiry we find that some claim this and some that as the object, usually basing their claim upon the "say so" of some one else; and we find indeed, that the human family has been placed on the earth under conditions very much as though a school-teacher would say to his pupils: now children, you may do exactly as you please insofar as you are able, for I know that it is only a question of time until you will find by experiences, both bitter and sweet, how to make your liberty justifiable, and the time which you spend here desirable. Thus we see throughout the world the children of men experimenting with justice and injustice; love and hate; aggression and submission; selfishness and unselfishness. The stoic and the syberite; the wise man and the fool; the strong man and the weak man; all try their experiment, and consciously or unconsciously, seek the proper mode of life. Thus they are blindly groping to find the object of their existence.

The lives that have been most satisfactory are those which have been the busiest and have accomplished the most; and those which have been the happiest are those who have loved most. Thus, all living may be reduced to one term, namely, action; and this manifested in two distinct ways: activity of

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the mind, whereby we either build or destroy; and of the heart, wherewith we either love or hate; therefore, we conclude, that in the activities of mind and heart we will find our true sphere of use. But, we perceive that much evil results from wrong-doing, and much sorrow is caused by hate or unwise loving, which shows the necessity of doing and loving wisely; but, expostulates one, your deductions demand too much, for all men are not wise, neither have they always the knowledge nor the strength to do that which they perceive might or should be done. This is true while we are yet children.

We have now reached the point where we are necessitated to leave the thread of our reasonings and deductions, and enter the realm of speculation and revelation, although much, if not all, which we will at least tentatively accept can be fairly proven by careful logical deductions, if space permitted.

Interior to all matter is a substance, an ether, it is spirit, life, or mind, (for these terms are practically synonymous,) it is a thinking, conscious, entity; it thought all creation into existence; it is the power which made us; the creator: it is the life of the body; by its presence we live, and as we, by desire, absorb it into ourselves, the impulses of its nature become our impulses, and we are impelled to carry on the work of creation. The two qualities which are most distinctly manifested by this mind are to be seen in the actions of all living things; the animal, and even the plant, by desire gather to themselves appropriate materials and build an orderly body, live their lives and then die. Thus we see, throughout all nature, the manifestation of that pure self-love whereby growth is effected, for all growing things are engaged in loving, (gathering substance) and building self.

The power of this creative impulse is limited, for it can be annulled by a stronger power to which man has access.

Interior to this creative substance, is a yet more refined life,

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spirit, mind, which is separate from and Lord of the creative spirit: it is separate in that it is distinct in quality and impulse; in it there is no impulse to generation or to gather and build self, and because it is separate from the creative spirit it is called the Holy Spirit; and man, when sufficiently purified, can draw this Spirit into himself and be impelled by its impulses, and these impulses are manifested and result in unselfish love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance; and it is only by love that we are able to draw into ourselves this Spirit, which will enable us to overcome the impulses of the creative spirit which have held man in selfishness and struggle with his fellows.

The creative spirit is our school-master, and while its lessons are severe, and its punishments terrible, yet its object is to prepare us as mature men and women to live in and from the Holy Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit is obtained by loving it in loving it with our whole nature we will find full play for our faculty of love, and because in it resides all good, all that the heart of man can desire, that alone which can satisfy; we should love it with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; for we cannot have too much of the love, joy, peace, gentleness, and all other qualities and attributes of its nature.

We said that we could obtain this Spirit *only after purification*. In this case purification means to be purged from the impulses imparted by the creative spirit, which are the impulses of the animal nature, and which are epitomized and catalogued in the Ten Commandments, in and by which we are forbidden to do those things which will prevent the Holy Spirit entering and dwelling in us. By keeping these commandments, man prepares himself to receive that Spirit by which alone he will be enabled to overcome all creative impulses, and by an increase of knowledge and understanding dominate all nature and live forever.

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Man cannot, however, reach out with desire for the things of earth and still maintain his hold upon this Spirit; he must not cling to father, brother, mother; sister, wife, or child, because, by doing so he opens himself to the creative life in them, which flows in and adulterates the Holy Spirit within himself; and one of the conditions whereby he is enabled to hold that Spirit, is that he shall not commit adultery, for the blending of these two antagonistic spirits within him will trouble him sorely; and if he desires the things of this world, his attention will be drawn from the Holy Spirit, and he will for the time being, become unconscious of it, and be dominated by the spirit of this world; because of this the rich can hardly escape this enslavement.

Concerning the exercise of the faculty of doing or building, we will find an inkling of it in the question of the Jewish lad to his mother, "Wist ye not I must be about my Father's business?" His Fathers business to which he referred was and is to established on earth a new order of living, whereby the impulses of the Holy Spirit will dominate all men; because of this, we pray, "let thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth," and in this work of regenerating and reforming the earth, man will find full play for his faculty of building.

Remember, the creative spirit, being the life of the physical organism; is, by the entrance of the Holy Spirit, compelled to serve man instead of ruling him, and this causes all intelligences living in harmony with it to be stirred up in antagonism; therefore, whoever will live in harmony with the impulses of the Holy Spirit, will be hated of all men who are not doing so.

Phebe Hart.

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.

(VI.)

"And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him." Genesis xvii, 19.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

"And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

"The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word.

"The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

"Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." Isaiah xxiv, 1–6.

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore

"My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

"And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore." Ezekiel xxxvii, 26–28.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

"Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Hebrews xiii, 20–21.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that

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I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they break, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord:

"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people." Jeremiah xxxi, 31-33.

The above references are to the covenant, commonly called the ten commandments, that God made with Israel when He "took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt."

The ceremonial law, which is also referred to as a covenant, was the symbol of an interior work that is to effect the entire life and habit of the race, or those who are in covenant relation with Yahveh and have accepted Him as their God.

The covenant of circumcision will be seen to be identical with the covenant of the sabbath, having the same penalties, the same bearings and general relations as that of the sabbath. The covenant of circumcision was the cutting off of the flesh of the foreskin, as God said: "My covenant shall be in your flesh;" and especially is it made and identified with the generative organ, for in that function of human life, as well as all life, is the source of existence, the fountain of life and immortality and also the source of death. The quality of the thoughts, desires, sympathies and habits of life are and always have been expressed through the generative or creative function; therefore, in keeping the sabbath we cease from the work of creation as God did from His work; that is, we cease from the work of generation and enter into the eternal sabbath, eternal rest from the creative processes. All that there is in the ceremonial law, Paul says was added because of transgression, in other words, the everlasting covenant given to Moses on tables of stone was expressed to Israel in words, but once, then, we are told it was expressed by the voice of the Almighty from Horeb; and before the expression of this covenant to His people, Israel, God said to Moses: "Go unto the people and

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sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes. . . . And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. And he said unto the people, be ready against the third day: come not at your wives." Thus, in the very beginning it was made obligatory upon Israel to at least begin the work of regeneration by separating themselves for a time from the work of generation, otherwise, the voice of God would be to them a devouring fire. Again, when Israel is being prepared to receive the everlasting covenant the prerequisite is made in the following words: "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. . . . And all the people answered together, and said; all that the Lord hath spoken we will do."

It will be observed that the children of Israel promised obedience to the word of God in all things, after which preparation God spoke the ten words (Commandments) of the covenant. These words began with that most important of all promises, which, as translated, reads, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." This, the church, in their ignorance and blindness, have left out of consideration in that covenant, because they have not known His name, but when we know the name of God which was given to Moses as Yahveh, which means the *I will be what I will to be*, or the will of the universe, then, with this interpretation of the capitalized word, the fourth word of the second verse of the twentieth chapter of Exodus, leaving out the admitted, interpolated word *am*, we make the verse read: I will be thy God, and the word God meaning strength, power, or almighty power, would cause the verse to read, I will be thy strength, thy power. Herein it is observed

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that the God of the universe pledges Himself, at the very outset of this covenant, to be to His people the power of will and almighty strength. Jesus manifested something of this covenant, of the presence and power of the Father, when he commanded the winds and the waves and they obeyed him; when he raised the dead, cast out devils, and in all the many mighty works that he performed. Jesus also said, "I can of mine own self do nothing," and "The Father that dwelleth in me he doeth the works." Thus he acknowledged the fact that unless Yahveh was his God, power, he could do nothing; and that God was his power, that God had kept with him the everlasting covenant, and that God did express through him the conditions and fulfillment of that promise and also that that covenant was not made with one man, but with the house of Israel. When God said, by the prophet Jeremiah, "Behold the days come that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they break, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God and they shall be my people," he brings to light the distinction between the old covenant and the one he will now make with his people, for the old covenant was written on tables of stone, placed in the ark of the covenant, which again was placed in the holy of holies, whereunto no man was allowed to approach, save the high priest, and he only once a year and after long and careful preparation and purification of his own life, and at least seven days of a regenerate life, abstinance from generation, and then only by the blood of the lamb,

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(a symbol of the life of regeneration wherein the body is subordinated and becomes a passive instrument; as it was said of Jesus, "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.") which he took with him and sprinkled before the Mercy Seat, as much as to say, accept our regenerate life as a perpetual offering, that thy covenant may be in our life an everlasting covenant; for it should be borne in mind that it is a universal law that everything acts its nature, and the nature of everything is in the kind and quality of its life, and as it is said in the scriptures, the life is in the blood. Therefore, God promised that he would write his law in our hearts and put it in our inward parts; the covenant of Yahveh, the marriage covenant (Jeremiah iii, 14,) is to be placed in the very life currents of the individual; this is what is meant by what has been said in former articles concerning being begotten from above, for unless we receive the new life from God, the added influx, we have no part in that everlasting covenant.

The being begotten from above is the means by which Yahveh becomes our God; it is by the impartation of a new and higher life substance, which by virtue of its being higher and finer in its qualities is more potent than all other qualities within the individual; and, therefore when we have received that life we must give our loves, sympathies and desires to it and be obedient to its impulse, that we may suppress the old nature with its old order of life, sympathies and desires, and give ourselves unreservedly to the expression of that new and higher life, that it may grow within us and develop, until, according to the parable of our Lord, "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." The strong animal nature having posession,

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is armed with facilities for keeping possession of the body, mind, loves and sympathies, but when a stronger than he cometh, he must first overcome the strong man and then he can take his goods. The stronger than he is the newly begotten son of God in him or her who has taken the covenant, and the newly begotten son has to spoil, destroy all of the old man, the old animal nature, which he esteems as goods, and when he has bound the strong man, then he has possession of the house; then, and not until then is Yahveh's part of the covenand fulfilled in our life; then Yahveh will be our God, our power; then will we manifest that we are the sons of God; then will be shone forth in our lives that which the Nazarene expressed when he said, "Greater works than these (than he did) shall he do;" for when you have lived up to that covenant relation, have been recipients of the divine influx, begotten from above, and the son of God in you has been matured, then will be fulfilled the words of the covenant, I will be your God.

The first commandment by virtue of God's promise is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," or along with me, for whatever we trust in, depend on as a source of support, or whatever we fear, is to us a power greater than the power of Yahveh to whom our life is dedicated; for, if we did not feel its superiority over us and over the power in which we trust, we would not fear it; in other words, we fear nothing but that which we accept as stronger than ourselves; therefore, it follows that not only what we trust in as a power to support and keep us from want and suffering, but also that which we fear, we thereby accept as our God. Thus you see that at the very beginning it becomes necessary that we put our entire confidence in God; that we promise, and fulfill the promise that we will have no other god but Yahveh; that we will trust in Him absolutely That means that we will obey His voice indeed and keep His covenant. Thus, when you have entered into covenant

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relations with God, you are bound by that covenant to seek no other guidance or instruction, but that which comes through and from the Spirit, and to follow that guidance, be obedient to that voice, that impression, whatever it may be, no matter where it leads you or what it costs you; no matter what sacrifice it appears to require of you or what dangers appear to lie in your pathway. This was vaguely understood by those who have followed the guidance of the Spirit in early days, as seen in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, wherein he describes Christian traveling along and seeing a lion in the path, but he perseveres, and when he reaches the place where the lion is, he discovers that it is not in the path, neither is it free to enter the path or to hinder those walking in it, for the lion is chained; but notwithstanding the apparent destroying enemy in his path, Christian moves forward, trusting in his God, the Spirit, and we must be just as confiding, just as persevering, as Christian was.

In the past the church has had the spirit of the new covenant in part, but alas, how sadly have they left the pathway, and how true are the words of Jeremiah when he said, "Their shepherds have caused them to go astray," for the ministry for years have been mere professionals, educated hirelings: they have known nothing of the spirit of truth, and therefore, as a reasonable result, they have led the people away from God, until the churches are no longer the Christian church, but fashionable clubhouses.

The time has arrived when the new covenant is to be made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, for these are to be the first ripe fruit of the earth. These, when brought into divine order, are to form God's kingdom among men. Now, if you would be a member of that divine order, enter into covenant relation with God.* In making this covenant

*As to the letter of the covenant, if you will send fifteen cents to The Esoteric Publishing Company and ask for the pamphlet entitled *The Everlasting Covenant* you will find it very plainly expressed and elaborated therein.

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with God you must bear in mind that it is not made through fear, for it cannot be made by intimidation; it can only be made through love, for God is love. Therefore, bear in mind that as God is love and the creator of all things, of all principles in nature, He is the only fountain and source of love, life, and all that is good and desirable, and therefore you may approach the Invisible, the spirit of God with childlike love, for no man or woman lives who has not deep down in the soul a loving, yearning desire for that something into which they can place their lives with loving resignation and perfect confidence. There are times with the most energetic and aspiring man and woman when soul and body are tired, and something deep down within them reaches out for that spirit of love wherein they can place their hopes, and all they are with absolute confidence, and rest there for a moment. This rest that they seek at such times is only found in this covenant, in this everlasting sabbath; the way of holiness. The words of the Spirit, by the prophet, when he said, Trust ye in Yahveh forever, for in Yahveh is everlasting strength, were ment for you, the weary ones of earth who are tired of its ambitions, its falsities and deceptions and who earnestly desire the real, the true and substantial. It is at this point that the Spirit voiced the words, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This was said by the only begotten son, at that time, of God. Come unto me simply means, live the life that I have demonstrated is possible for all men on earth to live; for all those who will give their lives into the hands of God, without reserve, and will follow the guidance fearlessly, will find indeed that Yahveh will be their strength in all things.

Perhaps, we may be permitted to mention one of our experiences, which is only a confirmatory evidence of what it is to enter into covenant relation with God.

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In our early efforts to live this life, we were sent out to preach the word; we had just begun and therefore knew scarcely anything of the great truths; we had really made no attainments, and we had no memory to retain the thoughts we read, therefore, we were like a child, an empty vessel, but we were sent to meet a class of men and women who where thoroughly conversant with the Bible from Genesis to Revelations, and who were the ones that were to be instructed by us. We realized our weakness and helplessness, and we therefore could do nothing but confide everything to the Spirit, and the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and power was with us to a marvelous extent. The first time that we stood before an audience of people to speak the word of God, we went into the pulpit without even a text in mind; without being able to decide upon a subject. When we sat down before the people, after reading a chapter from the Bible, our mind was as blank as if we had never known anything, and we knew nothing until the last words were dying from the lips of the singers, when the words of one verse of the chapter we had read came to our mind; we arose and read the words, and then spoke the words that first came to our mind; then began a miracle: words of wisdom, knowledge and power rolled in, and we stood talking to the people, and at the same time were wondering at the words that were being expressed and their wisdom and power; and at the close of the lecture or sermon many of the audience were in tears; others, especially the ministers, were angry and ready to fight. God had indeed been our God, and throughout our experience Yahveh has been an all sufficient power under every circumstance, and he will be your God; he is a covenant keeping God, therefore dedicate your life to him; resign every hope, every desire, every aspiration to the Spirit. Remember in him is all good; from him comes all that is worthy of our attention; therefore, dedicate your life to him and live in him; think in him and trust that Spirit forever.

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THE VOICE OF SARADA.

We publish the following review of *Seven Creative Principles*, given in "THE ARYA," an Indian magazine which shows the estimate the aryan philosopher places upon that book. [Ed.

The subject of Creation is as old as Creation itself. From the dim, mythological ages of the past to the present, highly cultured, scientific period, the human mind has ever exercised itself over the great mystery of the universe and the relation of man to it. The Aryan sages of old grappled with the question and have left in the Vedas and the Upanishads a monument of their intellectual acumen and high spirituality. In ancient Greece, from Thales down to the great Neo-Platonist, this problem was in one way or other the center of discussion. Later on the Old Testament theory grew to be the generally accepted theory, and ever since Christian conceptions have ruled in the intellectual arena of Europe and tinged all its speculations. We have before us a collection of nine lectures, seven of which treat of the subject of Creation. Mr. HIRAM ERASTUS BUTLER has presented the old problem in a new light, though his method of study might not be quite foreign to stu-students of Indian philosophy. The lectures contain many "central thoughts," new to the general run of the public. In the opening lecture on "The Idea of God," Mr. Butler gives us some of his very suggestive thoughts. Unlike the modern scientists, who, commencing with man in their investigations trace down to the lower forms until they are lost in the maze of manifold creations, Mr. Butler proceeds to investigate the question by the method of ancient philosophers; commencing with the human body he seeks for the *cause*, inward and upward.

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This leads him to the highest attribute of man, the will, his dominant power and ruler. "Thought is the co-worker of the will and submissive to its power. Thought has form, called into existence by the mandate of the will formulated from the essence of the body." Each of us is a thought form of the solar mind, through which the God of the universe operates. "How truly John expressed this when he said, 'in the beginning was the Logos'—the word; and the word was God, or power; and all things were made by it, or him; when the thought was formed, a world was born and in that world was the essence of being that brought us here." All that we call space is filled with this we call God. Here are some lines which faithfully reproduce the great metaphysical formula of the S'ankara, "Thou art that." "You are of God" says Mr. Butler, "God is within you; all that you are; all that you can be, all that you may attain to, is of God; and without the God within you, the essence of the Great Soul of the universe, which animates and inspires you, what would you be? . . . When you know how to take hold upon yourself by the power of your own superior will and then begin to think about that God; begin to imitate and try to be like Him, and endeavor to bring your body and all its parts to the utmost perfection, you commence to be like that Infinite." Exact reproduction of the ancient conception of our Great Rishis. The succeeding lectures deal with the Seven Creative Principles. The object of considering those principles is to bring the reader into a mental condition where evil will cease to be an absolute principle, and the good will be recognized to prevail in all. The first of the creative principles is Force. "It is the first, negative, conservative magnetism, and is a principle of bondage or binding." The second is Discrimination. It is the principle in nature that discriminates as to the relation of atom to atom and pervades every other form of life in the long list of creation, between man and

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man, man and beasts, between beasts and beasts, and so on. "It is the principle that keeps in purity all things that are," keeps things distinct from one another. The third principle is Order; the forth is Cohesion. This is the mother principle, the love principle, the principle embodying preservation. The fifth is Fermentation. It is the adversary of organic life, and the destroyer of things unfit to survive in the struggle; and Transmutation is the sixth principle, which enables us to progress and to unfold. The seventh is Sensation. It lies at the multiplicity of all organic life. It is a mode of consciousness. It is the principle which preserves from destruction. It is the germ of all thought. Though this is a necessary principle in the enitial stages, yet it must be the ultimate aim to conquer sensation. We have to conquer that which gives rise to thought. The great precept is to conquer sensation and turn the attention towards cause. The body begins to take cognizance of purer thought, the thought emanations of the creator. "There can be no effort without a desire. Desire is the method of prayer. Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart. Love is a form of desire, and God is Love." The last chapter is devoted to a lucid exposition of the theory of colors. In every way the book under review, is a most interesting study, stimulating the mind to higher thoughts. Mr. Butler represents the New Thought Movement in its best and most learned aspect, and his highly instructive lectures deserve a most careful study by those who would like to know those mysteries of life locked up in secrecy by the Orient, but slowly finding their expression in America and other parts of the world.

From *The Arya, Madras, India.*

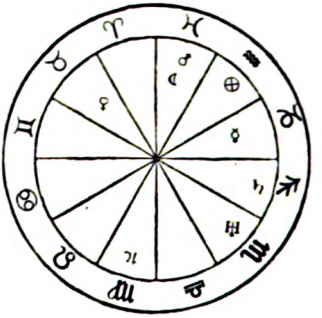
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

P. M. February 8, 1856. 4 a. m. Glasgow, Scotland.

Trinities.		Triplicity.	
Intellectual,	1.	Airy.	1.
Maternal,	1.	Watery,	3.
Reproductive,	3.	Fiery,	2.
Serving,	4.	Earthy,	3.



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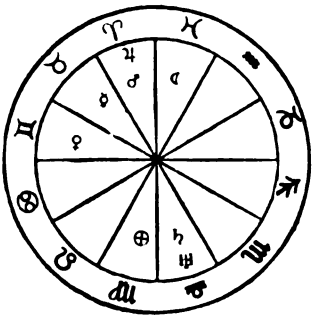
The base of your nature is Aquarius; the nerves of activity, perception, and physical consciousness. You are vividly conscious of everything around you, and eminently practical. The moon being in Pisces, the expressor of your trinity, makes you quite restless, and fills you with natural desire in whatever direction your sympathies are drawn. Saturn in Sagittarius, your body or rising sign, gives you ability to do in an orderly manner whatever you desire to do: let it be in a mechanical, scientific, or business way. I should judge the dominant factor in your nature is order; but one difficulty in your path, though in many respects it is a help, is the influence of Mars in your polarity, which gives you a great deal of combativeness, and there is danger of your being somewhat tyranical This position,

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no doubt, gives you a strong love of home, family and domestic conditions. Uranus in Scorpio may be utilized to great advantage in living the regenerate life; it inclines you to the mystic, and gives you power to make attainments in occult sciences very readily; but if you allow the lower nature and selfish principle to govern, then the quality of Uranus will be turned to subtlety and deception. Jupiter in Virgo will do much to hold you up, as it gives you an innate consciousness of power to do and accomplish, but there is danger in all good, and the danger here, is that you may overestimate your ability; yet, that is largely counteracted by your Pisces polarity. Venus in Taurus gives you a dream of love, harmony, home, and a loving companion, also of art and music. Mercury in Capricorn holds you down to the practical business side of life; it also inclines toward penuriousness, but as it is well balanced by the rising sign and the positions of Jupiter and Saturn, it becomes quite harmonious and useful in your nature. You should avoid cold, damp places; also avoid eating rich food; direct your attention toward feeding the body with good, wholesome food.

C. H. W. August 24, 1850.

TRINITIES.		TRIPLICITIES.	
INTELLECTUAL,	4.	AIRY,	3.
MATERNAL,	1.	WATERY,	1.
REPRODUCTIVE,	2.	FIERY,	2.
SERVING,	1.	EARTHY,	2.



You were born when the earth was in Virgo, which causes you to be governed more by the solar plexus than the intellect, notwithstanding you have Jupiter and Mars in Aries; these positions, however, influence you very much: Jupiter, by giving you high ideals and aspirations; also a great deal of natural pride, and hatred for anything mean or low. Mars has a double influence upon your life: it is a source of inspiration of knowledge, or of imagery, which is more

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probably the case, owing to your Virgo base; the other influence is to make you somewhat irritable and combative at times; sometimes images of evil will be drawn up, even when no evil exists, because of your mentality inspiring or drawing in whatever your mind is attracted to; so much so, that, if you believed a certain person committed a crime, and you turned your attention toward that idea and tried to see clairvoyantly, you would be able to see and describe the act from beginning to end, even when no such thing had occurred. Preconceived ideas are dangerous to you, because you are naturally clairvoyant and psychometric. The Virgo nature makes you sensitive, and enables you to psychometrise articles, places and the nature of persons. The position of the moon in Pisces is quite harmonious with the Virgo base; it creates an active desire to know and understand, to get, gain, and accomplish. Uranus and Saturn in Libra turns the strong life currents that you possess toward psychic perception, and also toward the magical, that is, toward the control of others through your own psychic power, the base being Virgo; this we would advise you to avoid, because you take the responsibility of the act of another and the consequence upon themselves, whenever you use your power to control another contrary to their own leadings. Venus in Gemini gives you great love of music and art. Mercury in Taurus gives you power of self control, or may be used by dominant principles of your nature in other directions. You say you desire further attainment: if your mind is centered in God and you earnestly desire to do His will, you will inspire the knowledge you desire, and will know better than anyone can tell you.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CHICAGO, ILLS. MAY 1st, 1902;

TO THE EDITOR, THE OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL,

Dear Sir: In my efforts to Concentrate; to hold myself in accord with the Divine Spirit of the Universe, I feel the urgent need of More Light. The Light received from *Seven Creative Principles*, *Practical Methods*, *The Esoteric* since March 1896, and from the monthly visits of the "Journal"— is certainly most precious; but, in my case, human nature is stubborn at times and restlessly seeks more knowledge, more encouragement.

If I rightly understand myself, and I believe in this respect, I do; I am living the Regenerate life, in the midst of perhaps, rather discouraging, but for the time, unavoidable circumstances. When I hold myself in passive readiness, the Perfect Will blesses my life in every way, with many beautiful manifestations: Joy pervades the atmosphere, sings in my heart and whispers of Peace, Comfort and Hope through means of external trials; and yet I do not feel assured that it is right that certain acceptable powers inborn, and which have been afforded opportunities of development through education and experience; — logic, oratory, composition and understanding of the Laws of Hygiene — should be allowed to remain idle instead of being turned toward income-bearing channels, for the assistance of suffering humanity. There is so much in the direction of mental, moral and physical rectitude which I have learned through "Blood and Tears;" so much of Soul development and the ever resultant happiness that I desire to carry into the lives and homes of even more blind fellow beings; all of which could be far better accomplished *with money*. These are the only real objects for which I pray to be shown the road,

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however steep and rocky, to material wealth; and knowing the honesty of my intentions, I believe with my whole being, redeemed as I believe it to be from early darkness and error, that, could I secure the true Light; could my ears become still more susceptible to the "Still small voice" of Universal Love that ever guides us aright, I might then know, with the material brain, the best line in which to put forth my very best efforts for wealth.

Probably I need not explain this to you whose heart throbs from "Sun to sun" for the continual bettering of human life-conditions; except in my effort to prove my earnestness of desire, and its own holiness.

Myself and family are well-cared for, materially, by an Aquarius husband and father. We shall always be, it is likely; but this does not satisfy my conscience. I can *and do* use what seems to be *my share* for my preferred offerings and duties; but, while the provider is not in sympathy with the Laws of Life; and his thought and feeling as to my ideals, are at best Negative, I feel that I should provide my own income from my intellectual and physical efforts and endowments, if I would really do my full duty toward the *freeing* of *humanity*.

Through the principles you are living and teaching, I may truly say that I have been *freed* personally, both physically and spiritually, from those domestic chains which still gall thousands of unconsciously bound victims — fellow-beings. In my home, we accord each other — as husband, wife, parents and children,— liberty of thought and action; but, from your higher standpoint, do I appear unreasonable to still seek that *material independence* which my health, strength, ability and education have well-fitted me to earn?

I doubt my right to help with money in the Esoteric work, *under present conditions*. I would much like to do so, to materially assist in the wider dissemination of those priceless, and little understood truths which mean Liberty of Soul to all humanity. How is this to be accomplished? What additional

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reading can you advise? The writers for such journals as *Mind* are familiar to me; as are Wood, Hudson, Dresser and many other helpful ones; nor should I omit my grand, inspiring Mother who surely could not leave me *in the marshes;* but I need more Light; or, is it only *patience* for the complete unfolding? If that be best, I am able and willing to Wait; for I have no ambition to satisfy beyond the desire to receive "Power to help others." This is my prayer, night and day.

If patience be the means, I have it and will abide by it; but I would not leave a stone unturned which conceals an *Opportunity* for broader work,— under the delusion that I am *Patient.*

That this very wordy appeal may not impress you as insincere I take the added liberty to say, that, as I could not *fast* to the neglect of my family duties; I fasted, last January, strictly,— while still attending to them — seven days. I have been so benefited, *physically*, thereby, that I shall try during the coming year to fast according to your advice as to conditions and environments. I am and have always been very tall and slender, the kind that superficial advisers assure "cannot stand a fast safely;" but my polarity was, according to Solar Biology, Libra with the earth in Scorpio; and with Uranus and Saturn also in Libra, you may understand that even my 105 pounds in weight was only slightly diminished by the week's fast, and considerably increased the following week wherein I ate, as I have ever since, two rather light meals of simple nourishing food, daily. Since my fast, I have added *an inch to my height*, six inches to the length of my hair, and my eyesight which, at fifty-two was pronounced by occulists to show no disease beyond "age," is better than for two years, although I am still tied to glasses.

As to the diet for the entire family: we use no pork, salt, oil, vinegar, coffee, tea, fresh breads, fried foods, soups, onions, tomatoes, wet breakfast-foods; nor do we touch, (except when tyrant Custom rules) cake, pudding, bon-bons, or other "luxuries."

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Have I not the material and planetary conditions for a more useful Work in the Vineyard? I find Solitude a rather scarce commodity: and sometimes wonder if therein lies the secret of my lacks, the answer to my prayer. In Solitude; as, when not physically so fatigued that sleep intervenes, Solitude seems to bring to my hungry heart a glow of Omnipotent Power; of Wisdom that encourages and cheers my being; but alas! Joyous hope and unselfish love, with opportunities to cheer sad hearts near at hand seem to be the only tangible results.

I have apparently been successful in delineating character among my friends and *their* friends, according to your system; but, while this is gratifying and pleasant, it seems a selfishly narrow work, appealing more to those thoroughly awakened, than to the torpid ones who stifle for lack of real breath. In this connection, I would like to understand the Chemism much better; and, in another line; I had tried to measure the value of offering to donate a large number of Planetary readings to married people,—through some popular magazine,—for the purpose of gaining statistics as to the actual causes which lead to so many *unmatched* marriages. Have you any suggestions to offer, after being robbed of so much valuable time, for the reading of this, I fear you think, narrowly personal account? Believeme, I would not thus have intruded, were not my motives quite unselfish, and yet wholly selfish, for it is my only hope for happiness and welfare! Nor even then, did I not really believe myself equal to much broader work than is now within my reach. I would gladly furnish material, gratis, for any department of your journal for which my development fits me; but I fear this requires much more advanced talent than I can yet offer. If the distance between Chicago and California could be now conquered in thought, I believe you might discover some position for my energy and ambitions; but you cannot know whether there is any capacity, and the more I tell of my

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own powers the more rapidly they seem dwarfing themselves! My Physician, a most Radical and Advanced Thinker, who heartily approves of my fasting,— though it cost him a patient, told me years ago, that my mind was so thoroughly in control of my physical that a poisonous food would harm me less if I believed it beneficial, than the most valuable elements which I doubted. So much for the power of belief. Neither of us are Christian Scientists. As to my practical power; during twelve years in the public schools, I held *successfully* every position from the lowest primary to the Principleship of the upper Grammar department. I studied for the stage under Murdoch, and have made apparently successful addresses on various subjects to large audiences of friends and strangers. This is mentioned that in case there is work for any of your subordinates in lecturing or teaching departments, you may not overlook my possibilities. Any needed preparation for such work, I am more than willing to undertake.

With urgent wishes for *More Light*, I remain,

One of the sincere workers for the freeing of men,

Mrs. E. O. R.

Ans:—Your mental attitude is undoubtedly correct in regard to your desire to help humanity, and it is also right that we should recognize the powers and capabilities that we possess. In the recognition of these powers, the one point most essential to study is, how to make them acceptable to those who need them. No one knows what it costs to give vital truths to the world until after they have tried it. The spirit of evil appears to be a conscious entity, and as soon as any one begins to make an effort to free the people from the bondage in which that spirit is holding them, they immediately find that that spirit of evil has control of the minds of the people and dominates them to make them an enemy to those who would help them; therefore, to be a successful teacher one needs special guidance and power of the Spirit. You are in a position to have this special power, but whether the time has arrived for a man or woman to go out into the world and teach these truths and obtain thereby sufficient means to

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carry on the work or not, is yet a question in my mind. The god of this world is money, and those who are in accord with the spirit of of the age, have plenty, but as soon as we rise up against the spirit of the age,—the spirit of mere money getting,—money seems to be shut off from us, and we, like the Nazarene, find ourselves poor, despised and forsaken of men: and with that condition surrounding us, we have no hope unless in the power of the Spirit. Because of this fact, one should be sure of the guidance of the Spirit in that direction before any movement is made; for, if we follow the leadings of the Spirit of God, then will we be cared for and protected; perhaps, not in the way that we think we ought to be, but sufficient for an existence.

The time is undoubtedly near when some are to go out into the world, imbued with power from on high to force the attention of the people: let it be the by the manifestation of divine powers, or whatever means are necessary, such means will be at hand. At present it seems that writing is about the only means of reaching the people, and even then we reach comparatively few. We often think of the words of the prophet, speaking by the Spirit, who said, "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let favor be shewed the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord." Many other quotations might be given, showing that the preaching of the everlasting gospel, the gospel of life, must necessarily be delayed until the gods of this world are destroyed and the people realize that they have no hope in anything but the Spirit; yet, until then it is necessary for us to hold the light and continue to do the best we can to bring the truth to the people.

Yes, you undoubtedly possess capabilities, inherent from your mother, whose writings have appeared in this magazine, showing unusual mental power, and these have a use, and if you consecrate them to the Spirit and are willing to obey the guidance, no matter what it may be, you will be made to know your duty and course in life. There may be a purpose in your being so favourably situated in your home life; perhaps your work is through your pen and anything you

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may feel impressed to write for this Journal, will undoubtedly be acceptable.

In regard to the use of Solar Biology as a means by which to learn the conditions of the people, and also as an instrument by which to get their attention, it is very valuable in that direction, and the more we study the influence of the planets, as well as the combined qualities produced by the three basic principles, namely, the position of the earth and the moon and the quality of the rising sign, the greater will be the labyrinth of knowledge open to our minds and the more minutely will we be able to discover the characteristics of human life.

It is a peculiar law in this life, expressed by the words of the prayer that Jesus taught: "Give us this day our daily bread," that if we have commended our life into the hands of God day by day, the necessary light comes to us, and day by day the way is open before us for effectual labor; so, after all, it is more our position with the Spirit than our qualification for the work from a physical standpoint.

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EDITORIAL.

This issue of *The Occult and Biological Journal* is No. 10, which suggests that the volume is drawing to a close, and the question is active in our mind, as to whether the Journal will continue in its present form during another volume; not but what we expect, without doubt, to publish a magazine, and perhaps the only change will be in its name; possibly not even that.

We feel impressed, however, that the time has come for a higher and more important work. We realize that the world is full of good, true and advanced thought, and we have long felt that we have given to the world all that is necessary for reaching the highest possible attainment in human life; but we know that to keep a thought vibrating and going out to the

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people is to continue to give it added life and power; but still we have a vague premonition that great changes are coming to the world; just how these changes are going to effect the conditions of the people, would be dangerous for us to say, but the physical upheavals in the material earth not only follow the great mental upheavals that have taken place in the mental and religious world, but they may be a precursor of greater upheavals and changes.

We do feel that the time is drawing near when there will be less talk and more practice in the line of those higher truths. When we have a faint conception of the present condition of the life currents of the race, we wonder that old earth is so peaceful under its inhabitants. We do not wonder at the eruptions and upheavals that are taking place, but we wonder that they are not many times worse, for the fires of life in the human family have become so uncontrolled and perverted, that it must of necessity destroy thousands, yea, millions of the present inhabitants of the earth. How these things are coming about, we have no idea, but that they will come, we feel satisfied. If the present race is to be saved from utter destruction, the good and pure of the world must be gathered out from among those who are corrupting the earth, and establish in their own lives the true, Divine order.

The fallacy that is so active among the people, and which we regard as the work of the deceiver, that it is necessary for those who have the true light to stay among the people in order to help them, is doing more to help on the destruction of the people, than it is to benifit them. You can be of no practical use by staying down on their plane and trying to teach them things that they will not hear; the time for talking is past; they only think you erratic, and those who pretend to hear are those who have itching ears, who want to hear every new thing and who really practice nothing.

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The thought that is so active in the world in its varied forms, that God is to find expression through man, is a great truth, and nothing that you or I can do will help the race beyond what has already been done, until we get out from among them and cease from trying to force upon them truths that they do not want. To stay with them, is like forcing food upon a child when it is satisfied; it only turns them against it, no matter how good it may be. The time is near when the words of the prophet must be fulfilled, when he said: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing of the words of the Lord." When the people are hungry, then will they partake of these divine truths and digest them, and they will take form in their lives. If you were on a sinking ship, it would be of no benefit to your friends who are on the same ship, to remain on it and go down with them; but if you get off from the ship and go to a place of safty, you might induce them, no matter how much they may scoff at first, to come to the same place. The work that is to be done, and the only effectual work that ever will be done among the people in their present condition, will be done by those who go out from among them and are imbued with power from on high, not merely to save their friends and neighbors, but to become saviors of the world; for it is true to-day as it was nineteen-hundred years ago, "a prophet has no honor in his own country."

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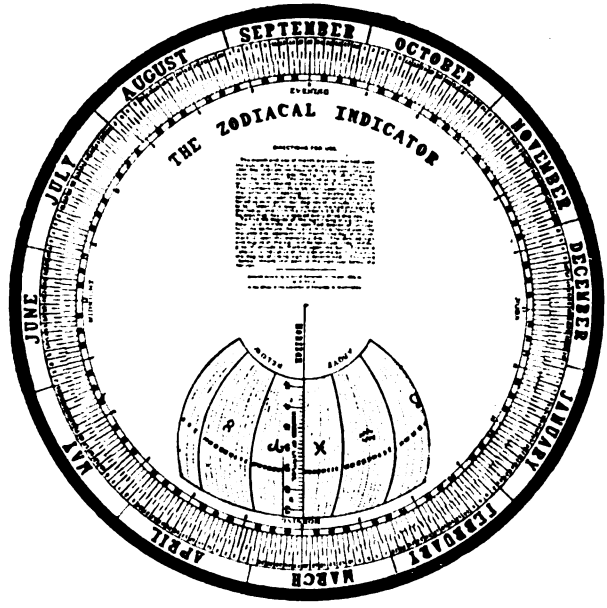
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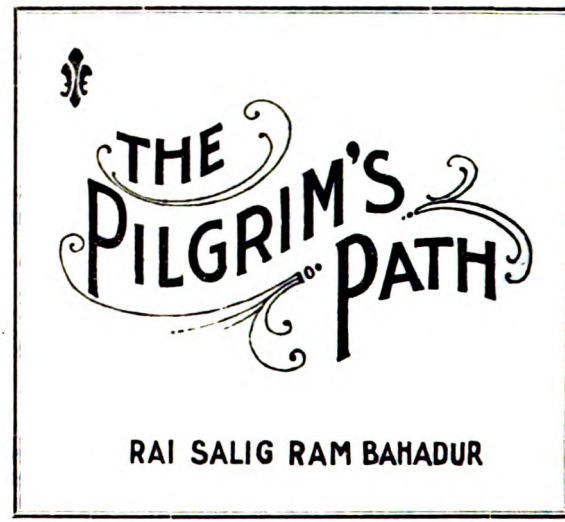
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enter his school of spiritual training, and come under his personal instruction; an opportunity which might well be esteemed.

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The ship was painted blue and white, and had three masts and sails, and the lightest breeze just barely stiffened the sails as the boat lay at anchor in the bay close to shore, having just crossed over, with two whose forms I could not, at first, see distinctly.

Upon the side of the boat, in plain Hebrew letters, was the name, which, translated into our language, means Hope, and upon each mast was a word meaning Trust. As I continued watching I saw two fishermen standing side by side, which I instinctively knew to be the brothers "James and John." Then I heard James speaking to his brother; but although I heard his voice I did not notice what he was saying, until he turned and asked a question, when I felt that he was speaking to me. I was one of the three, though unrecognized by the others, who stepping ashore, after lowering the sails, began immediately to carefully and diligently examine the fish-nets, that lay close by upon the shore.

"Where can we find more light?" was the first question that I heard spoken. It fell from the lips of James, who, after a pause, continued. "There is a longing in my heart for Truth, and I would that I could satisfy it. I am convinced," he said, "that there is a life more deep and broad than this, as we perceive it. I have studied a few of the ancient sacred books, when I have had the privilege, in the temple, and I have absolute faith in the God Jehoveh. But greater than the teaching of all books is the evidence of faith in my heart, and I would not be surprised at any time to hear an angel speak to me, and tell me how I may gain a greater height of understanding and climb a ladder, like Jacob did, reaching up to the very door of heaven."

His handsome form was gracefully bent over the fish-net, the

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coarse meshes of which he was dexterously mending, as he applied with his fingers the heavy wooden needle and its heavier flax. He looked a prince, so tall and graceful in form, but his sun-browned face plainly showed that he had spent his days within no kingly palace, nor wasted in idle dreaming. And yet James was a dreamer, but his dreams were those of aspiration after knowledge of Truth.

John, who was also working deftly upon the broken net, replied: "There is a man who has recently entered our land who heals the sick by his word or look, and knows the Truth that you have longed to know. You, James, have such faith in prayer, I think when you have seen him you will say your prayers are answered; for though I saw him but once, a few minutes yesterday as I conveyed the fish to market, when a great throng of people pressed so closely upon him that I could not get near enough to more than catch a glimpse of him. But if duties elsewhere had not compelled me to hasten on, and I could but have stopped to listen to his words, I would not yet have been home. His face is illuminated; his form is magnificent, and his voice awoke such love in my breast, as burned my very soul; I would give all the world, just to sit at his feet, and be bathed in the atmosphere of his purity and power, and learn of him the way of life eternal. For," he continued looking into the eyes of his brother, who was intently listening to every word he uttered, and now stood with a knot half tied between his fingers, as unmindful of the task, he looked back into the beautiful face of John, more that of maiden than of man,—"I know he has the key to all that we desire to know. If it were not that we have the necessity of work, I would leave all else to go and follow him."

James did not speak for a moment or so, but soon responded: "I am quite prepared to hear what you tell me, strange as it may seem to you, but I have spent days and nights in silent prayer and meditation, asking for just such a teacher of spiritual Truth as the one that you describe, and for a more perfect knowledge of that which I perceive in part; and now I feel within my very soul that this is the answer to my desire.

"At present I do not see any near chance of my meeting the stranger you speak of, and yet as I say stranger, I want, even now, to exchange the name for that of friend; but we have much work to do in the coming weeks, for the season of fishing is now nigh at hand."

"Oh if you could but see and hear him," responded John, "I am quite sure you would forget the fish and nets, and boat, and even me," he added with a frank bright smile, "to follow him."

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"Methinks he is not one to turn a man from duty," James replied. "I have not one single worldly ambition, and do not seek riches or honor, but there is a feeling of duty that keeps me at the nets, and it has grown to be almost a necessity."

"It has been good for your pride, James," his brother replied, "for you have come out of all worldly ambition, and are so meek and humble in your bearing towards every being and object, showing the greatest reverence for every lowly thing, never counting anything inferior nor yourself superior to any. How you love justice too, and never take the least advantage to yourself, though you have the power to do so, for there is not a fisherman on this side the coast of Galilee who does not recognize your superiority and appeal to you for judgement in cases of injustice or disagreement."

James did not essay to contradict the statement for he knew these words of John were just and true. "If you choose to do so," John continued, "you could be known throughout the land, for you are truly great, and know much more than many rulers and judges, who have great power and glory, but you never aspire to any honor or advancement in the world."

The words he spoke were full of earnestness, and were so honest and true, that no contradiction was made to them by the one to whom they were addressed.

"See," continued John, now turning eastward with eyes uplifted, "the sun is coming up. Its soft rays kiss the water's brink. How still the morning is. It cannot yet be four. I saw a stir in the eagle's nest an hour ago, and now I see her wings extended broad. She is returing from her mountain flight, with something for her young.

"How straight she marks her course. There is poetry in every motion of her wing, and if the sun were in its fieriest heat, this noble bird would lift her head and look straight in his face with eyes wide open, while we droop our heads and shade our eyes against the first slight beam. Why do we hide from the brightness of the sun? It is an evidence methinks of a great light within, yet unrevealed or hidden from our consciousness.

"How beautiful the sky is," he added meditatively, mending the nets in the last broken meshes; and John now gave himself up to the love and poetry of his nature, so unfolded as to dreams and visions.

"Just now I see a crown of many stars suspended in mid-heaven, and beings clothed in light are coming down, bearing it close to earth. There is a meaning James," he whispered, looking up, "and it is wonderful. But, I cannot now unravel the mystery,

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nor see its import with distinctness, but in some way it is related to the Man of Galilee whom I saw yesterday."

James straightway looked up as he heard mention of the name of the one who had given him a new hope and filled his thought with an added desire and inspiration;—but looking up he saw no crown nor stars nor beings clothed in light, that John had described,

It was no new thing for him to hear John speak of visions which he saw, and as James looked upon him now,—with face aglow with spiritual life, with sympathy and love, immortal purity and patience, he thought that the highest heaven might well open and bear him down a crown. The rosy lips apart. The white, broad brow. The soft hair falling back, blown by the morning breeze, was a picture for fortune and fame, could the artist-hand have grasped and transferred it to canvas.

No word was spoken for a moment, until James again bent his hand to the nets, when he said: "Yes, I believe in a power omnipotent, in life and love universal, and in the power of all becoming manifested in man. This Earth is paradise, and man is here to inherit it, when he can open his eyes to see the soul within him.

"I have faith in the words that I utter, inspired by highest instinct, I believe that every inspiration is recorded and responded to, and that through claiming light and looking for it, man will open the door into his perfect kingdom. I know not how, but someway I believe it. And because I desire to know I shall know, because I have faith without knowledge, I shall be taught to know. "Oh! see again," spoke John, "before us is a temple, and it is built of fire; nothing unclean can enter in: the fire destroys all that is of fear or doubt or ignorance.

"He who enters sees no light of the flame at first, but only feels it scorching off the dross, and when all burdens as of dross are burned away, then the pure soul, man in his highest form and godliness, enters; and, when within the temple, the very fire affords him light.

"Oh brother! it is written upon the portals, that *any one who will may enter in*, and find the way to wisdom, (which you and I have sought.) Why does not some one enter? The temple doors are quite wide open, and so many are on the dark outside; but no one seems to look toward the door.

"But now, oh see! the stranger I saw yesterday is approaching. He has entered in, and has opened the book of life, which contains all mysteries, and tells of how prayer may be answered as soon as it is uttered. He is alone in the temple. See! he reads the volume of love. He opens it so that the world of men can

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unfold its meaning. *Love*, James, not the world's false and fickle fondness for form and flesh; not the world's love, which ends in disappointment and betrayal: not that which pales the face, and breaks the heart, that changes and neglects, deceives, departs. But LOVE, oh write it on the heavens, and let it touch my heart, I have a heart that longs for love divine, and now I feel and see it can be satisfied.

"It is the love divine that I would love and lean upon, that never fails, and leaves no sense or feeling of dependence.

"The book is opened, and I read now upon its page these words, —It can *never close*.

"But lo, the temple is expanding. He has set its corner-stones, on the four corners of the universe of space, and now upon the pinnacle he stands, and you beloved brother, you are standing close beside him, and he is holding out his hand to bid me come. I never saw a face so beautiful. Others are seeking now to join him, and he tells them thus: 'Only those who pass into the temple of flame can stand upon the pinnacle,' and now I know that you have entered, and that I too have been able to do so."

"Oh thou beautiful dreamer,"—James the just, the faithful, but the less spiritual, replied, "come back sweet soul, come back to normal life, and let thy splendid dreaming now assist us in the casting of the nets." He was often wont to call his brother back from flights as strange as this, where the spiritual eyes were unveiled and the inner realm revealed events of deepest mysticism which he could not always comprehend. "Oh now," he said, arousing to the call, "he comes from off the pinnacle, the highest vault of heaven, and turns his face again towards us.

"We shall indeed see him, and he will teach us truth not unfolded save to those who have thirsted for the fountain."

And now the nets were almost ready to be cast, and the boat which had been anchored, they began to loosen.

John moved toward the place where James was standing and reached out his hand to give the needed help, when another vision was before him, and he softly spoke, "Look now! he cometh! Brother it is the man of Galilee. I see him now for the third time. He is very near. He is turning towards us. I feel his presence, and the warmth of his love. I long to kiss his feet. To touch but the hem of his garment. To lean my head on his breast, and be forever at peace.

"Open your eyes James," he continued. For it was now the time when James, devout in prayer, was in deep meditation only for the few moments that he claimed, just before sunrise, for sacred contemplation. He therefore did not seem to heed the voice of

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the dreamer, who spoke of his visions with his eyes wide open looking into the sunlight, which James failed to see. So, for a moment, he took no notice of the whisperings, though they were spoken in a natural though unusual voice, until repeated.

Then he opened his eyes, and lo! upon the seashore, close upon them, walked the Man of God, majestic, free, with noble placid brow, and strong physique, graceful bearing, speaking youth and beauty, wisdom, truth, and love.

They dropped the nets completely and stood close together as he came upon them, and now he stood beside them, face to face, touched both their hands, and called each by his name.

"I came hither to bring you life and light and joy," he said, "to claim you as workers with me in the vineyard of truth. You are true souls among the sons of men, and I am come to teach you how further to go forth to save and to be saved.

"Faithful hast thou been in this thy humble sphere. Now come up higher and prepare to be fishers of men.

"I will teach you the mysteries of spirit, and how to turn prayer into praise, and faith into health, and into a supply of all thy needs and of thy people's needs.

"Come with me. I will teach thee what thy soul delights to know,—the ultimate of being, Love Divine.

"Follow thou me," he said, after they had talked in the cool morning, until the sun, now risen, shown clear and bright on the Galilean hills. And turning to his father John delivered to his hand the nets and boat, saying, what he already knew: "The Master has come hither and has called us, so now we leave all this to follow him, and when the light has dawned upon us and the time following expires, we will return to thee again."

John, full of love, embraced his father, and the three departed, arm in arm.

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MODERN OCCULT, HERMETIC AND MYSTIC SOCIETIES.

THE ESOTERIC FRATERNITY.

In the history of the world there have, at all times, been a few men and women, in some ages very few, who, recognizing the illusion of this life and the transitory nature of all things material, withdrew from the world and its alluring but fleeting pleasures. They have devoted their lives to the study and meditation of God, of man and Nature, of the unsolved problems and perplexing riddles of the Universe. Thereby they have added to the store of knowledge of the mysteries of Life and Death that came to them from those who have preceded them in this same unselfish pursuit, and they have bequeathed this wisdom as a boon to humanity groping in the darkness.

About fifty miles east of Sacramento, California, near Applegate, a small station on the Southern Pacific railroad, is the home of such a body of men and women, the "Esoteric Fraternity." This is an altruistic society and community of high standard and character. It was started some years ago in Boston by Mr. Hiram E. Butler, its leader and president, whose excellent works and lectures upon the higher phases of Occultism, Mysticism and Biological subjects are well and favorably known to students and seekers of Wisdom.

Situated in the heart or the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains, at an altitude of several thousand feet above the sea, and high above the disturbing vibrations and depressing atmosphere of the lower regions, far from the turmoil and strife of the daily competitive life, world of care, and in a

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most delighful climate, this little band of truth seekers, small in numbers, but strong in their unity, solidarity and singleness of purpose and desire, leads a life that tends to bring out the purest and highest that is in man. It might well serve as an example for others. The Esoteric Fraternity has as a foundation, the idea that there was an object in the mind of the Creator in forming man in the first place, and, that there is a period which the Hebraic Bible calls the seven days of creation, which means simply a period of evolutionary development, and this brings man to a point where he will be able, through certain practical applications of law, such as the esoteric teachings represent, to develop within himself a capacity to understand the laws that produced and created him, physically and mentally. Through an understanding of these laws and the control of his own person, of his own mind and will, he will develop a power enabling him to control creation itself.

They recognize God as an intelligent, creative mind force, which decided upon a purpose, put it into form, and gave it function or power to carry out the thing designed. They assert that all nature gives evidence that it had a beginning, and that it is being evolved toward a definite Ultimate, a working in unison toward a certain purpose. The Fraternity believes that God is Spirit, and that all creation sprang from God; therefore, man must first ally himself to God or Spirit, and awaken within his own consciousness, a consciousness of Spirit, so that through the power that produced the world, he may become a controller in the world of law. It believes that if we look out upon the world of mind and contemplate the growth, unfoldment and development of the mental faculties in time to come, as in the past, it is evident that man is destined to be like unto God, having powers that now transcend our highest imagination. It is part of the purpose and designs

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of this society to teach how these dormant faculties and powers may be awakened and unfolded, trained and used for the good of humanity.

They rightly believe and teach that evil is self-destructive, that there is no perpetuity in anything but righteousness—right doing, that only good endureth forever and is immortal.

They hold that in the Hebraic Bible and Christian Testament there is a higher cult than has ever had a standing in the world, but that it is hidden from the minds incapable of discerning it. The Esoteric Fraternity is based on a discernment of that higher cult, which they claim was really taught by Christ, so the Fraternity might be denominated a Christian organization, even in a higher sense than the word Christian ordinarily implies. Thus, its teachings and practice are somewhat more devotional and religious than that of many other organizations. This Fraternity endeavors to unveil the mysteries of the higher truths for which the western mind is now seeking in the mysticism and philosophy of the Orient. It shows that there is a correlation and connection between the doctrines of the Orient and that of the Christian religion. It uses the wisdom of the past to throw new light upon Biblical texts. The members of this Fraternity, study, investigate and teach biology and the laws of life. They show how the energy and life of the bodily organism may be increased, conserved and controlled, thus giving that greater magnetic power which is so essential to success along all lines of activity.

They state, and not without good reason, that those who are closely watching the present revival of popular interest and study in all that pertains to the occult and magical, and who observe the purposes for which this knowledge is so eagerly sought and perverted, cannot fail to see the probable results. There may be a repetition of those conditions which existed in Egypt and other lands of the Orient in ancient times, when

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magic became the dominant power and factor amongst the people. The masses of India and China have, for ages past, as to-day, been dominated by a low, selfish, magic working power, that has crushed out the civilization they once possessed, plunged them into the night of superstition and suffering with its hosts of attendant evils. These tenets and evil practices are rapidly being introduced in the western world, and unless it receives greater light than it now possesses, these doctrines and cults are destined to bring the same results that they did to the people from whence they came.

And, unless there shall come forth, leaders and teachers, who embody in themselves and teach the most unselfish, purest and highest cult, and who possess the necessary dominant will and power of control over the selfish, sordid wonder workers, the evils resulting from the magic of the ancients will, by the growth and development of the centuries, be increased many fold in our day. The enslavement of the people to the forces and powers which they have evoked within themselves, will be complete. These powers will become peverted and prostituted to purposes most base and selfish, instead of used for the good of humanity.

They believe that the occidental mind and soul powers of the present day are preeminently greater than anything that has existed upon this planet, and that, therefore, it can comprehend and is entitled to knowledge concerning matters of such vital importance to the future of the race. It must be taught, directed and guided in the proper use thereof. The inevitable result of perversion or misuse of these higher faculties, powers and magical or occult forces, is the enslavement and often the destruction of the minds of those who direct them into selfish and evil channels of thought and action.

This society is small in numbers, because, as they see it, there are but few as yet, sufficiently advanced to understand and

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feel the need of such training as the Esoteric Fraternity gives its members. All who are admitted to this organization and community, renounce the world with all its interests. They dedicate their lives to God and humanity in a special manner, leading others into the fullness of the light of a perfected life as fast as they are able to receive it. Surrounded, as they are in their homes in the majestic Sierras, by the grandeur and sublimity of Nature unmarred by the hand of man, almost unknown to the world at large, they lead a life of simplicity and freedom, applying their training and teaching to their daily life with practical results. Neither courting publicity nor seeking fame or notoriety, their training, research and work is carried on with none of the opposition, criticism, dissension and inharmony and difficulties that other and larger organizations, which are in the public eye, have to contend with.

The Fraternity owns considerable property, land and houses, and also a printing establishment, which is held in common, the proceeds from which are used in the furtherance of their highly commendable work. They seem to be more in search for those who are somewhat in touch and sympathy with their ideals, purposes and designs and who feel in need of such training and instruction. There is no general proselyting for their ranks, since this often brings in undesirable and inharmonious elements not yet ready for the higher life. The organ of the Fraternity, by which their teachings are carried to the world, is, "The Occult and Biological Journal," an excellent magazine, the contents of which, along the lines of Occult and Biological research and study of mystic religion are of the highest standard and quality. Mr. Butler is also the author of a number of highly commendable books, intensely interesting and instructive to students, notably amongst which are, Solar Biology, a system of astrological research and delineation; the Seven Creative Principles; Narrow Way of Attainment; and others, all having a large circulation.

Karl H. Von Weigand, in *The Psychic and Occult Views and Reviews.*

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.
(VII.)

"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

This prayer, taught by the Lord's Christ as the central desire of God's people, should certainly be properly understood; for, how can one pray as taught, unless they have an understanding of the prayer, for prayer is the sincere desire of the heart; the reaching out from the depths of the love and soul nature for the thing loved and desired.

It is not hard to understand what is meant by the appellation, "Our Father;" for every child is taught that God is our Father; but, oh, how few there are who realize that God is spirit, and can turn towards spirit with a conscious realization, and say,—Our Father! This realization must come from a true Christian experience; from experience derived wholly from thought and prayer, until it is realized what it is to be begotten from above; when that newly begotten spirit will be able to take cognizance of spirit and of its sourcee. It is the newly begotten son of God in the individul that truly prays, and realizingly says, "Our Father who art in heaven." This first recognition of our Father and the appellation to Him is, as it were, calling His attention with the desire that something be done for us, and the first thing asked for is, that His name be hallowed. We read that when Jesus said, "Father, glorify thy name," there came a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it,

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and will glorify it again." The majority of the human family do not know that God really has a name. Of course, we understand that the word God is an appellation and not a name. When Moses was commanded to deliver the children of Israel from the Egyptian bondage, God revealed His name unto him.

We can do no better than quote the following from a pamphlet entitled "Sepher Zikkaron:" "When Moses was commissioned with the message of deliverance from Egyptian bondage, he said to God: behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of your fathers hath sent me to you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say to them? And God said to Moses, *I will be what I will to be:* thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel, I will be hath sent me to you. And God said again to Moses, Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel, Yahveh (or, He will be,) God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me to you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations." Ex. iii, 14-15.

Here is a thought that is necessarily brought into the central desire or prayer of God's people: none but the Almighty and those whose lives are one with Him and therefore are partakers of His power, can say *I will be what I will to be.* In this name is embodied the following thought; first, the inherent power to be whatever the will decides upon; second, a purpose is expressed in the will and the purpose is given direction by the associate relations of that name, as found throughout the Hebrew scriptures, especially as it is used by the prophets when under the inspiration of the Spirit; then it is used in the form,—I will be your God, your power. In the verse above quoted He says, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and

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that covenant was also repeated, in a more perfect form, and epitomized in the covenant before considered, given from Sinai, which is commonly called the Ten Commandments, and in the above covenant with the revelation of His name. Thus His name and the everlasting covenant with His people are inseparably joined as one.

It can readily be seen that the declaration made by the Spirit of God, to be that which He wills to be, implies a decision already made, and the decision, as we have said, is found in the expressed purpose to create man in His image and like Him and to give them the dominion. To this His name was pledged in the everlasting covenant, and when the Lord's Christ taught his disciples to pray, "Hallowed be thy name," it was equivalent to saying, Lord, thou hast pledged to us thy name, that thou wilt establish thy kingdom in us on earth, and thus take unto thee thy great power (Rev. xi, 17) and reign a reign of righteousness. Therefore, in the Lord's prayer he emphasizes it in the second sentence: Let thy kingdom come, that thy will may be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Thus he who really prays, prays that God would hallow His name by verifying the promise therein contained. Not only did he promise it in His covenant; promise it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; promise it over and over through the mouth of His holy prophets, and last in the record of the scriptures, when the Lord's Christ prayed, "Father glorify thy name," the answer by a voice from heaven was, I have glorified it; He had made manifest the glory and power of His name, to a limited extent, in the person and manifested powers of the Lord's Christ; but He says, "I will glorify in again."

Years have rolled away, and men have repeated over and over that prayer that was then taught, but few, if any, have had any conception of its real meaning and bearing.

The time has now arrived when the everlasting covenant,

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that was written on tables of stone and hidden away in the Golden Ark, and put away in the darkness of the Holy of Holies, has come forth from its hiding place, and is now being written upon the hearts and finding expression in the lives of His people; and when there is manifested on earth one pair who have attained to the fullness of God-likeness, upon whose hearts has been written the new covenant, then will His name begin to be glorified again, but not in all its power and glory until there is gathered the first ripe fruit of the earth, shown to John as being one-hundred, forty and four thousand; but "the man is not without the woman, nor the woman without the man, in the Lord," therefore, the two are to be one; then it follows that the one-hundred, forty and four thousand virgins that are to be the first ripe fruit of the earth, the first manifestation of God's name, will be made up of two-hundred and eighty-eight thousand individual organisms; but the two being one, John saw one-hundred, forty and four thousand.

Now, when we pray, "Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name," our mind at once reverts to His purpose in the creation of man; the ultimation of that purpose, through and by the power of His will, is the perfection of this glorified body of the sons of God. This body is glorified only because they have taken that name. What is it then to take the name of God? In that holy commandment or covenant it is stated, "thou shalt not take the name of Yahveh thy God in vain, for Yahveh will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain;" which means simply this; we are now the children of the Creator, or the spirit of the mundane,* but when we have taken the name Yahveh, we rebel against the dominion of the

*It should be remembered that the spirit of the mundane is the word of God sent forth into nature in the work of creation, which means generation, evolutionary unfoldment through experimenting with the laws of nature and life; sinning and suffering the consequences; living righteously and enjoying the benefits, until the mind of man is developed to where he knows the good and refuses to do evil.

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creative word, the spiritus mundi, over us; we, as God's sons having taken his name as a covenant promise, shown in the preceding article of this series, stand out in the presence of creative law and declare our independence, our supremacy over it, by saying, *I will be what I will to be;* or, in other words, I will no longer be held in bondage by you; be rolled on generation after generation of father and son, mother and daughter, over and over again, but I will lay hold on the fountain of life by the right hand of the Almighty that is upon me, for he has covenanted to be my power; I will reach forth and remove from the tree of life the flaming sword; I will bruise the serpent's head that guards its sacred precincts; I will partake of its life-giving fruits and enter in through the gates into the city, and dwell in the presence of our Father, henceforth and forever. Thus you see to hallow that name means all this and much more, and to take that name, is to take the dominion, according to the declared purpose in the beginning of creation. Therefore, when we pray, "hallowed be thy name," we pray that these conditions may come, wherein God's kingdom is manifest; wherein the power of his Christ is revealed; wherein the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

When we have taken His name, you readily see that it is to rise up in rebellion against creative law; against the evolutionary processes of nature, wherein we attempt to assert our divine right to the kingdom and the dominion. This, then, means rebellion against all the powers that have held and bound us from the cradle of the race, from the time of Adam, down to the present time; and he who takes this name, begins this rebellion, which was manifested by Jacob and Esau: Esau being the animal man, and Jacob the spiritual man. Jacob must be the supplanter. Therefore, when one takes the name of God and attempts to usurp the dominion, supplant the animal man and creative forces that now hold the reins of government over the earth, he has undertaken the great task of Hercules; and

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if a man undertakes this task, and fails, he will have taken the name of Yahveh in vain, and as the covenant says, Yahveh will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain; for it is a principle of the law of the universe, that who ever attempts to conquer generation and the work of creation, to take the dominion, begins a battle with an enemy that means either life or death. A man who takes the name of God, steps out, as it were, in the presence of the whole world, not only the physically manifested world, but the invisible and creative forces and organized elementals, and defies their further power over him. If he succumbs to their power and yields to them, he has taken the name, the will of God, in vain, and therefore he will be destroyed. Therefore, let all who contemplate living the regenerate life and taking hold on God's covenant that they may reach the highest goal of human attainment, consider well what it means to take that covenant, to take the name of God.

We have in the past thought of heaven as a place that we could go to in spirit after we die. We were not altogether wrong; for those in whose hearts the covenant is written die, and yet live; they conquer the world by surrendering all desires for it as it is; all confidence in it and its powers, and concentrate all confidence in the power of the Spirit that spoke the word which created the world. Therefore, the first thing to be done is to conquer fear; this is done by confidence in God; hence, the words of the Christ, "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God;" and if you are begotten from above, then place your confidence in God and know that nothing can injure you. Therefore, you can be fearless, and if you are fearless, then you have almighty power in you and at your command. Remember that the only weakness in the individual who wishes to make this covenant is fear; fear is is the lack of confidence in God, in the power of the Spirit. Therefore, weigh well in your mind whether you are ready to cast your life, as it where, into the fire of eternal love, Spirit, and be satisfied, henceforth, with all that may be obtained through and by that association.

(To be continued.)

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GOD'S PURPOSE.

God's purpose is that all shall know
That this old earth will be,
A perfect heaven here below
From sin and death set free.

The prophets make it very clear
That there shall come a day,
When sin and death will disappear,
Christ made a *living* way.

Some think the time is just at hand
When nations shall behold,
God's glory over all the land,
One Shepherd and one fold.

The signs are many, as we see
That change is at the door,
And every soul shall bow the knee
To God, forevermore.

Oh praise Him that the night is past,
And shadows flee away.
Christ comes to reign on earth at last,
This is eternal day.

Help us to walk in the true light,
Give us a "single eye,"
That we may have what is our right,
And never, never die.

Then we will praise Thee evermore,
And send the news around,
That He is king from shore to shore
Whose word cannot be bound.

Mary Frame Selby.

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A STEP TOWARD MASTERY.

Eternity is not the culmination of cycles, nor an unending sequence of years, nor is the common and vague belief in the "fullness of time" without its delusion. What we observe and know of such is but the form. To become coincident, coeval, one with eternity, is to know and to incorporate the substance of life, which is Spirit. This is the *height of being*,—a consciousness evolved out of thought intensity. A thought intensity so great, so absorbing, that it knows only that which is being done, and the glory and motive of its doing: that is to say,— the massing of one's whole being in a moment of time. Now and Eternity are one and inseparable. Master the first and we encompass the second. How master? Be wholly and boldly for one moment all that your conception can grasp of power and perfection; know that all moments are alike; keep it up, and watch the result; for, it is thus, in the "twinkling of an eye," that realizations come.

Then, why dwell in the hallucination, "to-morrow," when all that Time has it can only mete to you by your recognition and your laying hold of its *unit*, i. e. its moment?

Earth turns over into nights and emerges in "to-morrows;" and yet, anon, with far-off gaze, we watch and gape for more, while life abundant, enduring, at hand, is unknown. With wild beatings of the air we thrust it off, and into the void we sink our hopes, and then our life. Would you harness these morrows, these moments, and all that they contain? Then cease to frettingly watch for them. "The Kingdom of Heaven cometh not by observations." Take hold of things! Work with all your being! All is at hand! Be and do! Live *now*, with all of heart, mind, soul and strength, in the *unit*, and know that herein is the essence of all time, and the open door to all things.

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THE GATEWAY.

The words of the Master, "I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom," seem to have been uttered only yesterday, yet the time is at hand, and is even now at the doors; and the same spirit, which was from the beginning, calls on those whose hearts and minds are one with God, to come forth and form the body of the Christ, which shall rule the earth on the visible plane, as it has done on the invisible, leading the world to the ultimate for which it was created.

Unquestionably this oneness with the purpose of God constitutes man's prerequisite whereby he can claim being a son unto God. This tenacious condition of mind is the one which enables us to reach, first, within ourselves the attainment of Oneness, and in the end accomplishes the redemption of the race. Ever since the words uttered in Genesis i, 26, were sent forth, there never was an instant but what this thought was constantly held in the minds of some; for the law of accomplishment of a purpose requires an uninterrupted effort toward that purpose, and if it were possible that this effort could for an instant be abrogated, the dream of the Infinite would dissolve and darkness would reign supreme. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? Isaiah xl, 28. When we take a bird's-eye view if this world, we note that the teeming millions living upon it an in are impenetrable darkness concerning the real meaning of life; and their sole aim consists in gratifying the senses, like the animals do. The world at large is born to die,

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for only spiritual mind is immortal; and this, at present, they do not possess, for the form of man is as yet occupied by elementals, and before the ultimate stated in Genesis i, 26 can obtain, it has to be filled with Spirit. This is the work of those who are the mind power of this planet,—the one-hundred, forty and four-thousand spoken of in Revelation. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint." Isaiah xl, 31.

Now the aims of this body of the Christ will be of such a nature that they will absolutely preclude those existing in the world at large, "For without are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Revelations xxii, 15, for the one-hundred, forty and four thousand are to be the embodiment of the cause side of existence, and their very presence and formation will constitute the light of the world;—for each member of it separately and combined will radiate the strength of regeneration or conservation of energy, by which the sun shineth in its strength, and in their formation will reflect the science of Solar Biology "according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel." Rev. xxi, 17.

Now a lucid understanding of the relation of that body to the rest of the world should be the essential point of its realization, and can be acquired by giving careful thought to our own form and identity, for the relation of the indwelling I, the one who thinks as he wills to think is to the body he inhabits as the one-hundred, forty and four-thousand will be to the world.

Now, one great obstacle in the formation of such an exalted organization, is our egotism, which leads us to think that one is as good as another, which in a measure is true, but in view of the law of function and use is erroneous; for when we examine

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man as he is, we see that the heart constitutes the gateway through which enters everything he possesses; for loves, emotions and dislikes are the mainsprings of his actions, and bias his mind and influence his intellectual conclusions, and all the members of his body are subject to the decision of that function superinduced by the inspirations it receives, which process is well illustrated by the office of the lungs, which through inspiration, color the life or blood, which passing through the heart nourishes and sustains the organism, and determines man's identity.

Now, this functional importance of Leo was intuitively recognized in ancient times, not only in relation to man's individual self, but also toward the rest of the world, and also the Solar System, for in Genesis xxxvii, 3, 7, 9, we read; "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors. . . . "For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round and made obeisance to my sheaf. . . . . "And he dreamed yet another dream and told it to his brethren, and said. Behold I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me."

Now, the coat of many colors is preeminently the accompaniment of Leo, when seen in the astral, and refers to the physical fact that this function controls the vital organization of the body.

The first dream seems to enlarge the circle and takes in the heads of the tribes of Israel and verifies the claims of Solar Biology, that mankind is one, for the qualities of the heart, of the loves of people control their destinies for better or worse, and the tribes in time to come will acknowledge, not the superiority, but the functional ability to serve of those born in the

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sign Leo, when joined together in serving the purpose of God.

The third dream again grows more expansive, and refers to the Solar System or Man, when the earth, having reached, through the path of regeneration, her allotted function and use is acknowledged as the gate of the king. (Daniel ii, 49.)

Now, to the superficial observer, there may appear a preference for Joseph (Leo) to the rest of his brethren, similar to the case of Moses in regard to Aaron and Miriam in Numbers xii, 2–8; but looking at it from the cause side, we know that these instances illustrate the law of function and use to which a person born in Leo responds; for such persons are directly related to the source of existence of this planet, and hence, similar to to the heart in the physical body of man, are especially adapted to perform the function for which they were created, and to supercede them by any other function is simply an impossibility, for God's word abideth forever.

Solar Biology has come to this world that it might be saved; and is an elaboration of what went before, for we perceive that all ancient masters worked upon the foundation of it, to wit, the twelve functions of the human organism, and it serves to-day to lead those who are wise enough and are ready to establish a center composed of that number spoken of in Revelation vii, 4, and whose appearance so agitated John, that, "when I saw him I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last, I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelation i, 17-18. And again to those whose minds are as yet swayed by earthly things, it gives a method whereby the race can improve the souls of those who continually arrive to take the place of the departed, thereby bringing to manifestation those who are desirous and able to enter the door, for "the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there." Revelation xxi, 25.

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In determining the inspirations of the heart, the most important point to be considered is the polarity of the individual, and next to it comes the expression of the planetary combination one possessess, and these two points determine the ultimate the individual may reach in this incarnation; for we must remember, man came from below, and is a quality expressive through likes and dislikes, and hence is subject to self hypnotisation which gives him the necessary experience or knowledge, and is the means which leads him into truth, and in time enables him to control life, not only within but also without, for man as Yahveh created him is a god, on his plane of activity.

The Master's statement in Luke xxii, 18, cannot be consummated until the gathering takes place, and as the time is fast approaching when we must be either within the walls or without, it remains with each individual to determine which it shall be, life or death, for we "cannot serve two masters."

Capricorn-Aquarius.

JUNE WORSHIP.

O, Voice in the swaying grasses,
O, soul in the limpid blue,
I lend my ear to your teachings,
Hushed, awed, when I come to you.

My heart is thrilled as I listen,
And a peace that is not of earth
Seals my lips with a silence
That measures my own unworth.

There is harmony, wisdom, and beauty
In the song of the brook and birds.
Lo! God is the soul and music,
And speaks in deeds,—not in words.

Mary J. Healy.

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"NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS."

"No man can serve two masters." In other words, no man can worship the material things of the world and the spiritual or Divine at one and the same time.

While it is true man comes into the world through the law of generation, and that law binds him, as long as his thoughts and desires are turned in that channel or direction, he is in the service of the master governing on that plane.

There seems to be a law, that man, at first, does not recognize the spiritual side of life, but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual. Evolution as a universal law in the development of organic life furnishes a key to the solution of this important problem.

If we consider the two planes of consciousness made necessary by the evolutionary process of the unfoldment of the soul powers, on the primary plane of the sensuous life, and afterwards, on the higher plane of the spiritual life, it will account for the seeming conflict, and its temporary necessity, between the flesh and the spirit.

It is then because the rational and moral powers are first awakened to activity in their relation to the outward world through the physical senses, that their primary education and development are necessarily on the plane of the sensuous life, and thus under the law and dominion of the selfish spirit of the animal nature; and until the soul has awakened to the consciousness of its spiritual being and relations, its attention and desires are absorbed in the things of the sensuous life, because it knows no other. Neither can the spiritual life be known so long as man is ruled by the master of generation.

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Man in this stage of his development is practically but an intellectual and moral animal, so absorbed in the pursuit of sensuous good that the innate demands of the spiritual nature are neither realized nor understood. Therefore, not until the evolution of these powers has attained sufficient level of development, and degree of discipline to recognize the intrinsic value of truth and right for their own sake, independent of their subservience to selfish ends, does the conflict begin between the demands of the animal and the spiritual nature. From that time, until the soul is fully awakened to a realization of its true nature and relations as a child of God, and unreservedly committed to the true life of this higher relationship, in which the animal nature becomes subordinated to the spiritual, the conflict will continue. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

How true it is that when man is carried away with the sensuous cares of life he is wholly blinded to the ways of the Divine Spirit. "For that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." In the coordination of the objective and sensuous life and consciousness with the higher spiritual nature in its active supremacy, a new power is born in the soul, of which the sensuous nature in its highest development on the objective plane gives no hint or promise. This is the power of rising at will, out of and above the circle of physical sensation, and the limitations of sense perception and sense consciousness, by an act of mental concentration, that for a time they are practically dissipated, being wholly subordinated to the focalized sense of pure spiritual being. In this high state of spiritual consciousness from inward concentration, the power to transfer our allegiance from the master of the mundane, and to cooperate with and render perfect service to Him who has promised to be our strength and supporter under all circumstances, it is manifestly the duty of man to lay off the old and put on the new. L. D. N.

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A SONG OF LIFE.

"Just a little sunshine and a little rain,
Just a little happiness and a little pain."

Thus sings the poet, in adding up the sum of life. Is this all of life? Is there nothing more than here a little good and there a little evil, with no grand ultimate in view?

Light is everywhere, but only those who by persistent effort have developed the capacity to see are conscious of it. The statement that we are

"Children crying in the night;
Children crying for the light,"

is only true in the sense that the night of darkness is within ourselves.

There is no end of happiness and joy, yet sorrow and sadness is our lot; because, joy is the result of perfect loving; and since we have not yet learned to love, save occasionally, and then only to a very meager extent, we have but little joy. Not only joy, but perpetual life is the result of a perfect love. "I would not live always;" exclaim the sad hearted; sad because they have not yet learned to live.

The blind say there is no light; the loveless say there is no joy; and the unhappy say I would not live: the blind need not seek light from the blind, they have none to give; and it is a sad mistake for loveless and unloving men and women to seek love from each other, hoping thereby to find happiness and joy: they will not find it so, for they are all empty vessels. Let the blind turn to the Light, and the joyless to Love itself.

We know that the blind will murmer at these thoughts, for they desire to see in the dark; and the loveless, perhaps with

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bitterness, will jeer, for they seek joy without love; but the truth remains the same, being unchanged by their weakness or folly. We can see only in the light, and can obtain joy only from love, and eternal life from perfect loving.

One day some will have learned the hard lesson of life, and will gather together, and it will be said of them and of that place, that they have no night there, neither sorrow nor crying, nor any more pain, neither can they die any more, for from the Fountain of Life and Love they will have obtained a joyous, happy, and eternal life in the Light.

Phebe Hart.

LOVE.

Peace troubled Soul! The sweet evangel
Love, calls from the silence,—
Lo! I come, in strength and power,
Yet, gentle as the sound of silver bell,
All ills to heal.
For where Love enters, Hate cannot abide,
Envy and malice flee, to hide
Their hidious forms;
Unconscious that the face of Love
Is ever smiling, radiant as the sun;
For Love is Light,
And God is Love.

Helen C. Clark.

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SOUL LIFE.

Out of darkness, insignificance I rise: I am poor, I am ignorant, I am weak and malignant. But I rise, I rise because I cannot help it, because I like it, because everyone does that. Yesterday I had hardly anything to eat, my body was like a reed, I saw the world wicked and cursed it. I was blind and I was hungry; I groped for food; I found some poor food and ate it. To-day my eyes are a little developed, I am feeling less poor than before, my muscles are stronger and I curse the world less. I am not so wise as yet to see why I now wish less evil for the world. Yet every moment's thinking leads me to confirm the notion in my mind, that there is just nothing really wrong with anything. And I have hopes to, many—which I love tenderly—they are hopes of the morrow, of future days, and though I may lack giving the reason, yet I have some inward assurance that those dear hopes of mine are realizable, to be realized or are even now being realized.

Sometimes I look back and comparing my yesterday's life with the to-day's, I become filled with satisfactory emotions for the progress I am making, for the growth I am conscious of.

It was the other day, I thought: a greater blockhead than myself there has not been in this world; but, now I think it is possible that I will become a little later, a governer of spheres. What a change!

I believe some time in the future to be perfectly conscious of the actual progress I am making, and to determine the quality and the quantity of it.

Sometimes I feel unchangeably happy, content, and satisfied in all my desires. These are the happiest moments of my Life.

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At other times I am gloomy, sad, uncertain and all my happiness gone. It seems to me I cannot any more be foolish enough to complain of this change; because the more I progress, the more I see how sadness — for instance, has helped me a great deal. It has impressed on my mind the absolute value of progression. It has tenderly forced me to seek real happiness.

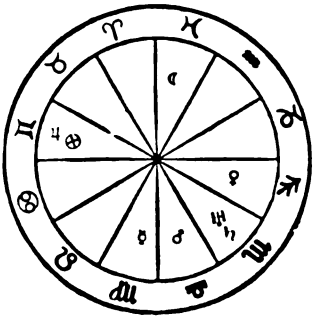
Casper H. Tarpinian, Smyrna, Asia Minor.

DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

J. E. H. May 29, 1853. 4.30 a. m. Middleport, Can.

Trinities.		Triplicity.	
Intellectual,	3.	Airy,	4.
Maternal,	1.	Watery,	3.
Reproductive,	4.	Fiery,	1.
Serving,	1.	Earthy,	1.



RISING SIGN—♊

The Gemini quality is the base and foundation of your nature, and while this quality is usually restless, struggling, and anxious, yet, as you have Jupiter in your life, and Uranus and Saturn both in the sign Scorpio, you are naturally dignified; have high aspirations and love of the scientific. I should say you were made for an astronomer.

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Your Gemini body unites with the base to give you the inclination and capacity to be an instructor in whatever line of study your mind takes up. Jupiter in your life gives you excellent command of language; you can express yourself fully; you can tell all that you know, and if you are not watchful, a little more; under some circumstances it would be useful to you to let the mind go on, when it begins to express a thought, but see to it that it is logical, and you will learn by expressing your thoughts; that is, you will inspire knowledge that you did not possess when you began to speak. Mars in Libra aids you in this, and opens up the psychic perceptions, but gives you a rather hasty temper, and makes you somewhat combative. Venus in Sagittarius produces in you great fidelity to one you love and makes a very clinging nature in marriage. Mercury in Virgo gives you a strong digestive system, and if it is not diseased by overeating, it will build up a very strong physical body and incline somewhat to flesh. The general chemistry of your nature is about as follows: you have a strong, vital constitution by nature, but if directed in the line of generation there is danger of excess; because there is active within you an ideal concerning the love and sex life, which can never be realized in the life of generation; this fits your mind for the study of the mystic and spiritual; it should turn your attention toward God, the cause and source of being; and if you live the regenerate life, you will be quite successful, and will rapidly gain the knowledge due those who live the true life.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR OCCULT AND BIOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

Dear Sir:— I have had a very strange dream. In it I thought that I had a vision in which I saw a peculiar cave underneath the ground, and if the government would dig where I told them, they would surely find it. After a long time they were convinced enough to try. I told them they would find several monuments of gold, and a solid wall of gold, also, a wheel of five points representing Masonry, that interlatched the door.

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We traveled in a right and left or zigzag fashion for a long time; we were required to divest ourselves of all clothing and only women were to enter, (except the guide), and they in a straight condition, for, no passion or anything that would represent passion would be allowed there. We were requested to fill our lamps, and have them ready before we started. On the way we soon came to the place where we had to divest ourselves of our clothing and a little further on we came to a very large cage. The rods or bars of the cage were silver, bronze and gold, in fact all metals were represented there. We were required to go up steps of peculiar form, going first one way and then another, finally, arriving on a spot where all was bright as day, and a prettier sight human eyes never beheld. Every kind of animal, every kind of flower or shrub was represented in its perfection of form and color, and everything was of the female sex. Human eyes never witnessed in part or in whole the beauty and elegance that was displayed there. There was one female of every species. The beautiful stock, birds, and a woman of every race, except the negro; everything, even the air was pervaded with a sense of love, happiness and contentment. There was no passion, no strife, no anger, as anything there that would in any way spoil the happiness of the inhabitants. Lions and lambs lay side by side. We now understood that we were half way over and must return, and while returning we looked everything over again. Then I was told that there was another cage containing exactly the same excepting that everything was of the male sex, but the way of entrance to it was opposite. In both places everything subsisted on the water that stood in pools all over the ground. They did not eat the grass neither did they chew the cud. It seemes that after drinking this water they would sweat and by means of this sweat the plants were watered. Some one beckoned to the guard, and we were told that only a ten-foot wall separated the cages, but that those in neither cage knew the nearness of the other.

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In both cages everything seemed to know that at some time in the future they would each and everyone have a companion, and each one wondered how they would know their companion. The messenger said that they would know their mates because each would be in the other's likeness, but of the opposite sex, but they still were kept in their cages because the days of passion were not over, lest they would soon degrade themselves as they did in the past.

BOOK REVIEWS

LESSONS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE. By Lucie G. Beckham. 159 pages. Price $1.00. Published and for sale by the Gordon Publishing Co., 595 Mission St., San Francisco, Cal.

The main trend of this book is toward mental healing and keeping the body and mind in health and order. We deem it superior to most of the mental science books, as it does not throw away all that is good and healthy of Christianity or of the Bible; but, on the contrary, gives very reasonable explanations of certain Biblical texts, and really tends towards the regenerate life. It is a book that we can heartily recommend to our readers, especially to those who are seeking true knowledge on lines of autosuggestion, or mental healing, which is virtually the same thing. At the close of every chapter there are autosuggestions, or as they are called, "statements," to impress upon the inner consciousness, and the book closes with a chapter on how to heal and how to make the healing permanent. Altogether it is a work that we trust will live and reach the homes of many and be a help to them.

COMMON SENSE TALKS: Practice vs. Prayer. By Francis Edgar Mason. 16 pages. Price 10 cents. Published by the Francis E. Mason Publishing Co., 7 and 9 Warren Street, New York.

Practice vs. Prayer, first talk. In this pamphlet the author endeavors to impress upon the minds of the readers the importance of more practical living and less of what the world calls prayer. He has expressed many good thoughts and suggestions in this pamphlet, and it is well worth its price.

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE BOOK TO NATURAL, HYGIENIC AND HUMANE DIET By Sidney H. Beard. 176 pages. Price, $1.00 net (postage 10 cents). Published by Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. 426 and 428 West Broadway, N. Y.

This is a vegetarian cook book, published at an opportune time. The advancing prices of meats, together with the natural desire for cooling and easily prepared foods during the summer time, will probably result in its widespread popularity. It is not so much an argument for that food system as a practical plan for its observance—devoting most of its space to recipes and suggestions. Simple directions for salads, luncheon dishes, desserts and other toothsome dishes make

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the book of value to every housekeeper, irrespective of her "food-creed." Many hygienic hints are included — the purpose of the whole work being to stimulate the growth of the higher self.

VESPER-SPARROW, or What the Birds Say. By Margaret Kern. 252 pages. Price $1.00. Published by J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., 57 Rose St., New York.

All who have had the pleasure of reading "The Rustle of His Robe," by the above author, will be pleased to know of this work. Those who read it will find awakening within them an appreciation of the pure spirit of nature, and will be able to make a distinction between it and the perverted nature of the world's people. It is not only a most enchanting story, but it contains from beginning to end many lessons which lead the mind to the higher spiritual and mystic. It is a book that is destined to call out the higher and better nature of man; to awaken the spirit of sympathy, gentleness, love, and kindness, and to touch that something deep down in every soul that quickens the aspirations toward the higher and purer life, We quote the following from the publisher's notice.

"In bird lore nothing like it has been published. It is a work written with a threefold meaning which makes it unexceptionally facinating reading.

"To the child and the imaginative reader, this book appeals very strongly, with its instructive notes in bird life and by its entertaining, original and quaint style. The adult will be deeply attracted with the meaning concealed between the lines, while the true lover of our dear dumb creatures will be greatly amused and delighted with the fairy touch of the pen of the author, who, in her unique way, puts such telling and unusual expressions in the mouths of the birds, while the words are often pathetic, they are also swiftly flying arrows of wit."

We feel that the publisher's notice falls far short of an appreciation of the real thought behind this work.

THE PLAN-LESS OR INTUITIONAL LIFE, with Commentaries on the Way, by Dr L. Miller. 100 pages. Price, cloth, 60 cents, paper 40 cents. Address, Dr L. Miller, May Bldg., Washington, D. C.

This is a condensed expression of the higher philosophy of the Chinese, and it seems to embody, not only the philosophy of the masters and mystics of the Chinese, but also of the Hindus. The author has evidently consulted and quoted from many authorities, and he has given the world a book that is intensely interesting for those who are searching out the mysteries of the past. In order that our readers may have some idea of the language used, we quote the following.

"In the realm of spontaneous action is no plan, choice or will. Desire is only a teacher or instructor. It is the 'object lesson' of experience,—to teach us, that if we choose we must take the results of our choices, in both extremes of the 'pair of opposites.' It crowds into our experience until we get beyond or between such opposites, where is 'no shadow of turning' from one to the other. The old sage says: In order to put away desire, be natural and spontaneous; and with a knowledge of their results follow your inclinations. Desire is a prophet of what future things we shall come to.

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EDITORIAL.

We do not like to say what we are going to do until we are ready to do it; nevertheless, it is necessary, in work like the publishing of a magazine, to have some plans ahead. The "Occult and Biological Journal" has not been just our ideal of a magazine, either in title or contents, but for one who is moving in the currents of the Divine Mind, doing according to the great general will of the planet, it is always difficult to tell just what the definite purpose is and how it is to be consummated, for the words of the Psalmist are very true in such matters: "Except Yahveh build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

We feel that the work before us is not merely an intellectual work, but it is a work of the Spirit. Now, that means that interior to the atmosphere there is an all-pervading mind which governs and is shaping life and destiny, and with it the thoughts and desires of the race, and he that enters into that mind and moves with its currents, will thereby be one with the Father, and will be speaking to the souls and inermost consciousness of such men and women as are moving and being moved toward divine ultimates by that Holy Spirit. We believe that the time has come for the world to possess an organ through which may be brought to expression the thoughts and purpose of the mind of God.

There are thousands of people whose minds are being illuminated by the Spirit, and they are conscious there is something that they have not and which they need; something to aid them in bringing into form and expression the thoughts with which

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they are being impressed, and if we can present to the world such an organ, we shall then be found useful in a manner conveying the intelligence of the Spirit to the consciousness of the people.

When we began the Esoteric movement, about fifteen years ago, the "New Thought Movement" had not been developed, but since that time one after another of the New Thought magazines and papers have come out before the world, claiming its attention, bringing the result of some individual conclusions; and among them all, none have presented any really new ideas beyond those which appeared in "The Esoteric" and "The Occult and Biological Journal;" in fact they have only presented fractions of the truth. They are like children; they have found some grains of golden truth and have been so dazzled by them that they have held them up as the whole truth, and have become so filled with their egotism, that they even deny God an existence beyond that which is in themselves, and have repeated over and over the one idea in varied forms until the masses are becoming tired, and the higher spritual within them is now impressing their intellect that there is yet something in that old rejected volume, the Bible, beyond what they have heretofore known, a revelation which they need; and many are now beginning to reach out in that direction for light on the revelations that have been recorded in the Bible. We also feel that the time has come for us to bring before the world new light upon that great work, and we propose to make the new magazine a Bible review, for the Bible has an order, a purpose, and manifest method for the accomplishment of that purpose; and as these three attributes of the Bible have never been discovered by the learned clergy, the church has, therefore, but the one vital center, namely, the spirit of devotion, childlike love and devotion to God; but we have come to a time when we must know the truth and through its knowledge

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order our lives in conformity to it, and thus be freed from the law of sin and death.

If these three attributes of the Bible are brought clearly to the mind of an individual, then it will become an unsealed book, and every prophecy and much of its history will become a vital revelation to the reader. When we say a vital revelation, we speak from the standpoint of the creative word. We are told that God spoke and the worlds were made. When the Spirit speaks, It speaks in the life currents of the planet, and It causes those life currents to take form and to bring forth into manifestation according to its purpose and the nature of Its thought. Therefore, when men and women are capable of receiving the word of God, they will find in that old Bible vital revelations that will thrill the body, inspire the soul and light a candle in the intellect by which the glories of the truth of being, of existence, will become manifest to their consciousness.

We have talked to the ears of men and women long enough; now, if we cannot speak in the vital currents of the soul of the planet and thereby cause the newness of life to come forth, the first ripe fruit of the race, then our mission will not be fulfilled and our work will fail to come to ultimates; not but what a preliminary work has been done in this direction, and the people of the planet have been responding to that vital truth, yet it has not been brought to ultimates.

The time has come now for bringing to life the people that the purpose and power of the God of the universe may be manifested. If I spoke these things from myself, as a man, it might be caused by egotism, but as we speak by virtue of the spirit and mind of Him who formed the world, it is not the man, therefore, but the Spirit who is able to accomplish all things that He has purposed. In our former writings we have been restrained, wishing not to run counter to the prejudices and

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egotism of the masses, but we believe in that which is to come we shall speak plainly, regardless of who may hear, or who may reject it. Again, we have had to write up to the line and and it has been more difficult to write up to the line and not over it and express the unlawful, than it has been to express the truth, but we trust, and, somehow, have the feeling that the time is nearing when there shall be no line drawn; when the whole truth will be expressed; when the sunlight of truth will shine upon the world of human intelligence without a shadow; but upon this subject we cannot speak with authority. We shall be able to speak more definitely concerning the future of our work in the next and last issue of the "Occult and Biological Journal."

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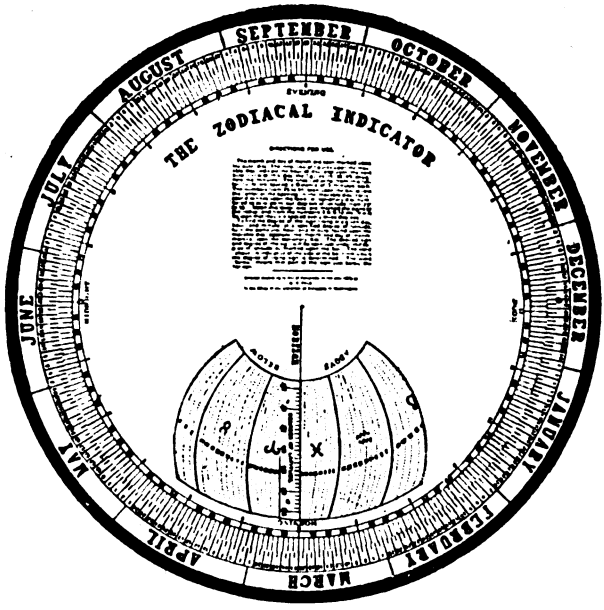
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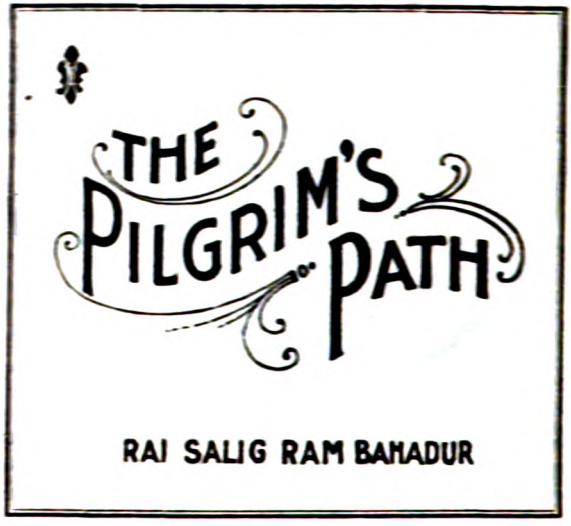
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There never has been anything created without the unity of the male and the female. The female has always stood in the line of the descending currents of involution, the inflowing currents of creative mind power; and the positive or male has stood in the ascending currents of evolution. Woman has always been the inspirer of the creative forces, and her love for man has given him that creative energy, and in the generative act it has been given back to her as the germ for a new organism, except what little has been utilized in the creation of added power. In the regeneration woman stands in her new, high and holy attribute as the inspirer of the Holy Spirit, and her love for her mate causes her to pour into his organism, as a spirit substance, that Holy Spirit that has descended into her, and has taken possession of her life; he receives this, but in place of giving it back to her for the creation of another organism, he forms it into instrumentalities of use to the world; from it grows the spiritual potency that lifts and joins the consciousness to the God of the universe; in it is the key that unlocks the door to the paradise of God.

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The seed of the woman, it is said, shall bruise the serpent's head; her seed, no longer used for the formation of physical organisms, is transmuted to a flame of spirit life, spirit power, which bruises the serpent's head; not only in her own organism but also in that of man; and the golden ring of immortality is taken from the serpent's mouth, and the tree of life is no longer blighted by his presence, but begins to grow, flourish and bring forth immortal fruit. The inspired Psalmist said: "Thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth." The meaning of the word cherub is keeper, and is sometimes used as watcher; they are watchers and keepers of God's covenant; then will come to men and women that God-likeness, because woman then will no longer draw her inspiration from the spirit of the mundane, but directly from the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that spoke the word of creation; and the man will no longer act from the physical senses, no longer be inspired from below, from the animal realm, but he will follow the light of the Spirit of God; then they, the man and the woman, who are no longer they, for they have become one flesh, one spirit and one mind, will become indeed the keepers, the cherubim, and the God of the universe will shine forth from between them, and will illuminate the world and will glorify them and all who hear and obey their voice. Thus will be the coming of God's kingdom on the earth.

Within is the fountain of good, and it will ever bubble up, if thou wilt ever dig.

Marcus Aurelius.

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NOT ALL TRAILING CLOUDS OF GLORY.

Earnest solicitude has been felt and variously expressed as to the alleged decadence in the vitality of the New Thought movement, and by this term I mean here the whole expression of spiritual inquiry and life which does not receive inspiration from the conventional forms of religious belief, but looks only to truth as its criterion. Apprehension is felt that the greatest blessing of awakened new life is slipping away from its votaries and that they are feeling the dull reaction of mediocrity and common experience; that the spiritual breath, the psychic wave, has swept by us and left us empty vessels, unillumined light-bearers in this world of dawn.

There need be no fear as to this. True attainment is not lost. To the discerning one the present state of realization was as much a matter of certain knowledge some years ago, as cosmic changes are foreknown to the wise observer. With some, the disappointment has arisen from a misinterpretation of the facts, a misconception of their meaning and of their relation to human life and evolution; with others, the disparity between expectation and realization has appeared too conspicuous.

All things are subject to the law of rythm, of activity and rest, of climbing the heights and pausing to count the gain of it. Even races are subject to the same cosmic law; there are recurring periods in which they produce their geniuses, and in which the mass makes unusual advancement. But this is only an incident of the slow but steady unfoldment which the great life-effort is continually bringing about. These are sun-bursts in the long and varied day.

The relation of the present with the past and the future are

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too often overlooked. It is not appreciated that the misconceptions of the past may recur, or that the fruits of the natural order which belong to the future cannot be anticipated.

So a few years ago some good friends saw a new age ushered in, the spirituality of which should in their lifetime sweep out of existence the imperfect conditions of men and society. They did not call it the millenium, as would have been done in the middle ages, because the world had learned better long ago, but it was a "new cycle," and with it, we are told, a "new race" was being born.

To tell these friends that they were cherishing unfounded hopes, that history is full of like misconceptions, and the progress and unfoldment of the human race is slow and orderly, though relieved by bright and extraordinary periods of attainment when the accumulating effects of previous causes culminate in a day, a year or a cycle, was but to alienate their regard, to wound their hope —and not to convince them. It was a case of concentration upon the present, and a purpose to crowd into it the realization of the ages.

The new Golden Age lagged. They who were looking for the external signs of a great movement which should express their individual efforts, found that the world, in thoughtless unheed of "new cycles," was intensely busy with its old ways, though in constant but unconscious preparation for better things. It did seem to them, however, that the time was so full of expectancy that it must produce something unusual.

The unexpected happened. The country was swept by a psychic wave that kindled slumbering fires in the regenerating minds. The genius of universal peace which had lately been entertained was dismissed. The country paid its homage to war. Almost unperceived it quenched the zeal of the New Thought in many directions. It revealed the fact that the world yet has difficult problems to settle with which it will deal in the old ways. It directed attention from metaphysical

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to physical things; the immanent expectancy of great psychical changes disappeared and has been succeeded by the thought of material advancement.

Thus was the hope of a new age deferred. But the intuitions of these friends were right, for a great spiritual movement is in incipient expression and is being given form.

There was much unquestioning faith in the optimism of the new movement and little discrimination between what was offered. Under this influence many cults received indulgent hearing, which afterwards could only be regarded as curiousities. The same influence which encouraged individual unfoldment toward the broad optimistic realization left undisturbed these revivals and survivals of past intellectual and spiritual ages. But this was not all amiss; it was a time of searching and inspection, and friendly consideration, even though the applicant for such was presented with the intellectual aspect of abandoned philosophies and dogmas

There has succeeded to this a spirit of friendly criticism, of judicious discrimination. This is necessary. First give heed; then judge, if prepared to do so.

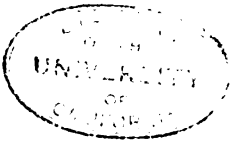
And now many pause in retrospect, to count the gain and to discover, perchance, that not all their expectations in these outward aspects have been realized, but to admit that in every case of sincere search a great personal gain has been made which amply compensates for the effort.

These are but a few examples to illustrate how the reliance upon outward symbols and expressions must be disappointing.

But the truth itself expressed in the New Thought does not languish, though its public expression may not take the anticipated form. It never was more vital than at present. Its benefit to those who understand it cannot be overestimated; while it has won the recognition and consideration of the public to a greater extent than can be apparent.

Joseph Stewart, in *Realization*.

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We publish the above article simply because it expresses the truth relative to the New Thought movement in all its phases. To our mind it means simply the expression of the altitude to which the highest minds of our race have attained.

When any new and important thought comes to the world, all those who have developed through the workings of the evolutionary process to where they are ready to receive it, have received as much of it as they are capable of utilizing, and as it has been in this present movement, they have received a little of the truth, and in their incapacity to receive more, they felt that they had it all, and the little they have grasped they have repeated in every conceivable form of utterance, until it begins to be stale and has lost its vitality to them; simply because the law of the universe is the law of progress,—individual progress as well as the progress of the body of humanity.

As the writer of the above article says, the people have given their attention to war, national difficulties and national progress in different forms, and do not seem to have been affected by the New Thought; yet, the New Thought is now beginning to permeate even the ironclad churches who thought they had an invulnerable wall around themselves to prevent any more knowledge from entering. But the past struggle has made many incisions into the wall, through which will flow fountains of new and vital thought.

If God, by thought, a word, created the world, then we may expect that the thought that has been expressed during the last fifteen years will, through its inherent vitality, break down these walls and remove many of the obstructions to advancement, even in the churches, and will cause a general progress throughout the civilized world.

Concerning those who have been participants in this New Thought movement there is one of two things inevitable; they must either advance or go back into the old ruts. Of course

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some of this New Thought will find organization and consequently be perpetuated. But one most potent fact which is of the greatest importance to us at the present time is, as we have just said, we must go forward or mentally and spiritually die.

To go forward means physical changes or bringing into physical manifestation the thoughts we have held as ideals. To do this will cost a great deal.

It has been said that the new age is upon us; that is true, but it is like the rolling of the earth or the winding of a ball; each cycle of evolution it grows larger: just above the apex there is a new heaven, and the opportunity to produce new earth conditions. The tallest can just reach the glorified platform, and by an almost superhuman effort some may succeed in placing their feet upon that immortal foundation; but to do so is to let go of everything of the old; it is to let go of everyone we have loved; it is apparently to stand alone upon that high eminence. But if two or three are able to scale the height and bring in Divine order, then they can reach down a helping hand and bring others to that eminence.

We believe that the time has come when it is destined that some shall reach the highest goal of this age, and that the gathering of the prophetic number, the one-hundred and forty and four-thousand will be accomplished during this cycle; otherwise there will be a period of twenty-five-hundred years of gradual descent into great mental and spiritual darkness. We believe however, that the people have developed too high for that; but strange to say, in our experience, woman seems to be less inclined to unite in making that higher step than man; and as nothing can be accomplished by either one without the assistance of the other, it remains to be seen whether the perfected order is to come in or not. As it is said in the Psalms, "Except Yahveh build the house, they labor in vain that build it;" therefore, we believe it is possible, if not for us for the Spirit,

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to yet bring together those souls who are able to step upon that exalted platform and become the light of the world; the saviors of the race in this age: the saviors, not in the sense of the church idea, but the saviors of the age from descending into disintegration, darkness and decay.

The New Thought came without effort on the part of the people; and now that they have obtained certain knowledge, it must be perpetuated, and can be perpetuated only through and by an effort. A child may be placed upon its feet, but unless the child makes an effort of itself it will not be able to walk; so it is with this movement, unless the people make a special effort on their own individual part, it will not have accomplished anything for them. So we would warn all those who are seeking advancement, that they may be up and doing; that they may look around them seriously and answer the question from within: are you willing to give up, to lose all that you have attained and settle down into darkness and doubt and pass out of the world with nothing except what little growth you may have obtained in the soul consciousness?

In every cycle of the world's history there have always been a few of the highest unfoldment who have appropriated some of the knowledge of the former cycle. But as the world descended in the downward course of the cycle they lost the vitality and knowledge of the true inwardness of that which was handed down to them. This is that from which has come all our prophecies in the Hebrew scriptures and many, if not all of the myths which are now only known as mythology. Among the myths there is one which points to special prophecies and occurrences where the first one, as there must always be a first, gains the power to ascend to that platform, before mentioned, and put there, as it were, a ladder by which many may rise to the same altitude.

This was the myth attached to the constellation of Andromeda.

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Perseus is made to represent the conqueror, who rises from generation to regeneration, and gains that Divine order the unity of the man with the woman, by which alone man obtains that high altitude, immortality.

We quote the following that the wise may read and understand.

The story of Andromeda from which the constellation takes its name, is as follows:—

"She was the daughter of Cepheus, king of Ethiopia, by Cassiopeia. She was promised in marriage to Phineus, her uncle, when Neptune drowned the kingdom, and sent a sea monster to ravage the country, to appease the resentment which his favorite nymphs bore against Cassiopeia, because she had boasted herself fairer than Juno and the Nereides. The oracle of Jupiter Ammon was consulted, and nothing could pacify the anger of Neptune unless the beautiful Andromeda should be exposed to the sea monster. She was accordingly chained to a rock for this purpose, near Joppa, (now Jaffa, in Syria), and at the moment the monster was going to devour her, Perseus, who was then returning through the air from the conquest of the Gorgons, saw her, and was captivated by her beauty.

"Chained to a rock she stood; young Perseus stay'd
His rapid flight, to woo the beauteous maid."

He promised to deliver her and destroy the monster if Cepheus would give her to him in marriage. Cepheus consented, and Perseus instantly changed the sea monster into a rock, by showing him Medusa's head, which was still reeking in his hand. The enraged Phineus opposed their nuptials, and a violent battle ensued, in which he, also, was turned into a stone, by the petrifying influence of the Gorgon's head."

We think that this prophesies a condition that we are pleased to interpret in the following way.

Andromeda is the soul of the New Thought movement; the feminine side, and through the New Thought movement she is elevated, metaphorically speaking, in a high tower, but through the jealousy of the gods, the powers of darkness, the selfish

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powers of the race, she is locked in and secured beyond the possibility of escape. Then there occurs a war of the gods, and the stronger prevails, and she is liberated and comes into unity with the formative principle or mind, whereby the nucleus of Divine order is established and wherein is centralized the power to bring in the immortal progeny. As in the case of Andromeda, if she remains chained to the rock, or securely imprisoned, the sea monster, the mystic powers of generation, will devour her; but as the power of light is much greater than the power of darkness, she will, therefore, be delivered from the monster, and, as in the case of Andromeda, will be given in union to the Spirit of Truth, whereby the salvation of the world will be begun.

Perseus or he who perseveres and is able to behead the old serpent, called in the myth the Gorgon, will have power to petrify the sea monster and free the modern Andromeda. Therefore observe (for the wise will understand), he that is able, will conquer and attain.

"A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas." Matt. xvi, 4.

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke xvii, 26, 27, 30.

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THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT,
OR
THE WAY OF HOLINESS.
(VIII.)

If you have faithfully and truly lived up to the preceding teachings and have incorporated them into your life, you have reached the point where you begin to receive inspirations and instructions from the Holy Spirit, for bear in mind, the object of these instructions is to help you to form a complete unity with God, the Spirit, and to find the way of immortality. This way however is entirely unknown to the world, therefore if any organization or individual points to any way as being the way, only accept such after having taken it to the Spirit, God, in order that you may receive light from on high as to the true way of life for you, for every individual must go by a little different route; and it is because of this that no man on earth can become a positive guide to another; for it is only by the Spirit of the Highest that the true light can shine into our organism so that we can be made to know and realize what are the important truths for us to-day. Bear in mind it is not the truths of the time to come, but it is the truths of to-day, the work that you have to do now. This means a consecration to God beyond anything that has been known in the past.

You who have honestly and faithfully lived the life to this point, have undoubtedly, or should have at least, come in touch with the Holy Spirit sufficiently to begin to know God, and the more you know of God the more perfect will be your condfience in and the more absolute your reliance upon Him.

Now a word as to this reliance: it is not what some have thought, leaving it all for him to do and you do nothing; it is

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for you to do all in your power in the direction indicated by the Spirit and the highest intelligence that you possess; and then when the time comes, for it does come at this stage of your experience, that you awaken to the fact that there is something outside of yourself necessary for your completement, you will find that the doing has passed largely beyond yourself and is under the government and control of God to whom your life is dedicated. This brings you to the time referred to by the angel to John, when he said, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," for you will undoubtedly find yourself oppressed in spirit, often being incapable of thinking correctly; everything in your being yearning for something not within your reach; a realization or at least a feeling that you can go no further without the added condition that you so much need and which is beyond your reach to obtain. Here comes the strongest temptation of the whole effort of your life namely, to reach out and lay hold upon instrumentalities for the accomplishment of your object, or at least the alleviation of the mind and body; and if you reach out and partake of the forbidden fruit it will ease and soothe you, but it will give you a mentality foreign to that which you had designed; it obliterates the consciousness that you had and supplies another.

Here is where the open door is ever awaiting him who would enter into life, and the most urgent invitations, along with the strongest inclinations on your part, are here brought to bear for you to enter in at that gate.

All the mystics and so-called masters in the history of our race have entered in at this door, and they have found certain powers and facilities which charmed the mind and excited the wonder of the people and seemed to bring them to ultimates, but alas, they found in every approach to the tree of life that they were eating the apples of death and were not able to en-

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ter in. Therefore, it remains for this age, for the wise and for the strong; for the honest and for the child like; the loving and the devout, to enter and make plain the way for others to enter the garden of God where blooms the tree of life; where flows the river of the water of life; where resides the throne of God and the Lamb forever. When we had reached this doorway in our own experience we were led to believe that in these temples of mystery was to be found the ultimate goal, until we had carefully explored them through and through; then it dawned upon us that although through these thousands of years these things had been known, yet the keys of immortality had never been found, consequently we returned to our first love.

No wonder that the Lord's Christ said that many would strive to enter and would not be able. But know this, dear ones, that when one pair has entered that holy garden of God and have begun to partake of the ambrosial fruit, then will the full light shine upon the pathway; then will the darkness appear that enshrouds the multitudes of mystic temples organized by man's wisdom, and from the contrast you will know the right, and will also know that all this ceremonial magic; the magic of chemistry; the magic of the physical will of man, and the magic that has been and is being held out to you as the highest goal to human attainment, are all unworthy of your attention; they are all devoid of the true light of life. Then you will be able to realize the importance of the fact that none will be able to enter but those who are ready to place their lives in the hands of the Spirit and follow onward according to the light that is given day by day, regardless of suffering; regardless of the almost passing away of the normal consciousness, for then you will have confidence beyond question that the ultimate transcends man's highest conception; as the apostle said "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into

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the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love him"; for "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in Him."

Here you will meet another temptation and a strong allurement, that is you begin to realize the force of the words of Jesus; "For as the Father hath life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have life in himself," and with the realization of that life within yourself will come a consciousness of power, of knowledge, of self-sufficiency, that will seem to be perfectly legitimate, and is, in fact, in perfect accord with the majority of the teachings of the New Thought at the present time; but when you turn your thought in loving devotion toward God, and try to realize as you did before, that loving touch with the divine Father, Mother, God, you find that you are not in touch with Him, that you are alone. Here you are brought to consider whether you have within yourself sufficient power to do and accomplish all that you desire or not. Those that have passed over the road before you know that you have not, and that unless you seek and find again that loving unity with the Spirit you are lost. This is why the angel said to John: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

When you have reached this point and have had this experience, you will find that the struggle to regain that loving unity with the father; to again obtain the candle of His spirit to guide you, is greater than at first. It is said by some mystics that Lucifer, the light bearer, the son of the morning, fell from heaven just at this point and through this very cause. If you are watchful and prevent this condition from coming, but we fear that it will come to a limited extent no matter how care-

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fully guarded against, or if you overcome it and return to that first love and obtain again the conscious guidance of the Spirit, then you will find yourself at the great center of the mystery, where the mysteries of the ages with the mystery of the kingdom of God, pile one upon another until your intelligence fails you and it seems as if and in fact there are mysteries altogether beyond the capacity of man to solve. Here, and not until you get here, are you forced into the realization that you are only a little child, and know comparatively nothing; and you will then realize that He to whom your life is dedicated and who guides it, knows all these mysteries and holds in His hand the power to control all destinies; then will you realize that there is no power but that which is in Him who is guiding your life, for all other powers in the world are derived from Him and are subject to His will. This will become your salvation and hope: follow this and know that no man nor company of men have the true light as fully as He into whose hands you have given your life. Then you will not be led astray, but your patience may be taxed and your faith may be tried, but be faithful and you will obtain that which is beyond everything that mortal has ever thought or dreamed of. "Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

May the Spirit of God that spoke the word that created the world accept you as a willing offering to be led, guided and brought into His everlasting kingdom. Peace abide with you.

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DUTY

No man can wholly and successfully serve any capacity whatsoever, the engagement of which has not the whole heart and the best there is of the man. We speak now of success, broad and permanent; and what else is worth having? And if nothing short of this is worth having, then the only consideration is: what is success to you? Does it mean that which engages the best of your whole being? Then it means the enlistment of every virtue, every faculty, — your *all*, continuously, for all eternity. Do you question it? Think. Is there any pursuit that can be maintained by me uninterruptedly forever? Yes, there is one; and once that you have touched but the merest edge of it in the realms of imagination, your obligation begins.

From that time, anything short of the best is a division of your powers. Now, anything that divides your power or cannot wholly engage all of it, certainly cannot be true to your present best or consistent with your possibilities. If a man does not live up to what he recognizes is his capacity — and not only his immediate capacity, but what he perceives are the probabilities and possibilities of his attainment, not in his own eyes, but viewed, (viewing himself) as a necessary and responsible factor in the Universal, is he living up to his duty? Is not his duty that which enlists all of heart, of soul, of mind and strength, now and onward for all time? If this is true at any time in one's existence, is it not equally true of each moment that he exists — measured by the breath? Will expedients answer? Will a compromise do as well? What is right? What is duty? This is all we should wish to know; the rest follows by the same faultless and constant law that gives worlds

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their ordered motion, for duty begets necessity; necessity begets faith, and faith moves everything.

When we reflect we perceive that duty is relative — on, on and on. To be sure of our base of action we must run on, until the mind encompasses all within the bounds of its comprehension, — its largest conception. From this point the individual may view what is absolute in duty for him; although, as he approaches it, he may see that even it is relative; yet one thing is certain in his understanding: he has not left duty behind him. For, all else but that which he singles out as his goal, his honor, his duty, out of the enlargement of his conception, all short of this is but relative. If he serves anything that he knows is but relative, can he do so without being cognizant, the while, that there is a work that includes this, which can as well, and better, be done now? Can he be aware of this and yet not feel that there exists a compromise of his heart and honor? Can there be such a compromise — division of one's love and other attributes, without cutting him short of his highest duty and, therefore, of the greatest unfoldment, achievement, and broad use as a part of the great Universal?

So, the great question is one of duty; and we can see that what is one man's duty cannot be another's, except that their understanding or lack of it is the same. The duty of one is the service of what appears to another as caprice, emotion, impulse, and a great range of desire or affection that includes one or many. It will not do to follow any of these if you can see beyond them. We are worlds within ourselves; not foot-balls. Let us perceive our duty; such a duty that assumes the proportions of a great necessity, and what can withstand it? Necessity! This word represents something that none other can convey. Spend a half-hour with it, and more. Necessity is the appeal of the soul. If we can perceive this duty; once find our necessity, then all else must bend to the one unremit-

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ting purpose to accomplish along that line. This is a question that each must consult his higher self to solve. When he finds that duty, that soul necessity, he will perceive that nothing can withhold its accomplishment. All things exist. Multiplicity breeds confusion. Our best is at hand. Necessity lays hold of this, only. All else drops away.

We believe, (may we not say we know?) that environment, association, circumstance, all apparent obstacles, will not retard growth along the line of one's highest conception of duty. When he seeks the performance of that, he is near that which is Divine: in fact he partakes more and more of the fulness and likeness of Him in whom "we live, and move, and have our being." He assumes as fixed a place in the order of the universe as the stars of heaven.

We are compelled, in our search for immediate, enduring, universal duty, to pass for a time the bounds of the human sphere, with all its petty frets and narrow, selfish loves, and consider the realm that awaits the human. In other words, we are in duty bound to take a broadened, comprehensive conception of Being, and then come back to earth, and bend every energy to bring this necessity into objective expression. This is to take a glimpse of Cause, and to realize that the effects all about us are in touch with that Cause, and to lay hold of them every moment, intelligently utilizing them as means for growth.

Having a realization of what should be attained, we see that to take life as we find it, day by day, moment by moment, throwing the entire heart and soul and strength and mind into that which presents itself in turn, having in mind, the while, why we do this, i. e. its use; our life dedication; then does one ally himself most truly to the ultimate he seeks. He approaches, then, closer to the Spirit of the Universe; and if he thus throws his all into present things as he finds them, (not that

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he should in any sense give in to temptation or beguilement), centering all his forces for the accomplishment of that which is immediately at hand, not for the material reward consequent, but for the glory of controlling his force and dedicating it to the Holy Spirit, he draws ever closer to Spirit; and thus will he invite and be rendered fit and waiting for the Spirit of God which will voice Itself to him in the soul.

We know that true power and abundance can only abide in a contented heart: we know that contentment comes from the highest diligence and faithful doing — the ultimation of necessity; and we know, further, that in this state of concentration is revealed to each that which is best along the line of his whole love. It comes unfailingly. For, by faithful, all-absorbing well-doing, with the recognition always why it is done, for the sake of your highest conception of love and perfection, one becomes introverted, turned in towards his center. There he will find gold, yea, fine gold in abundance; and he will be truly led in the light of his own best love; and that best as he approaches its realization, will open out and broaden, showing more and more the power and beauty and fulness yet beyond.

Adnah.

Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccles. xii, 13.

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what the Lord requires of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah vi, 8.

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REASON.

Man as he is, is an animal: man as he should be is a god, an immortal being; and when he lives in harmony with the purpose for which he was created, his capacity to gain knowledge becomes unlimited.

Growth is perpetual, and at each stage the indwelling spirit enlarges his comprehension of the source of his origin, and of the use and function of his being.

Detaching ourselves from the earth and stepping out into the vast expanse of space, we become cognizant of the majestic destiny of our planet, for as its function is that of the heart, it is the gate for the King, the spirit of Yahveh to enter.

Animals come and go and so does man in his present condition, a heart-beat, a flicker, a short span of a fitful, morbid and perverted existence, and the form which came forth crumbles and vanishes, — "dust to dust," and its identity depending upon its attachment to perishable conditions, vegetates as long as those conditions exist; and when they cannot manifest any longer, the soul dies also; for the form of man can be inhabited by entities void of reason, hence is subject both to perpetuity when the necessity exists, and annihilation when the necessity ceases.

In the dim past the four primal elements came together at some point, and from that point life began; thus man came up through evolution, summarized in the first chapter of Genesis, yet he is still void of Spirit, for the creative word still pushes him ahead as the command to "Be fruitful and multiply" still holds sway over the earth, and consequently he goes unto death.

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When reason dawns upon man he begins to awaken and assert his claim to perpetuity in the form in which he dwells as long as he wishes, "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again," was not a vain utterance.

Reason is that faculty of man which has grown from experience, not only of this life, but of all those through which the ego has passed in its previous incarnations; it is, so to speak, the ability to choose the good and reject the evil, which power of discrimination is the essential requirement for spiritual attainment, and is that which gave to the prophets and to the Christ that necessary poise by which their minds were continually stayed on God, so that although they were surrounded by perversion, yet they remained unmoved, for they were the expressors of the will of God in the flesh; the word of God incarnate, leading the world step by step toward the ultimate for which it was created.

As life is sustained by energy, it is evident that if this energy is expressed in reproduction, the growth of the ego is at a standstill, on the other hand through conservation, this energy which under certain conditions can kindle life, courses through man's organism, and during the time of the revolution of the moon touches all the functions of man's body, reflecting as the maturity, which is determined by his birth, in the vessel which holds life, the picture of the form of man, which form through the law of thought, which is creation, holds intact the functional quality inherent in the sign of its maturity; now mark what follows, the "I will be what I will to be" which is the son of God, and is "the Way, the Truth and the Life," transmutes the form inherent in the seed, through the indwelling fire and adds its potency to his individuality.

Yet the single individual, we must not forget, is only a functioning cell and in order to be complete, like unto one year which is composed of twelve months, he must be indissolubly

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connected with eleven others similar to himself, only of other functional activities, all led by the one spirit within.

Thus we come to the realization that man in his form reflects a quality proceeding from the source of his existence, and in his totality is a function destined to serve an eternal use in the realm of Spirit to which he belongs.

God is life, and man throws his life away in the persuit of pleasure, and all the good he possesses vanishes and he is left a prey to unsatisfied desires which is the veil between him and the truth, "for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat."

As before stated, viewed from the outside this world is one, to wit, it is the Planetary Man, the reflection of the thought of the Creator. Now, the thought of the Creator is perfect although the form in which it is to dwell is not complete; never theless the time is at hand that the reasoning center is to be established similarly to the awakening of the intellect in the individual: thus in the planetary man those who are able will constitute the light of the world or the first fruits unto the Lamb, — the reasoning mind of the spirit of God in the flesh.

Thus dawns before us the necessity of the gathering of those who come up to the requirements, for not till then will the rest of the body, which is the world, recognize the presence of the second coming of the Christ; "And he saith unto me write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God."

CAPRICORN-AQUARIUS.

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EXRTACT FROM
"THE PLAN-LESS OR INTUITIONAL LIFE"

The following article is a quotation from Dr. L. Miller's booklet, "The Plan-Less or Intuitional Life.

It presents so many vital truths, that we take the liberty of giving an extract from it here.

Prof. F. Max Muller said, there was one religion only resting on the firm conviction that the human soul could never have been separate from the divine soul. He placed the highest happiness of the soul in the discovery and recovery of its true nature as from eternity to eternity one with God. This attitude of the soul is held by many millions of people in the peaceful East. Instead of being taught merely the fatherhood, they are taught also the motherhood of God. Somewhere is the fractional soul-counterpart with the same soul consciousness, in the opposite sex, with apparently all opposite characteristics. "Whom God hath so joined together let no man put asunder." No man can! To suppose man could put aside or asunder the provisions of the Infinite, is to suppose the impossible,—that the creature is greater than the Creator. Impious imposter! Such a God is an absurdity, not all-powerful, an evil-monger. All truly religious impulses are closely connected with the oneness of the sexes. This oneness of the soul was beginningless and so is endless. It is an essence in the consciousness of the shadow-man and -woman. The woman of soul-counterparts feels all women to be her sisters, and the interest of a mother is felt by her towards the men. The man feels all men to be his brothers, and women seem as mothers.

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Such respectful attitude of all men toward all women must aid to solve the social problem.

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Those marrying are supposed to understand St. Paul's meaning "to be carnally-minded is death, but to be spiritually-minded is life eternal." This is the sum total of life upon the human and Divine planes. That chaste relation of the sexes is a perfect union or Oneness in the Source. All carnal desire has to be burned away through suffering (the Savior) or through a secret atonement in a sense vicarious. The two half-souls that ages since separated from their Source and from each other, have experimented in the opposites of matter and gained experience, the one is love, the other is wisdom. They have the two separating intellectual minds, and yet possess the one original uniting soul-consciousness. This functions at once, when either or both have returned through the blinding experience in matter to Spirit-consciousness. From this they "fell" long ago into the carnal mind and generation. The return to the Cosmic consciousness in one induces a like Cosmic consciousness in the other. It irresistably draws them together without reference to distance for comparison of garnered experience, and for a perfected reunion in the intuitional Source. In this 'returning home' is the unfoldment of the life of the wonder-working Spirit.

The type of generation is changed. Instead of living in the cellar of their being, they move into the freer, unconfined realm above where transformed energy gives perpetual light to life, leaving no night there. The one is an example of the spiritual life upon the final, higher plane. A late writer has said; "our irregular passions shut up the door of our souls against God." Witness their results of soul-beclouding in and out of marriage! Carnal generation being finished, there is a permanent reunion, without sensuous opposites to separate

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them. Their lessons in the pairs of opposites are finished, and they are home once more, when the fruit of the tree of knowledge, "good and evil", is outlived and annulled. They understand the paradoxes of the human constitution, for they are in this One Source of these, which they left so long before,— and may teach the teachable.

The spiritual changes amount to a veritable transformation of energy to the highest plane. Vibrations of the coarser carnal kind cease in "the peace that passeth all understanding."

The cause of inharmony gone, there is the ability to be still to such an uncommon extent as to greatly refresh in a short time.

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The sexes, while opposite are separated in outer manifestation, in order to garner the harvest of experience in the awful chasm of human will and choice. With the law of contraries, as their guide, they slide into the agreements and disagreements, until the evidence of the senses is nullified, and until they agree to agree, for they are One. The opposites have balanced.

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When rightly mated, the woman's sphere of usefulness is as helper of the one man,— not so much by furthering his will, choice and purpose, as in acting well her passive and intuitive part and as a separate witness or spectator. She is well aware of the inseparable union of her ideal self in him, which guides his acts correctly in opposition to his choosing self. She is his paradox; separated and yet united. She passively stands at a distance, sees and silently smiles at all his perplexities in his tangle of the selves (self and not self), while he unravels the threads of his troublesome preconceived notions, intellect or personality, and unwillingly lets go the evidence of the senses.

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He can do this but little at a time, until he ceases to fear his fears, and lets go all his dear idols. Then, they are one in appearance as well as in fact and his inharmony of the selves forever ceases. Then it is that all the flowers of the spiritual life bloom in immortal youth; and all the spiritual fruits garnered by the Essenes or early Christians, are produced abundantly.

They have been regenerated from that one carnal fall, by the only possible means, — suffering and chastity. She is more of the not-self; he manifests more of the self (intellect) not in conscious union with the Source. All attachment must be broken, in externals; each must sphinx-like, stand alone or independently. For, without this broken attachment there is no independence. External independence is absolutely necessary to perfect union in the spiritual realm, where the all-important works of life are done and without the trammels of "will, choice and purpose". Indeed the true counterparts will never be brought together, unless one at least is absolutely independent of sensual attachment, and is thus prepared to see the other and all things as pure. In the human realm of choice man reaps what he sows and the results of what he suffers. His suffering is manifold, greater than mere physical suffering. It is in mismated unions where is the continual aching of the disappointed soul, forever seeking its own and never finding it in one life, for they are outwardly united. 'until death doth us part." The mystery of life is midway between the "pairs of opposites."

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The intense vibrations started in the body by ignorance of this important subject bring a long train of consequences to teach truth. Chastity has many far-reaching results, chief among which is the higher consciousness of the possibilities of a mighty coming race, with lust left out; and a control over the senses, thoughts and acts not possessed by many. The

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most majestic animals are noted for abstinence in the sex relation, and so are powerful men. The magic spell of the senses (self hypnosis) is strengthened by all unchastity, and the victim is lashed by an unseen master. Thought is fatally concentrated by a resistant will. Thus, a naturally pure relation is carnally degenerated. The satisfaction in the commingling of the sexes comes from their natural exchange of magnetism. Such exchange seems necessary to promote poise of mind and body, when both are pure in heart.

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The sexes in the process of suffering and purification learn the lesson of external independence, for the opposites in the two personalites, clash and misunderstand.

They come to understand each other when there is less of each to misunderstand and more of The One to understand. The sexes are a "pair of opposites." When the two adapted ones of opposite sex are intuitionally attracted together, but without physical attraction, the purified woman sees in him the ideal for which she has always looked in vain in other men. They repelled her because they were carnal. Such men honestly admit that they cannot understand that woman. She often at the time of meeting them cannot explain her action, but obeys her inward monitor (feeling) which repells and sends them home to stay. If she is true to herself and others she must always follow this guide, that will lead her and the proper one into all truth. Cosmic mind acts oppositely on the sensuous plane. She sees in him from the first,—herself, that ideal for which she looked so long in other men, and felt so lost because she did not find it. But a little time will suffice for the opposites to dispose of their two acquired, clashing, carnal, minds. In courtship is she untrue to herself and others, and thinks she loves them or their money? Physical attrac-

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tion! She requires great suffering and will surely get it, to purify her by the law of compensation for breaking the seventh commandment, the proof of which will be in her soul, and in the product of the union, in the image of the absent counterpart. The only everlasting love is that love without a purpose, spontaneous. The one to love on the sensual plane is the one to punish.

Here is seen the meaning of "a house divided against itself shall fall." One soul-consciousness would seem to be enough in a family. But two with two additional intellects in the united people is responsible for numerous family bickerings of strangers. In a pair adapted to each other is the substance of One only, both represented in the "head of the house." Letting personality be broken is like welding two pieces of heated metal together until there is no line of union, and they are one. Love is the purifying fire in the crucible of experience, that burns away the carnal dross, leaving the gold.

The operation of universal law is perfect; and it cannot permanently be annulled by man's tinkering. Man's ignorance of it brings him inharmony, enabling him to let his schemes be cast out of subconsciousness. He can never see Oneness in God's universe until his God ceases making monstrous mistakes, delegating a part of his control to a devil, which he is said to have created.

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The serpent said to the woman (negative personity) in the garden; "No surely you shall not die if you eat of the fruit of that tree; but rather your eyes shall be opened and you shall be as gods knowing good and evil."

This was lust or the carnal fall and led the pair into the life of all the opposites. This interference with the very source of life, is not found in the so-called lower animals which avoid

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the sex relation in the sterile period. Chastity is the Holiest word in all languages. Its consequences are the spiritual knowledge of the beginningless and endless life of all truth. This means dwelling in Cosmic consciousness or the regenerated state, with the possibility of all balanced opposites. The lost mind of separateness from the pure Source is extremely susceptible to external influences. Externals enslave him with pain or pleasure leading into disease. A rapid rate of vibration goes on in him, so that he cannot rest when he would. Inasmuch as the highest possibilities of life are in the sexual impulse, so the lowest forms of physical slavery are connected with it.

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There seem to be also invisible influences acting on and with the self. We are encompassed by a cloud of witnesses (discarnates that urge us to acts not totally our own). People who tamper with the psychic realm, must know its laws or suffer terribly,— the contending discarnates tear down the body, and strange unwholesome desires possess but to destroy it. Desires are the prophets of weal or woe. The old sage thought that those who are most anxious about peopling the world are the least fitted to generate unselfishly; and thus to be the humble servants of the Source.

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All experience is skillfully arranged to detach people from material things that they so desperately cling to,— to unfasten the reality in them from the clothes they wear, from wealth and from each other; in a word from everything and everybody, so that they may be only the witnesses of happenings in God's universe. The dual standard of morals for men, must, when the carnal mists have rolled away, give place to the single stan-

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dard, to which society so fiercely and steadfastly holds our mothers and sisters.

"First avoid a life given to pleasures and lusts; this is degrading, sensual, vulgar, ignoble and profitless; and second a life given to mortifications, this is painful, ignoble and profitless. By avoiding these two extremes, one has gained the knowledge of the middle Path which leads to insight, which leads to wisdom, which conduces to calm, to knowledge, to perfect Enlightenment, to Peace. This is the holy eight-fold Middle Path, — namely, Right Belief, Right Aspiration, Right Speech, Right Conduct, Right Means of Livelihood, Right Endeavor, Right Memory, Right Meditation."

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In the sexual impulse and relation is the possibility of change by divine alchemy from baser into precious metal. Looked at from the standpoint of dualism, such subjects are well avoided by the carnal minded. It is evil, indeed the man and woman are separate, "the house is divided against itself." The purpose is to avoid a perfectly natural impulse, the unavoidable. The same lessons of soul beclouding are had in and out of marriage. The lessons of separateness put into the subconsciouness by teachers are expressed in carnal indulgence; and thus the repeated drama of the "fall"goes an and on.. The character of civilizations is determined by the kind or character of generation and by the regulation of the sexual relations. Modern civilized life is modelled after the Roman regulated life. It is similar; and these institutions resemble theirs. In the crucible of true and untrammelled sex relation, where all desire-dross is burned away, were the mysterious lost secrets of the ancients. Their relation of true oneness opened the fount of all mysterious power. It gave them "secret knowledge" of outer relations of art and skill, that we only try to imitate.

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The sex nature is the arcanum of knowledge, containing the possibilities of regeneration and the secrets of the fall and sensuous good and evil. A mighty race with lust left out has ever been ready to spring up; but the ever changeful self says nay, time is not ripe delay till I am dead. So in the Cosmic consciousness "a thousand years is as a day." The evil mongering mind is given ample time to kill itself in the mazes of eternity, and be forever absent from inexplicable works of soul.

Marriage as constituted purports to be according to the law of similars and for harmony; but according to the law of opposites, things are beautifully arranged for the breaking of attachment. Here is the province of intuition, which conspires to universal Oneness. In this life the man and the woman (selves) are automatons, bringing upon themselves exactly what is necessary to teach them the use of self. One of the opposites (love) attracts people together, the other (hate) separates them at the proper time.

The developed soul of woman knows that physical attraction is spiritual repulsion, which later must be terribly felt by the younger people of both sexes. In their presence she feels the separating action of the selves, as if they are bound or in danger of falling from a great precipice. Does the young man desire to possess her? He may nominally possess her body, but the soul of another? Never! The body alone is the soul-less old clothes. All life is one. The Being of parents is One with that of children and with All else. The life is everlasting. Could parents but realize the Eternal Truth or oneness of all Life, children could not go wrong.

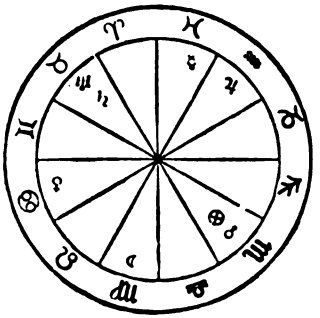
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DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

We regret that limited space permits us to give, during the course of the year, but one delineation to each subscriber. The necessary data are, the year, day of the month, hour and place of birth. Without the hour we may approximate a delineation, but it will always be unsatisfactory; therefore, if obtainable, we should have the hour, and if it cannot be ascertained, the applicant must understand that the character-sketch is more or less incomplete. In all cases, however, the *date* and *place* of birth must be given, or it will be useless to attempt a delineation. We wish distinctly to state that our time is too thoroughly occupied to write to applicants for additional data. Those who wish special help in the regenerate life—such as was given in The Esoteric—should so request in their application.

Charles Robert Davidson, 7.30 a. m. Nov. 2, 1896, Bombay, India.

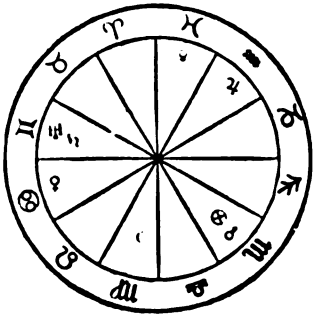
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The twins. In reading their characters it would be quite natural to infer that they are alike, but there is a difference, the rising sign of one being Scorpio and that of the other, Sagittarius. The eldest with the Scorpio body, will be very quiet and subtle in all that he does, but very discriminating, critical and exacting. Uranus and Saturn in Taurus shuts him still more in the interior, but gives him a very strong, active, mind. Mars in his life sign makes him combative and suspicious. Jupiter in Aquarius will give him a great ideal of a public position, consequently he should be educated for a government position. Venus, however, in Cancer relates his tendencies towards surgery or medicine. Mercury in Pices will probably not effect the elder much, but the principles expressed by this position will be more apt to be absorbed and incorporated in the younger. The elder will have a high ideal of honor, integrity and justice, but not much idea of equity. His polarization in Virgo will add to his quiet, interior nature in the way of making him more secretive, and somewhat deceptive. The younger, having a Sagittarius body, is wholly in the energies and is the expressor, unless by a freak of nature the elder has absorbed the energies from the younger, which is sometimes the case. As a child he will appear as the brighter, more intelligent and promising of the two, unless his health happens to be poor. His Virgo polarity will add to the Scorpio base, which is naturally quiet, interior, positive and subtle, a very head-strong and executive nature; one that cannot always be relied upon, unless careful instructions and culture are administered as a child. The qualities imparted by Uranus and Saturn in Taurus will make him a natural mystic, give him a very good brain and body, and will produce in him the feeling that there is nothing too great for him to undertake and accomplish. He would make a fine engineer, or would be good in the higher branches of mechanics. He would also be very successful as a military man; we believe he would rise high in that sphere. His Jupiter in Aquarius causes him to aspire for fame; Venus in Cancer gives him an unusual love for a wife and family. The position of Mercury sets his whole nature in motion; he likes to travel; it is probable that as soon as he learned to walk he wanted to run away; to go without regard as to where he was going. Unless he has a careful education, his energies associated with his combativeness will often get him into difficulties and trouble with his associates. Both of these children will be very

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determined and even rash; the younger will be rash in physical execution, the elder in that interior, quiet determination which will resist all interference; yet if the parents hold a firm hand, deal with them justly, letting them reap the reward of their acts by punishing evil deeds and rewarding good ones, they will be very obedient and orderly, but when crossed, almost irrepressible With both the liability to disease is that of the heart and stomach; the, younger unless taught chastity and self-control in that direction, will soon become nervous and will have peculiar affections of the circulatory system. In giving these delineations without seeing the children it is impossible to tell positively to what extent these differentiations will exist in two children, because as they grow together the mental tendencies of the mother and her feelings arising from surroundings will have much to do in taking certain qualities from one and giving them to the other; for the law is, that the one that has the most of a certain quality in the original germ will absorb the most and sometimes nearly all of that quality from the other, and the mother's tendencies, if harmonious to one and not to the other, will aid in either retarding or accelerating those results.

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Now a few words in regard to my spiritual progress and unfoldment, if you have no objection.

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The old law of generation is to me now almost a thing of the past; in fact I despise indulgence and could never be induced to squander my life in that way under any circumstances. In a couple of months I will be regenerated in all parts of my body of the twelve signs of the zodiac, and I think after that I will be able to make rapid strides toward initiation or the new birth.

So far as the mere conserving of energy goes, I have had few difficulties in that line: that is the smallest part of it. But how to rightly use the life thus stored up in the body is the great question.

In my first endeavors to live the regenerate life, I frankly confess I was simply looking for power — magical powers. I soon discovered, however, that egotism has nothing to do with spirituality, and that if I wanted spiritual growth I must leave all selfishness in the back-ground. "The illusion cannot conquer the illusion," says Dr. F. Hartman, and that is true.

Now I am looking for love, harmony, light, peace and perfection. I pray for these things continually, both for myself and for others, and I know they will come. Only this morning I was conscious of such happiness and peace as I have never felt before. Sometimes it appears to me as if an ocean of harmony, light and bliss would open itself and descend upon me. O my Beloved! merely thinking about thee brings tears to my eyes. Is such an inheritance ours? Has God such a place of glory prepared for sinners? Do I, a miserable sinner who has so many times doubted His existence and even ridiculed His Holy name deserve to enter into this Paradise. His eternal promise is that if we will only wait for Him, He will give us the morning star.

On my way, so far, I have had many dark hours and also much suffering brought upon myself wholly through ignorance and fear. In fact I have once or twice given myself up for lost: everything seemed to be chaos to me, and in spite of all

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thinking, praying and worrying to get everything explained to me, I remained in darkness. But God did not let me remain very long in that condition. He answered what I wanted to know,— anyway the solution came to me and the cloud was lifted. When I now get in trouble and a passage seems denied, I simply wait till God will help me. At first it was very difficult for me to have absolute confidence in God, and I was almost paralized with fear, but I begin to wake more to the consciousness of the reality of the Immortal Soul or Spirit.

Yours very truly,

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BOOK REVIEWS.

JUST HOW TO WAKE THE SOLAR PLEXUS, by Elizabeth Towne; 26 pages. Price 25 cents. Address the author, Holyoke, Mass.

Although this pamphlet is based on Christian or Mental Science and the principles of auto-suggestion, it yet contain much more that is good, wise and healthful.

THE INTERPRETATION OF THE NOAHIAN FLOOD ALLEGORY, by L. Emerick. 66 pages. Address the author, Jacksonville, Fla.

In this pamphlet the author has drawn a moral and makes it apply to the flood and those who lived at that time. He gives an occult interpretation to the Bible, and altogether this book is of interest and contains genuine advanced thought.

THE BABY, Carrie D. McLaughlin, editor. "Cost of yearly keeping, 25 cents." Address the editor, 1325 Twelfth St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

The editor has certainly started out with something novel, "something new under the sun," as she calls it. Babies are supposed to grow, unfold and mature, but this baby seems to be pretty well matured to start with, and if it grows and is cultured in the right direction it may accomplish a great work in the world.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. An 8 page paper; subscription 50 cents. Published by the Eye-Opener Printing Concern, 3514 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill.

This paper is devoted to Scriptural thought and teaching. The editor has evidently been studying and maturing a general plan or system, and so far as we can judge of it from the issue before us, Vol. i No. 2, it is truly Christian in all its bearings. We welcome such papers when they bring advancing thought.

THE SOCIALIST SPIRIT. 31 pages. Subscription 50 cents a year; 5 cents a copy. Published monthly by Franklin H. Wentworth, 313 Ashland Block, Chicago, Ill.

This is a very neat little magazine devoted to socialism, and seems to be a general critic of the present conditions and has its own propositions for their remedy.

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EDITORIAL.

This number of *The Occult and Biological Journal* closes the volume, and as our mind has opened up into new fields of thought, yet not new, but more discriminate, we deem it wisest and best to discontinue the former name, and replace it with the name *Bible Review*, because we find in that grand old book, much of the beginning and authorship of which is unknown, the greatest truths that the world possesses; truths that have been and are still a secret as they are couched in symbolism, etc., that they may see, as Jesus said, and not understand; waiting for the time when the people's mentality and inner consciousness was sufficiently developed and their souls sufficiently unfolded to understand and utilize those important truths.

We sincerely believe that the time has now come, and it will be found that *Bible Review* will present a straight line of thought lying directly between the two extremes; materialism on the one hand and spiritualism, or mythical idealism on the other; gathering from both sides all that is true and useful and presenting to the world added knowledge, which, if followed, will bring to it the kingdom of God, a kingdom of righteousness, a race of angel men and women, united in consciousness with their source of being, God.

In our efforts in this direction it will be necessary to touch many avoided subjects, and we shall hereafter write fearlessly, not up to the line but over the line into the realm heretofore forbidden by the occultists and mystics generally, even to giving those things that have only been known to the higher mystics since the time of the greatest atiquity.

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In our efforts in this direction we shall adhere as closely as possible to the most familiar forms of expression, and we hope and expect to appeal especially to the people composing the Christian community, because in that body of people are found those that are begotten from above and are therefore the children of God. No others can correctly understand or properly appreciate the truths which are now to come forth from the secret chamber of the Most High.

We therefore ask our friends who feel an interest in the regeneration and elevation of the race to be especially diligent in discovering those who have a certain degree of devotion to God, and who manifest certain Christian traits of character, and forward their names and addresses to us, that we may send them sample copies of the new journal; for we know that all who have the Spirit of Truth, referred to by the Lord's Christ, will recognize in the pages of the coming journal the light which their souls seek.

We are satisfied, from our own personal experience, that the time has come for a great advance in the New Thought, or rather in the true Christian life; and the Spirit of the Highest will in time to come make revelations to the honest, devout souls, transcending anything that has ever been in the past.

The time has arrived to which Jesus referred when he said: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

The Christ Spirit is drawing very near and is even now whispering in our consciousness those things to which he referred, and as we give them to the world we do so only that they may have the two witnesses; first, the voice of the Spirit in their own consciousness; second, the text of the new Journal; and let us each pray the Lord of the harvest, not only to send laborers into His vineyard, but that His Spirit may go forth in Its light and glory to illumine the souls of His dear children.

Peace be with you all.

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The delineations of character that have been given in this Journal as a sort of premium to subscribers will be discontinued in *Bible Review.*

The *Bible Review* will be sent out according to *calander* months, and will be mailed about the 20 th of each month in order that it may reach its destination on the first of the month which it represents, as it has in many cases a long distance to travel, and even then there are many places it will not reach until the month is well advanced.

The first number of the new Journal will begin with the October issue.

We would like our readers to send us the names and addresses of all the Church periodicals with which they are familiar, as we are desirous of coming in touch with them.



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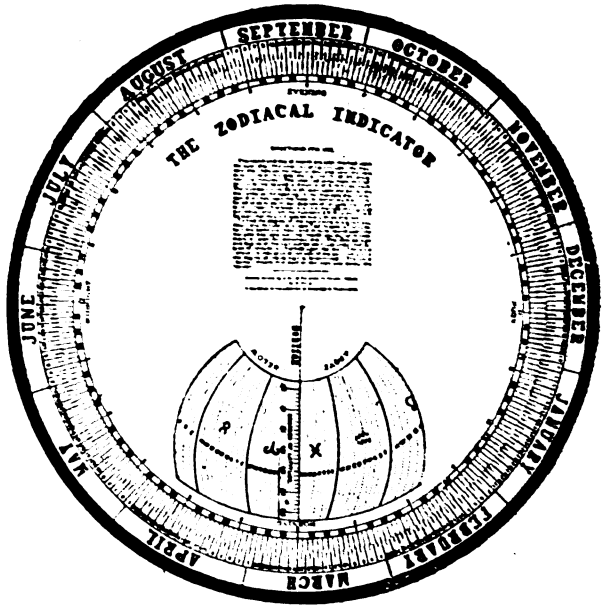
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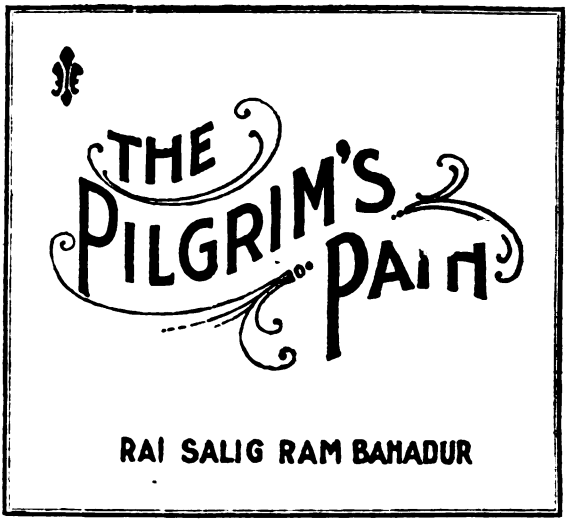
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