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...Editorial...

WHEN IS A LIE NOT A LIE? The other night we were sitting before our television set for the express purpose of watching the advertisements. We were quite amazed at some of the things the sponsors' products would do for you. We learned that there was a product that could halt (in seconds) the most hacking cough up to six hours. We saw one poor victim hacking his lungs out (which was a disgusting scene to witness), suddenly transformed into a smiling, beaming idiot-in-delight. Now, we knew this was a lie, somehow, and it took only a moment to discover how the sponsor got away with it. The key was in one little word - unnecessary. This product halts "unnecessary" coughing. It is quite obvious that if YOU don't get relief, YOU are experiencing a NECESSARY cough. Coughing is nature's way of aiding in recovery from some ailments, in alleviating congestion in others, and in general almost all coughs serve a useful purpose and are necessary. So here is the sponsor's out.

But in another ad, we learned that a certain cigarette would make your taste buds come alive and fresh. Apparently the menthol in them gives you this "clean" taste and feeling in your mouth. However, aside from being poisonous, menthol has no effect on the function of taste buds, nor does it improve this function. If any-

thing, it can hardly even compensate for the foul taste you will find in your mouth after smoking a whole carton of these cigarettes, which it is suggested you do in order to get this wonderful coming to life of your dormant taste buds. We wondered how the sponsor could make this claim? It's not true.

Another sponsor advised me to "smoke a REAL cigarette". The only imitation ones we know of are those made of candy, which can't be smoked.

All through the evening we listened to fantastic and ludicrous claims, almost all hedged with trick words - like a certain drug is "like a doctor's prescription, because it contains ingredients". We felt that it might be more like a chef's recipe, which also contains ingredients. We watched people stroking their cheeks with toilet paper, exclaiming over its softness. We watched toilet bowls being cleaned by beautiful women dressed in evening gowns. We saw clogged nostrils restored to free breathing. We watched hair oil drawing lovely women into men's arms like flies to honey, unable to resist (even if they were married?). We believed not a word of any of it.

Confidentially, does it persuade YOU to buy any of these products? Does it? Really? You're kidding!

Following this paragraph we are reproducing a newspaper clipping which falls into this same general category, that of telling left-handed truths, or phrasing a thing to say something that it actually does not, or to convey a meaning that is exactly opposite to reality. This clipping has to do with fluoridation and its effect

on cavities. Strangely enough cavities are not mentioned, but another subject, mottling, is hinted at, in the use of the word "appearance". The inference is given by the whole clipping that the appearance is a good one, when in reality, the nature of the "appearance" is not even specified. You can take your choice, apparently - and we have decided that the reason it can be observed which children resided in Grand Rapids was because of the mottled appearance of their teeth, probably quite hideous.

Grand Rapids Pupils' Smiles Indicate Origin

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) You can tell whether or not a youngster was born in Grand Rapids by his smile, the state Department of Health has concluded.

The teeth of 1,468 students at Grand Rapids Central High School were examined and photographed in color to determine the effect of flouride on the appearance of teeth.

"We found a distinct difference between the teeth of children who had been drinking Grand Rapids water all their lives and those who moved to the city after their teeth had formed," the health department's Dr. Fred Wertheimer said.

"Even the teachers and lay visitors were soon able to tell at a glance which children had lived in Grand Rapids all their lives," he added.

Grand Rapids became in 1945 the nation's first city to flouridate its water. Most of the high school seniors were born that year.

Enough of liars. Anyone who isn't aware of it just isn't very observing. And if you buy these products, influenced by this type of double-talk, you probably aren't reading this magazine anyway!

This issue of SEARCH is particularly important to us because the article DON'T SAY SAM, SAY UNCLE, is quite a personal thing. We hope that you will read

it and understand that we are quite in earnest about it, and that we personally feel that what is happening to the small businessman in this country is a major disaster, and can have the most serious consequences on both our national economy and our national freedom, and perhaps on our very existence as a republic. If the small businessman is eliminated, we will have an oligarchy of titans in industry, or a total socialist state, just around the corner from a communist state. Once we have all come under the wardship and control of the federal government, we will be back to the serfdom we fled from over 400 years ago, except that we will have sold our birthright for a modern mess of refrigerators and TV sets, instead of a mess of pottage.

We were quite interested in watching the progress of the Ranger Moon Shoot recently. As the shot was being readied, we recalled the previous shots, both Russian and American, and thought: Here's where the American shot proves we were all wrong about the moon not being where we think it is - in brief, closer than the text-book figure. We felt sure that we would not be shooting seven million dollars without improving our aim over the previous shot. So, it was with a great deal of consternation that we learned that the shot was going to miss the moon by that same old wide margin of from 20,000 to 35,000 miles. The reason, we have been told, is an over-charge in the first booster rocket. This caused it to go off course. We will have to disbelieve this until the next shot, because the fact remains that until they do hit the moon, we may be cor-

rect in assuming they don't know where the target is.

Now that we've been able to prove that the pole is not the point it has always been thought to be (see the March 1962 issue of FLYING SAUCERS), but a line at least 1,000 miles long, we feel that we can sit back and let the rocket men prove to us that the moon is as far away as the textbooks say. It's a funny thing that we have been able to predict so many changes in our scientific knowledge in the pages of a little magazine like SEARCH, but a re-reading of past issues proves that we are quite prophetic - and this without any psychic ability. One of our sources, of course, is the reading of translations of Russian scientific papers and science magazines.

Speaking of the Russians, we hear a lot of condemnation of their "iron curtain", and of how they censor the mail, and do not permit free passage of American mail of all types. We should not throw stones when we live in glass houses! We say this because about a year ago we got a subscription (through a subscription agency, apparently an accredited one) from Moscow. We were happy to add Russia to our list of foreign countries covered by our magazines, but somehow we cannot get past our own shores with these magazines. We have had a series of complaint reports from our Russian subscriber, but nothing we can do will result in delivery. Why is it that we decry Russian interference in the mail, and then we halt delivery of subscription magazines to that country? What is it that Uncle Sam is afraid of? Why won't our postal authorities pass the

copies of our magazines along to the Moscow subscriber who paid us in good USA money? We haven't had a chance to follow this up because of our recent eye accident which nearly cost us our left eye, and has left us seriously handicapped due to blurred vision, but as soon as we get our work caught up, we intend to make inquiries of the postmaster general and find out why he won't forward our magazines, on which we are paying postage.

In this issue we have an article which is just a little bit "deeper" than our usual article, but we felt that you would like to be able to get the thoughts of a native of India on the subject of space conquest and the morality involved. The article might serve also to embarrass us, because it seems to be evident that education is a bit more serious in India than

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it iskhere. If you find yourself a bit baffled and forced to resort to the dictionary, just remember that the writer is writing in YOUR language, and doing a first class job of it. His point is also well taken, and we can do some serious thinking about what will happen to us if we do not advance in spirituality and morality at the same pace we advance scientifically. We may gain the universe, but at the loss of our individuality.

Before you read this magazine, the feared conjunction of the planets together with an eclipse will have occured, and we predict you will still be alive and rather bored with the news - because nothing sensational will have happened. Perhaps the most exciting news will be what we can give you right here - that the fourth issue of our Shaver history in THE HIDDEN WORLD has been shipped to readers, and the fifth issue is being printed. In the fourth issue we made a simple little statement that ought to start fireworks - we said we didn't believe Shaver had been in the caves, but at the same time we believed Shaver. Maybe you'd better take warning now, and subscribe Rap.

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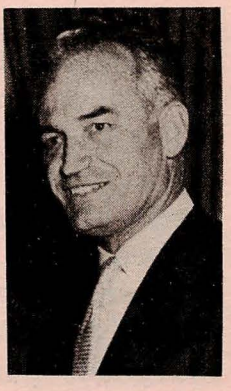




DON'T SAY SAM — SAY UNCLE!

Wages And Taxes
In Theory And Practice

By Ray Palmer



WITH AN
INTRODUCTORY
SPEECH BY

Barry Goldwater

ADOPTION OF THE Kennedy Administration's minimum wage program would throw 500,000 persons out of work within three to five months. It would aggravate our already-dangerous balance of payments problem and generally compound the economic uncertainty now confronting the nation.

I believe this about the worst possible time that could have been chosen for further tampering with the

natural laws of our free enterprise economy by granting unearned wage increases through government edict.

Increasing the minimum wage would run counter to all the things President Kennedy says he wants to do to stimulate the economy and expand America's foreign markets.

Regardless of how the Kennedy Administration spokesmen dress up this proposal for popular consumption, the basic fact remains that when you artificially increase the cost of labor you always cut down the number of job opportunities.

Today, almost 60% of American business expense dollar goes for wages. If that is increased by boosting the minimum wage, which, in turn, will boost wage rates already above the minimum, two things will happen:

1. Employers will begin to automate their operations as quickly as they can and start laying off marginal, part-time workers - those younger and older people who work to augment the income of families - at a rapid rate.

2. Prices will be increased by merchants and producers and suppliers of services who are unable to meet the added wage costs in any other way.

Thus, two immediate effects of minimum wage boosts will be unemployment and inflation. And these would come at a time when President Kennedy is talking about full employment and sending messages to Congress asking that costs and prices be kept low because of our balance of payments and gold outflow

problems.

The impact of a minimum wage increase would hit hardest at the very groups which now are having trouble finding jobs.

The first ones to be let go when employers begin shouldering increased labor costs without a corresponding boost in productivity will be the unskilled, the older workers and the very young. These are the workers at the lower-fringe of the wage scale among whom jobless rates have been the highest. And I believe much of the trouble these people are having today can be traced to previous increases in the minimum wage. High-sounding attempts to help them through legislative means has actually been hurting them by cutting down employment opportunities.

President Kennedy can't have it both ways just for the sake of political expediency.

The President can't have full employment, or even more employment, and have an increase in the minimum wage at the same time. The President can't keep down costs and prices to help American industry compete for foreign markets and have an increased minimum wage. The President can't help small business and still have an increase in the minimum wage. It just can't be done. - Barry Goldwater.

BARRY GOLDWATER, in the foregoing, has established himself as one of the most accurate prophets ever to be included in the pages of this magazine. While Senator Goldwater may not be a psy-

chic in the sense that we usually use the word in SEARCH Magazine, no psychic can match him in performance. In order to demonstrate, we will have to present you with an actual case record, only one of five that we have now investigated in the local area of Amherst, Wisconsin, in a population of less than 2,000. Amherst itself, where three of the cases occur, is only a village of 592 population. This is important to remember in evaluating what we will present, because it can be multiplied nation-wide, and will present a figure that is staggering in its implications.

Back in 1950, your editor moved to Amherst from Evanston, Illinois. He set up his magazine publishing business in this small town, and an immediate result of this action was the increase in postal revenue in the local third class post office to a figure sufficient to bring it into second-class category. This meant an automatic raise in salary for every employee of the post office, a total of five persons. The raise was substantial, and played a factor in increased local prosperity through the benefits accruing to all local merchants in this improved purchasing power.

At that time, your magazines were being printed in Sandusky, Ohio. In 1956 your editor was one of the local business men who formed The Amherst Development Corporation, a non-profit organization intended to find ways and means of bringing new industry to the village, and to aid in improving already existent businesses. In 1960 it was decided to open up a printing plant in Amherst, to print SEARCH and our other

magazines locally, and provide employment for local persons. It was decided to install only basic equipment and rely on hand labor to do all tasks possible to hand labor. Among these was the hand gathering, stapling and binding of the magazines.

Since, in Wisconsin, the minimum wage law calls for 75¢ per hour in communities of less than 1,000 population (it still does), five local farm wives, whose husbands were having a difficult struggle to make a good living on farms in an area where the land is poor, were hired part-time at 75¢ per hour. Their average income was between $600 and $1,000 per year, and this, added to their husbands' income, enabled them to increase their standard of living to the point where they could do such things as install a bathroom (rather than the old two-holer), repair a roof, put in a new silo, buy needed furniture, or retire a debt whose interest potential was a continual robber of income.

So successful was this local effort, that plans were made to build another building, install book-binding basic equipment, and add hand-bound books to our line. This, it was estimated, might hire as many as 30 more part-time employees. Among these employees were also the handicapped, and the more or less unskilled.

As an example, let us take the case of the magazine you are now reading. The cost of binding by hand was $135.00 more than binding by machine, but we were saving $125.00 on printing costs by doing our own printing. So, the possibility of an added $135.00 saving was weighed against the civic benefits of added em-

ployment, and the civic benefits adopted.

According to the Constitution, all rights not specifically given by the Constitution to the Federal government shall accrue to the States. Thus, the regulation of wages, if any, accrue to the States. In Wisconsin, the legal minimum is 75¢ per hour in villages of Amherst's size. In paying these wages, we were of the opinion that we were Constitutional, we were legal, we were fair. Employer and employee were imminently satisfied. Progress was made in eliminating local unemployment. Local prosperity was being increased by the addition of more than $2,000 a month in purchasing power. Both Federal and State income taxes were increased. The benefits were pyramidical in effect. Insofar as our operation was concerned, we produced magazines, and sold them to our one customer, a magazine distributor, who, in his turn sold them all over the 50 states. This is an important factor to bear in mind, for it is the crux of the whole situation.

Ignorance, says Uncle Sam, is no excuse. Not realizing that since the magazines produced were being sold in other states, no matter if the seller was someone else, the entire operation came under the heading of interstate commerce, and was therefore a Federal matter, and came under the Federal minimum wage law (which is presently $1.15 per hour, and will go to $1.25 next year), cut no ice with the Federal investigator who finally called on us. Said he, produce your books, back to 1958 so that I may examine them. We

did so, and finally received the official dictum:

We had criminally and wilfully and wickedly violated the minimum wage and hour law, and would henceforth be compelled to pay all our employees the minimum wage of $1.15, and as punishment for our misdeeds, we would pay the minimum way back to 1958, together with time and one half for overtime, and we would do so within one week.

When the investigator first appeared at our door we sensed trouble. This was easy to sense, for he appeared as grim as warmed-over Death. There was no trace of friendliness on his face, only cold accusation, and studied deliberateness. After all business had been transacted, we assured him that we knew he was only doing his job, and that personally we held him no ill-will. And, since we did not, we suggested that we saw no reason for him to be so formal, and that he could smile. If we could smile, why not he? But sadly, we found, he was unable to smile. This is only an aside, but we were rather perturbed at what was happening to this man, whose job so held him in thrall that he no longer dared demonstrate that he was human, and could never again smile in public.

Now, having discovered that it was going to cost us, we were naturally curious as to how much. We were more than staggered to discover that it was going to be thousands of dollars. This investigator had just gone through our check book, and he could hardly have failed to note that at this very moment we were overdrawn by more than $1700.00. He also knew that we were

deeply in debt, and that it would take us eleven years to pay for the equipment we had purchased in order to provide the jobs he was now so concerned with in respect to a fair wage.

We suggested that it might be possible that these employees would rather not take these back wages, to which neither we nor they felt they were entitled, having entered upon an agreement satisfactory to both of us. The answer to this was emphatic - they had no choice; the law was the law, and they must be paid retroactively as the law provides. There was no other conceivable course.

Why? Because Uncle Sam has a stake in this - he is entitled to income taxes due on all these unpaid wages, and these taxes must be withheld and paid to Uncle before the end of the year, so as to come in on this year's taxes.

Almost instantly we thought of the fact that much of these unpaid wages should have been paid in 1959 and 1960, and to pay them all in 1961 would mean the employees would be thrown into a higher tax bracket for 1961, and would be paying more than actually was lawful. There was an answer to this also - he didn't make the law, he only enforced it.

But why the punishment factor? We hadn't wilfully committed a wrong. Oh, said he, this isn't punishment; you should see the penalties possible to inflict, which in the goodness of his heart, he was not inflicting. It would be better for my sanity not to pursue this line of questioning any further. All this paying was only

right and just and legal and lawful, and in no way punishing. It was, in fact, leaning over backward; for the employer's integrity or intent was not being questioned, and any thought of punishment was unthinkable.

After he had gone, we sat down to figure what this meant to us, not only at the present moment (and the fatal day to come in just one week, when these thousands would have to be paid), but in the future. It was not difficult to estimate that at $1.15 per hour, and in the following year at $1.25, it would be a total impossibility to bind SEARCH or any other magazine by hand. It would mean automation. And how would we come out at that? The answer was simple, and has since been confirmed by actual cost sheets: Where it had taken five women a total of ten eight-hour days to bind the magazine, it would take two women a total of five hours to accomplish the same task. Five times 80 hours as against two times 5. 400 hours as against 10. $300.00 as against $11.50.

What would such a machine cost? $6,000.00. But it could be leased for $135.00 per month, and since we bind two magazines a month, for a unit cost of $67.50. Our automated cost of binding a magazine was $79.00 - our original hand-binding procedure was $300.00. We would save $221.00 per magazine.

If we did not automate, our cost (for only a short 12 months, after which it would increase by another 10¢ per hour) would be $460.00. Thus, our actual saving would be $381.00.

What choice had we? The machine.

Let us consider the five women. Instead of taking home from $600.00 to $1,000.00 per year, three of them now take home nothing, and the other two take home $138.00. Naturally they are deliriously happy at the increase in hourly rate, and elated with the unexpected Christmas windfall in the form of those retroactive wages.

The next day the "law" arrived, in the form of the instruction books published by the government to let employers know their employees' rights. Five books devoted to fine print that would take days to read, and no chance of understanding, because it is incredibly complex. It is written (and we should know) by people to whom the art of writing is totally unknown. They are unable to express themselves understandably, and most of all, simply, as any tyro can do (or he would starve).

We have read many tiresome and complex manuscripts in our long career, so we read these books. In them we found the following: (and with a great deal of relief, because we had discovered that Congress was not stupid, and could anticipate unjust applications of any law, and would provide special relief for just such injustices.)

(Public Law 49 - 80th Congress)
(Chapter 52 - 1st Session)
(H.R. 2157)
AN ACT

To relieve employers from certain liabilities and punishments under the Fair Labor Standards Act of

1938, as amended, the Walsh-Healey Act, and the Bacon-Davis Act, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Part I

Findings and Policy

Section 1. (a) The Congress hereby finds that the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, has been interpreted judicially in disregard of long-established customs, practices, and contracts between employers and employees, thereby creating wholly unexpected liabilities, immense in amount and retroactive in operation, upon employers with the results that, if said Act as so interpreted or claims arising under such interpretations were permitted to stand, (1) the payment of such liabilities would bring about financial ruin of many employers and seriously impair the capital resources of many others, thereby resulting in the reduction of industrial operations, halting of expansion and development, curtailing employment, and the earning power of employees; (2) the credit of many employers would be seriously impaired; (3) there would be created both an extended and continuous uncertainty on the part of industry, both employer and employee, as to the financial condition of productive establishments and a gross inequality of competitive conditions between employers and between industries; (4) employees would receive windfall payments, including liquidated damages, of sums for activities

performed by them without any expectation of reward beyond that included in their agreed rates of pay; (5) there would occur the promotion of increasing demands for payment to employees for engaging in activities no compensation for which had been contemplated by either the employer or employee at the time they were engaged in; (6) voluntary collective bargaining would be interfered with and industrial disputes between employees and employers and between employees and employees would be created; (7) the courts of the country would be burdened with excessive and needless litigation and champertous practices would be encouraged; (8) the Public Treasury would be deprived of large sums of revenues and public finances would be seriously deranged by claims against the Public Treasury for refunds of taxes already paid; (9) the cost to the Government of goods and services heretofore and hereafter purchased by its various departments and agencies would be unreasonably increased and the Public Treasury would be seriously affected by consequent increased cost of war contracts; and (10) serious and adverse effects upon the revenues of Federal, State, and local governments would occur.

The Congress further finds that all of the foregoing constitutes a substantial burden on commerce and a substantial obstruction to the free flow of goods in commerce.

The Congress, therefore, further finds and declares that it is in the national public interest and for the

general welfare, essential to national defense, and necessary to aid, protect, and foster commerce, that this Act be enacted.

THE FOREGOING applies to us in a number of ways. Item (1) is certainly applicable except in the very first item - we would not be ruined, only put back about a year in our goal of paying for our equipment. Item (2) is totally applicable - we would not be able to pay on time for the paper that had just been delivered. Item (3) is also 100% applicable. How would we compete with hand methods against automation? Item (4) certainly classes the payments to our employees correctly - they are windfalls, and not even desired. In fact, the employees decided they would rather have their jobs than the money. Item (6) is also applicable - the skilled employees in our establishment will certainly feel entitled to more than the unskilled, and will demand a correspondingly equitable increase, to maintain the gap that had previously existed. Item (6) does not apply - our relations with employees has always been of the friendliest, and our shop has always been a happy family sort of thing. Item (7) likewise does not apply, at least in our case, since we do not resort to the courts to settle litigation. And we never sue anybody. Item (8) is a boomerang sort of thing, with Uncle Sam the recipient - he will lose, permanently, all the income tax he would have gotten from employed people, and worse, will have to pay them workmen's compensation, and find new jobs for them.

Finding jobs, as Barry Goldwater points out, for the handicapped, the unskilled, and the part-time worker is very difficult. Item (9) is also applicable, because to those employers who have no way out, the only way to pay for the increased wage cost is to raise the price of the product. Item (10) must be important, because it repeats item (8).

Armed with this Act of Congress, we wrote the Wage & Hour Bureau in Madison, and quoted it, asking how it could be applied to us to save us all this retroactive business, which Congress said here was not at all right and proper, and should be protected against. We present the following letter in its entirety, because it is so incredible. We present it also with an intense feeling of anger. And finally, we present it in the light of a long-standing policy of ours; namely: What is worth writing, is worth printing.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This has reference to the recent investigation made of your operations by Mr. Brunell of this Division, and also your letter of November 8, 1961 to him. In your letter you make considerable reference to the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947, and you request that we clarify this for you.

First of all, if it were not for the Portal-to-Portal Act your liability would have been substantially greater. This Act primarily placed a two-year limitation on all claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, better known as the Wage-Hour Law. This phase

of the law is explained in PART IV, Section 6 (a) of the Portal-to-Portal Act.

In other words, all we have done in your case is made an investigation under the Wage-Hour Law as you have employees who are engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce and they have not been compensated in accordance with the Act, i. e., they have not been paid the minimum of at least $1.00 per hour prior to September 3, 1961 and $1.15 per hour thereafter, and time and one-half for all hours in excess of 40 per week. Mr. Brunell checked your records and made transcriptions and computations from them for the actual amount of back wages rightfully due the employees for the previous two-year period. The minimum wage and overtime provisions are explained under Sections 6 and 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act, a copy of which was given you by Mr. Brunell.

You have also suggested that it may be agreed that these windfall payments might be waived. In our opinion these are not windfall payments as you have not heretofore properly compensated your employees in compliance with the Act. Therefore we are seeking only what should have previously been paid your employees. There is no other penalty involved.

This is to advise you that in accordance with our regular procedure the refusal of an employee to accept back wages will not relieve you, the employer, of your liability under Section 16 (b) and (c) of the Act.

You also informed us that the firm is having finan-

cial difficulties. This likewise does not relieve you of your liability.

A summary of unpaid wages and receipt forms were given to you by Mr. Brunell. Instructions for use of the receipt forms are on the reverse side of the summary sheet. As you agreed to pay the back wages due the employees, it is requested that arrangements be made to do so at once and that you forward the original signed and certified copy of the receipts to this office promptly. - Very truly yours, Earl F. Halverson, Regional Director. By: J.J. Brown, Supervising Investigator, 638 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

WHAT THIS LETTER tells us, in essense, is of no value to us in learning the answer to the question in our minds - can we get out of paying these back wages, according to what seems to be Congressional action offering the opportunity in cases where ten items listed seem to apply to us. This question was answered by referring us to a section 6 (a) which we had already read and could not decipher. All we wanted was a yes or a no, and why not. We apparently got a no, all right, but based on something else entirely - that, first of all, we are lucky the investigator was limited to two years, because if he had not been, he would have gone back to the birth of Mohammed.

The use of the word "rightfully" is insulting. It is saying that we are "wrongfully", which carries the connotation "wickedly" depriving these employees of

what is "properly" theirs, implying that we are "improper". If this is not judging guilty before trial, what is it?

Our employees disagree. They say they do not feel that the back wages imposed on us are "rightfully" theirs. They knew when they were hired at 75¢ that this was the legal State minimum for villages under 1,000 population, and they suspected, no more than we, that what they were doing was "interstate commerce". They even offered to waive the wages, or, if paid, to give them back to us.

Congress says that wage compensation not expected under "previous agreement" is windfall. But Mr. Brown disagrees. He says: Congress notwithstanding, I say you pay, and I have decided that this is not windfall, and I give you no choice. Go to the courts if you wish, because I know you can't afford it, and besides, you stand little chance of winning against the mighty power of my unerring infallible testimony.

If this Mr. Brown worked for me, and wrote such a letter to one of my customers, he would be fired instantly. We believe Mr. Brown should be so fired, and we suggest it to his employer, Uncle Sam.

Mr. Brown further expresses the opinion that we are having financial difficulties for which he cares nothing, and if we go under and people lose their livelihood, it is of no concern to him - all that concerns him is he intends you shall pay up. In the first place, we did not say we were in financial difficulties - we said that paying this money would achieve this result.

That was why we hoped this act of Congress would relieve us of this financial difficulty.

In his final paragraph, Mr. Brown says we "agreed" to pay these wages. This is hardly true. Do we have a choice? No, this law is being enforced, not agreed upon. Lastly, he stresses the words "at once". We are to produce these thousands of dollars immediately. He doesn't care how it is done, but it must be done "at once". The employees say: "If you must pay these wages, pay us next year, when it won't put us into a higher bracket this year, which isn't fair, and isn't even legal, because we didn't earn this money in 1961." But no, says the Wages Board, it has to be paid right now, and also, the withholding taxes and social security taxes must be paid.

What to do? We went to the bank (not the Amherst bank, because they already have loaned us up to their legal limit). When we explained why we wanted it, we got it right on the spot, because the bank president understood completely - and why not, because he also had been forced to pay, and in his case he had us beat on the amount. Curious, we asked for details, and discovered his trouble had been overtime. Bank work is at times very seasonal (such as Christmas Clubs, etc.) and there was much overtime. He had reasoned that since a work week is 40 hours, to work 20 hours one week, 60 the next, averaged out to 40, thus, no overtime. His employees felt this was correct also. But the Federal ruling says the extra 20 in the second week is overtime at time and one half, and payable at that

rate. The bank's solution was simple - they installed an IBM accounting system that threw three people out of work. It also saved the bank money in the long run.

Very much intrigued by now, we began to research this matter among other local firms. We discovered that the results were precisely the same in every firm investigated - people lost their jobs and automation became the order of the day.

In a village of 592 population, out of three firms, 19 people had lost their jobs, and one firm had closed its doors entirely, the owner finding that by simply doing what work he could himself, he made a very good income, and had no forms to fill out for dozens of government agencies. He was in the peacock feather business, and he made more selling his own capacity than selling the capacity of five workers. So he dispensed with the five workers. How right Barry Goldwater had been!

It is a fact, however, that this minimum wage law is the law of the land, and as citizens, we are duty-bound to obey it. But there are good laws and bad laws. This is a bad law. Its effect is precisely opposite to that intended. It does not secure a good living for everyone, it destroys the living of an already unfortunate minority. It has an adverse effect on the total national economy. It can be carried to disastrous lengths.

The trouble is in President Kennedy's inability to place this problem in its true perspective. He is the son of one of the world's richest men. In his cradle,

he was taught as his first word, to say "billion". What concept has this big-business man of the small business? What does he know of farm homes with outside plumbing? Has he ever seen the number of boulders and stones in a field around Amherst, and tried to plow that field? He says he cannot understand how anyone can expect anyone else to live on less than $1.25 per hour. Doesn't he know that nobody can live on $1.25 per hour who has a family? His "minimum" is actually a starvation wage. Can he raise a family of six on $1.25 per hour? Doesn't he see that the one-wage-earner family must have far more than $1.25 per hour to get along on the standard of living that Kennedy himself would be appalled to live under? Doesn't he know that in each of these families there is a wife or son or daughter who has part-time available, who could make this a truly comfortable family if able to earn just a few hundred dollars more a year? Doesn't he see that passing a minimum wage law will not force an employer to employ the blind and the halt, the moronic (who can sweep floors) and the inept, the part-time and the unskilled? On one hand, he implores "Hire the handicapped" and on the other he forces them out of jobs because minimum wage law or no, the employee just cannot produce profitably, and an employer who makes no profit will not long remain in business, nor will an investor risk capital in an unprofitable business, nor will an existing business expand with all its personal risk, only to place unproductive workers on a charity payroll.

Small business can and will take up the slack in these fields of employment, if not strangled by impractical laws, and by stifling taxation. No little man can take his few thousands savings and invest in a business where he stands to lose all, and gain nothing. Incentive is necessary to venturing. Nobody ventures without incentive. There is only one incentive, the certainty of a better income. It is true that nothing can be certain, and there is risk in every venture. We are not all as clever as Mr. Kennedy. But we are clever enough to be able to see that it is folly to invest in a certain failure!

Electricians in New York have succeeded in getting a 25-hour week. They draw $4.96 per hour, with time and one half for overtime, double time for Sunday. Is this a "minimum"? Is there a man jack among these electricians who would not be convulsed with laughter if it were suggested he work for $1.15 per hour? And what if the minimum wage were raised by law to $4.96 per hour? Would not these electricians demand $20.00 per hour, because they are skilled, and a floor-sweeper is not?

In the end, all these increases are passed on to the customer, and his lot is no better than before. He is making more money, but he is spending more for the necessity of life. In the case of the 5-hour electrician, there is a shortage of electricians in New York. The union's policy is to create this shortage by allowing no apprenticeship policy beyond a pre-planned shortage permanence. Thus, to the householder, forbidden by

law to install his own 10¢ light switch, the portal-to-portal law demands that he pay $7.44 per hour to install this switch, and the average electrician can do the job, from shop door back to shop door, in about two hours. $7.44 is the overtime price, and just try and get an electrician during his 5-hour stint! What householder can afford to call the electrician under these terms? He will break the law and install it himself, and he won't be detected - until there is a fire, and the insurance company will legally weasel out of paying, because it was an illegally installed switch.

All of what we have said here applies also to taxes. Income taxes, particularly. Think about a man who has worked for 20 years in an electrician's union, now owns his own home, all paid for, and who feels that he can go into the electrical business for himself and really get rich. He mortgages his home for $20,000 and sets up an electrical shop. He will pay, over a 20-year period, some $36,000 in the process of retiring his mortgage. He would very much like to save that $16,000 in "blood money" (the interest). He is lucky. He does well his first year. He makes $40,000. But Uncle takes 52% of this. Personal property tax takes $50.00 per thousand of assessed valuation (on $20,000 worth of property which is not his, because he has paid only $1,800 off on his mortage. He has to carry about $2,000 worth of insurance. He has to pay State income tax. He has about $6,000 left. He pays it off on his mortgage. But the next four years are bad ones. He loses $20,000. Where is he? He has an overall

profit for the five years of $20,000, but has he got $20,000? No, he still owes $28,000 on his morgage, he is in debt to his suppliers $14,000, and his profit has somehow become a loss. Taxes did this to him. Uncle takes it when he makes it, but he can go jump in the lake when he loses it. He sells his business, pays off his debts, and goes back to work for his former employer with a $22,000 mortgage to pay off, which he does, in ten years of working as an electrician, and swears, never again!

Today, due to the Federal government's huge role of interference in private business, its utter contempt for the little man acts as a total deterrent to any expression of incentive and initiation and independence on the part of the citizens. When Kruschev said our children would live under Communism, this is what he meant. He knew, as Americans who have not read Karl Marx's Manifesto do not know, that in adopting the one thing Marx said was necessary to beat the Democracies to their knees, the progressive personal income tax, we would be forced into socialism, the welfare state, and finally, its end result, communism.

There is only one thing that can be done to correct this condition, and to stop Kruschev's prediction from coming true, and that is by the vote. The American citizen can still vote, and he had better do it while he is still able to do it. Already he has little choice, and in choosing between two presidential candidates, he feels that no matter who wins, the victor will take orders from the money-owners, who will squeeze us

tighter and tighter until we fall voluntarily into the one-world, United Nations trap, relinquish our cherished freedom, scrap our Constitution, and become "wards" of the State, a World State, in which living is a regimented beehive sort of thing.

In the next presidential election, we know that in the Amherst area, there will be quite a number of votes for Barry Goldwater, whether or not he is on the ticket. No matter that a write-in ballot will be tossed out as invalid, we intend to write in the name of Barry Goldwater. If this were done the country over, it would repudiate the powers that be and demonstrate our desire for a return to true Americanism and to true freedom. And to Barry Goldwater, we can inform you that if you take a public stand for what you have said in your book "Diary of a Conservative" and "The Autobiography of a Conservative", you may be surprised at the number of votes you can get. By the next election, every small business man in the country, his family, and his former employees will be on your side.

Somebody has to get these unsmiling leeches off our backs!

Three cheers for Barry Goldwater!



Our magic lamp - the light of freedom

YOUR FUTURE

By
Dorothy
Spence
Lauer



I HAVE HAD so many people write and ask me about this February 4 in regards to the 5 planets that will be in conjunction with each other. Well, I wish you would tell people not to leave, especially California. So many people in California are about to pick up and leave lock, stock and barrel. I don't believe this is necessary. You see, as far as the knowledge of man goes back or is recorded, this has never happened before, the 5 planets. It is interesting to note that during the time that Jesus, the Christ, was born, 3 planets were in con-

junction. Budha was born under simular situations. So I am under the impression that we are so fortunate to be living in such a time that we are going to be heralded into a new area of enlightenment for people. They are readily going to be able to recognize the necessity of relying on the Creator. In other words, I feel that this will be the heralding in of a new area, which many people will call the "Aquarian Age". While we may not notice this to any great extent in the beginning, historians are going to call it that.

As for any great disaster, I do not feel that this will be so. I do feel that there will be many great acclaims made at this time. Something very important will be spoken by Mr. Kruschev and Mr. Kennedy. I feel again, NO war with Russia.

If people will only remember this and not panic, many people will save themselves a great deal of anxiety.

I feel that we are going to have quite a few air disasters, I am sorry to say. Quite a few, at the time that these planets are all in conjunction with each other.

When this occurs, I believe it is unknown in history, because no one was alive when this occurred last. Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn all enter the same 19 degrees of the Zodiac called Aquarius together with the sun and the moon. So you see why people are concerned. Many people feel that the earth would topple over or that we, in California, would be wiped off the map. Now, if this were so, I do not believe that I would stay here, do you? But I am

going to stay and try to get others to realize that they should not become all upset. I think this conjunction is going to be a heralding of a new age and a new leadership in some manner. Don't think that I mean Mr. K. is going to take over here, because I don't. But I do feel that people are going to realize that they cannot rely only upon themselves. As they turn to God, they will realize that many things will be shown to them in an extraordinary way.

I also feel at this time there is going to be some type of, let us say, agreement that will startle the world, and everyone will say that they would never have believed that this agreement could be reached. But it will be, and it will bring contentment.

At this time there will be one person try to say that they are the new leader such as Christ or Budha. But it will be found out later that this person has put this title upon himself, which they must not do or they may meet some disastrous consequences.

Astronomers are going to take more notice of these planets than they previously have and will make some type of announcement.

There will be an enormous trend of people trying to undo the things that they have done in the past. Again, this is because of their turning to God. One does not have to be a Holier-than-Thou-person in order to be a good person, but I do feel that there will be a better understanding between people through something that will be quite out of the ordinary. It seems to draw people closer together. So, you see, we do have some-

thing to look forward to in February 1962.

There are also going to be earthquakes, but I don't feel that there will be anything of a real disaster through them. They must be heavy tremors, more in the California area. Also in one location where never before has an earthquake been recorded.

I do feel that Churches will reunite, much more than ever before and in such a way that they will have a unity, rather than an antagonism between them.

Some type of an announcement that will be made very soon will surprise everyone. Many people will be somewhat against this, but I do feel when this occurs, it is definitely going to be something outstanding. One of the Churches involved will be a Catholic Church and it will be so astonishing that even though people will accept this, for they will be prepared for this in some manner, many will say that this can not be. Now, you will have to wait and see just what I mean.

There is also going to be some type of serious illness attack the cattle in the cattle country. I feel that this will have nothing to do the the farmers, for they will have not changed their method of feeding etc. But strange, it will be something on the ground or grass that they will be eating, and when this occurs many people will wonder what on earth this could be. I know every farmer in the world does not read this column, but I certainly wish that when this occurs, they would have the grass analyzed. They will find out that this is from the ground or grass and they will find an antidote and help these poor cows. Before

they do, there are going to be many thousands die.

HOW TO GET A PSYCHOMETRIC ANALYSIS

Select a short verse from the Bible, perhaps your favorite, and write it on a separate sheet of paper, meanwhile concentrating on your problems. Then mail the sheet to Mrs. Dorothy Spence Lauer, Amherst, Wisconsin, and enclose $4.00. Bear in mind the reply may take several weeks.

HOW TO GET A PHOTO AURA ANALYSIS

Send a snapshot of yourself to Dorothy Spence Lauer, Amherst, Wisconsin, and enclose $4.00 to cover the cost. Be sure to include your return address! Surprisingly many applicants forget this! And please, if possible, report the results to SEARCH magazine after their accuracy or inaccuracy is determined. Remember, reports of inaccuracy are as important as those of accuracy.

Editor's Note: Dorothy Spence Lauer is a Psychometrist, specializing in precognition. Ordinarily she needs but an object belonging to, or handled by, the subject, or the presence of the subject, to become aware of the psychic influences from which she draws her information. However, by writing out a verse, while concentrating, as described in the instructions given on this page, a sufficiently powerful psychic impression will be made to enable the medium to receive the information she seeks. We have made this service available to our readers purely in an experimentative atmosphere, in an attempt, first to determine whether or not this ability is of a nature both real and valuable; and second, to provide you with an interesting bit of entertainment. Please report results to us.

PRYING INTO THE UNKNOWN

With WILL CARSON

RECENTLY A MAN handed me a map he had drawn showing the location of a very fascinating place. Another approached me and said: "Say, a strange thing happened to me the other day . . ." A newspaper fell open before me with a glowing account of a ufo sighting in this area. An anonymous person sent me a weird item. The result - more unusual personal experiences with the unknown to tell you about.

CHALLENGING THE UNSEEN

Several months ago the magazine EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN printed a letter in which I publicly challenged any and all supernatural entities, including Satan himself, to come visit me any time they like and make a "spiritist" out of me. Shortly thereafter my mother passed away, and a hotel belonging to a very good friend, and which we loved for its historical

antiquity and locale, burned to the ground, uninsured.

ESP AT WORK

J.W. admits he is not a very religious man, in the traditional sense, but he is quite comfortable in the knowledge that there is more to life than this little wink of limited perception - and it's all because of a dream he had.

I don't remember all the precise details, but in this dream J.W. saw a fire and his sister and that he lifted her and flung her up against a brick wall . . . as things do happen in dreams. And then he awoke.

"Something's happened to Sis," he told his wife; "I just know it!" He told her his dream.

A few moments later he opened the morning paper . . . and there it was on the front page: A fire had swept through the apartment in which his sister lived, burning her critically (but not fatally).

As a youngster I had a disorder known as hyperinsulinism, a condition just the reverse of diabetes, the pancreas creating too much insulin, thereby consuming the body sugars too rapidly. As a result I was prone to spells of dizzy weakness during which I would almost black out, and at such times I would have an almost pathological craving for sugar in some form. Usually I was where something was available, but one day I was walking home alone from Sunday school, about five miles from home, when one of these spells overcame me.

I was too shy a child to ever ask any stranger for help, no matter what, So I prayed. I prayed like I had

never prayed before - "dynamic wishing" I'll call it - and specifically I wished (or prayed) to find some money with which to buy candy (remember, it was not just a child's sweet tooth, but a biological necessity) - and there it was . . . a dime, lying on the sidewalk.

It was during the depression and money was a rarer commodity than now but, even so, I wasn't convinced it wasn't just a coincidence, after all. So I decided to try it again the following Sunday and, for some reason, in the same area where I'd found the dime.

My desire wasn't as authentic as the first time - not having one of my spells for incentive - but I made a sincere effort to wish as strongly as I had the previous Sunday (this time I skipped the prayer because I didn't think God would answer a purely mercenary request) and - it worked. Again, in almost the same spot, there was a nickel.

Still only coincidence? Well, I next decided to try it with Indian arrowheads, although quite a few years later (childhood curiosity is a fickle thing).

One day I found conditions ideal for an experiment - although without the burning incentive of a biological craving (I had since cured myself of this "incurable" disease). I envisioned a perfect arrowhead and concentrated all my mind upon it - wishing dynamically - and letting my feet and eyes go wherever the "spirit" seemed to move them. I did, indeed, seem to be guided by some unseen force; there was the arrowhead, gleaming up at me on the sand - not exactly the one I

had envisioned, perhaps, but I wasn't complaining!

I continued with the experiment, and as long as I was able to concentrate fully, and felt the sense of being guided by some unseen power, my luck was far better than average. My wife had always been far luckier than I in finding artifacts - "Old Eagle Eye" I call her (she's not old) - not since attempting the use of ESP the picture is almost reversed, as Jeannie will grudgingly admit.

As my success seemed more apparent, I grew bolder. I began demanding of any power within hearing that I was getting tired of mere arrowheads. How about some spear of bludgeon heads, or hide scrapers, for a change? I began finding bigger and better relics of the Stone Age.

Then I got a further idea. I thought, poor Jeannie! I'm having all the fun. Ye Powers, how about throwing something her way? Shortly thereafter I heard a whoop of joy from behind the next sandhill and - you guessed it - Jeannie had found a beautiful, perfect, white spear-head.

I won't detail our further experiments, but it always worked the same way. Some days I didn't feel the power, couldn't concentrate as well, and my luck suffered accordingly.

Was it luck? Of one thing we can be sure: I did not put the artifacts there by some form of levitation; they had to be there to start with. I was using a form of "sensing" whenever I was about to find something. Some form of ESP was being used I am certain.

SAVED BY ESP

G. and A. are a happily married couple now, but in the earlier days of their marriage it got rather stormy . . . as it often does when two persons are trying to adjust themselves to a lifetime together. During one such incident, A. - a very sensitive girl - ran out of the house in tears.

When the better part of half an hour had passed and she hadn't returned - as G. had expected from past experience - he became sorry for whatever he had said, and he set out to look for her and patch things up. He looked all through the barn, the cellar, the garage, the garden, all over the grounds, but he couldn't find her. By now he was getting worried. He knew she was the type of person who might do desperate things when angered or hurt.

In a fit of contrition for what he had said, he threw himself on the bed. A sense of panic grew in him . . . and then suddenly he saw her - in his mind - and what she was doing. . .

Desperately, he rushed to the one place he had forgotten to look. There she was, just as he had "seen" her, lying beside a gas heater, the gas turned on!

Quickly he turned off the gas, lifted his half-conscious wife and carried her out into the air. He finally managed to revive her. Then, as they sobbed in each other's arms, she told him that when she had realized she was being asphyxiated, and was too far gone to save herself, she had called out to him in her mind:

"Oh please come and save me!"

He had heard.

TAME CAT WITH A WILD TALENT

Accounts of rain falling from a cloudless sky fail to amaze me. As kids, in Southern Illinois, my brother and I often ran out to play in icy raindrops falling from a perfectly cloudless blue sky. One of these even caused a brief rainbow. There's probably an un-Fortean explanation for this particular happening, but I would like to hear a nice comfortable scientific answer to this one:

One night Mr. and Mrs. T. were awakened by the plaintive crying of Pete, the cat. Investigation proved the sound to be coming from under the house.

"Did you leave that door open?" Mrs. T. asked.

"I certainly did not," her husband replied. "I distinctly remember locking it after checking the air conditioner . . . and Pete came back into the house with me."

"I know, I fed him at the usual time, and I put him out before going to bed."

Pete's wails continued, and Mr. T. decided he'd better liberate the animal or have to listen to him the rest of the night.

Sure enough, Pete was under the house, the door firmly locked. "I'll have to see how you got in here, in the morning," Mr. T. said, as Pete rubbed up against his legs, purring. The T.'s live in an area where any number of varmints, including rattlesnakes and skunks, will take up residence under any house

that isn't almost hermetically sealed around its foundations.

But next morning a most thorough examination proved there was no possible way Pete could have gotten under there. It's a new house, the foundation of solid cement. The T.'s live alone, a mile from the nearest neighbors, and there was no one visiting them.

Obviously Pete walked through the solid cement - but then, why didn't he walk out again the same way?

ETERNITY

I am only confident that such inexplicable things are not caused by supernatural powers . . . super-normal, yes, but it cannot be accounted evidence of a spirit world.

At the same time I should make it clear that I am equally confident that there is more in store for us than what we experience during this brief sojourn we call life.

Ray Palmer mentioned in one of these publications the fact that a desire to survive is a definite instinct and that God has given each of our other instincts a fulfillment . . . then why not this most plaintive of all instincts? I agree - and it is also an instinct to desire to know the answers to the burning questions of life . . . what are we? whence did we come? what created us? That persons given the capacity for such a noble instinct must die without ever knowing the answers to those questions is unthinkable.

However, I believe it would be as difficult for us in our present form to comprehend what lies beyond

and the true nature of God as it is for an ant to comprehend the nature of the person who looks down at its nest and either crushes it, upon a destructive whim, or suffers it to go on living. I don't think we will ever know those answers we seek . . . not in this life. But trying to find them can be a most fascinating occupation.

What would it be like to be omniscient?

For one thing, the physical world would "look" altogether different than it does to us who experience it only slice by slice . . . each slice being the immediate Now, those slices awaiting us and those we've left behind available to us only as imagination or memory. But if we could experience physical existence as God must, we would have all these slices at one time . . . all in one great fourth-dimensional NOW!

What would the physical body of an individual look like in such an infinite NOW? It would seem to be a long line of flesh, blood and bone extending from wherever you were at the instant of your conception, on through every space you've occupied within the universe (and are yet to occupy) and ending at the point of your final decomposition. If you've traveled around the earth, your "life line" - which is the REAL you from a cosmic standpoint - would be a girdle of flesh around the world.

How very odd
We must look to God!

Now when you add all the other inhabitants, both human and animal, that have existed since an in-

finite past, as well as those that will exist in an infinite future . . . and take into consideration, in picturing the shape of their combined, intermingled life lines, that we are also (according to accepted science) moving within our solar system which is moving within its galaxy which in turn is probably moving as well . . . it seems to add up to a solid mass of matter filling all of the imaginable universe.

Is that the shape of Eternity?

I'm almost glad just to be a simple little 3D mortal, enjoying his ignorance slice by slice!

I'll settle for a time machine . . .

And just incidentally, if I set it for about a thousand years ago, I would probably be at the bottom of prehistoric Lake Lahontan; and if I set it back just about 115 years, I could look out this window (if it was "still" here) and see a party of bedraggled immigrants passing by. It was just about this time of year, in 1946, that the ill-fated Donner Party passed here . . . unaware of the tragic horrors - including cannibalism - awaiting them just a few weeks ahead in the Sierras. In fact, it was a short way from here that Reed killed Snyder, and I'm foolish enough to think that someday I might discover the latter's grave or remains of the knife that killed him. (Reed threw it into the Humboldt River.)

My reasons for mentioning the Donner Party are for the mystic elements involved. . .

It is regarded as a legend, but I believe most legends have some roots in truth, and, further, it

seems actually that only a portion of this is the legend - and obviously so - but there is no reason it should be difficult to believe that George Yount, the old trapper, did have a vivid dream upon three successive nights during the winter of 1846, in which he saw "clear as day" a snowbound mountain lake and a band of immigrants freezing and starving, devouring the bodies of those who had died. Just above his cabin in the Napa Valley, just exactly such an incident was happening, to the Donner Party.

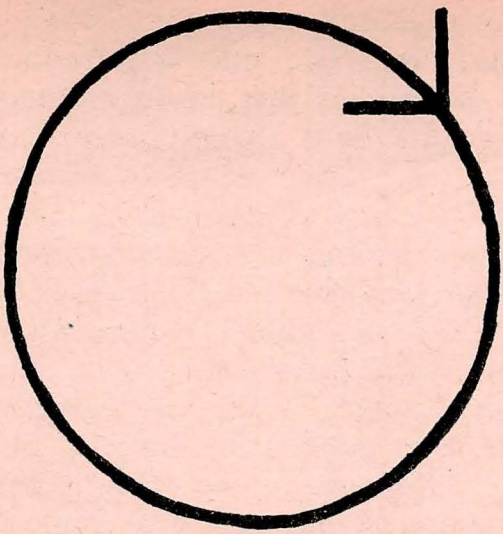
Little Patty Donner, when at the verge of death, cried out to her father that she was suddenly in a place of stars and angels, and when they managed to revive her, she was only sorry to come back to the cruel world. Did Patty have a true glimpse of the life to come and which she had almost entered?

We will never know, while we're still here; but the case seems, at least, to indicate that death is not necessarily the cruel shock that many people fear it will be.

GIFT DEPARTMENT

To close this, I'm going to give you another gift . . . a symbol. In the next issue - if things go as I expect (and RAP willing) - I'll have the Indian Contactee story ready. The symbol shown here allegedly was given to the Piute Indian, John Sue, by "saucer people".

While pondering it I came up with a rather astounding thought, which at first I considered to be the product of my own mind . . . until I found out it had given



the same "message" to two other persons.

If it means the same thing to you, then we might have something significant here. Just as a mathematical formula conveys information by setting off a chain of deduction in the minds of persons who "know the language", (of mathematics) so might other symbols communicate in a like way to certain persons of special information . . . and when we start opening our minds to TRUTH, perhaps we come in league with those special persons and begin to grasp their language, a super, universal language. . .

The symbol was given in answer to the question "Who is God?" and which more specifically meant, "What are the answers to the questions of life: Who? When? Where? How? Why?"

What answers do YOU get?

CONQUEST OF SPACE

WILL IT BRING A

– ROBOT CIVILIZATION?

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A NORMAL CHILD is born with a strong capacity or instinct for joy and creative power. Yet, unless it is replenished by conscious efforts, this capacity wanes in the course of time until in later years nothing stands - all except boredom, fear and depression! Grimm's Fairy Tales ofter symbolize these "dangers" well and never cease to warn of them! Most of the "stories" deal with the "depredation" of the human soul and the powers which strive to imperil it! Usually, it is love for nature and her creatures which saves the Hero and leads him to his fabled Elysium. But the Prince of the Tale is not usually practical, often he is not even intelligent or clever! He does not look at every tree for the fruits to eat from, but without seeking them, he is tempted rather to explore a cave of treasures hidden under

the root of it! And what do these treasures symbolically represent?

Intuitive comprehension of the secrets of life, of the subtle mysterious forces which make a "tree" grow, a "well" spring up or, of a "new advent" - say, of birth, fruition and death . . . on our planet?

Not too long ago many spent their lives in monasteries or convents to attain God, salvation and peace in the solitude of nature. Modern man need not become a Sadhu or recluse to achieve this end, for it is neither ecstasy nor world-renunciated asceticism his era demands: but a balance between quantitative and qualitative reality! Is it a fact then, the Modern man, with his reduced capacity for intuitive perception, almost unlikely to benefit from the meditative flair or capacity as to the contemplative life of a Rishi or Seer in a lonely haunt of a hermitage?

But for all that, can't he afford to pay undivided heed or attention at times, to a natural phenomenon, observing it in detail, or musing upon in mind all the scientific facts and data about it: can't he recall incidentally in the thinking processes all about its secrets? And, what wonder gradually, however, he must learn in this way to silence his thoughts and, for moments at least, forget all his personal qualms and desires, until nothing remains in his soul but a thrill for the magical transformation he feels his new experience has chanced to bring about within his entire subjective plane of being!

Such efforts are like journeys beyond the boundaries

of narrow self-love, and, although the process of intuitive awakening is slow and sluggish, its rewards are noticeable from the very start.

If pursued through the course of years, something would begin to stir up in the human soul, a sense of inner-link with the elan vital of life and consciousness which rule the kingdom of plants and animals and with the powers which seem to indwell, and in a way, determine the laws of matter. While analytical intellect may well be called the most precious fruit of the modern Space-Age, should it be suffered to rule supreme in our subjective world of cognition, as well? Indeed, if science is to bring about happiness and true prosperity in the material sense does it not then at all need the warmth of human heart just as much as the cold-logical, reason-forged inquisitiveness of the cerebrum?

Is not nature the ultimate of scientific exploration? Can it not as well be a fact, she may pretty surely fall victim to analytical purblindness of intellect per se, unless the same is counterbalanced by the comprehending wisdom of selfless love and hateless regard for all objects of her kingdom? Just as science is concerned with the world at, or below, man's level of evolution, religion seeks to discover a terra incognita sublimer than his own!

But, is it not as well a fact, too, that whereas intellectual wanderlust for knowledge without intuitive comprehension has failed to evoke true wisdom and bliss into our scientific era, so also have not our

stark religiosity and sham rites, so-called, considerably belied so far in meeting man's longing for fuller evolvement on this planet? Of course, there is a renascence of religious interest in the modern era, but are its inner motives really anything except fanatical? Is it at all inclined to tune in its prayer. With that subdued tempo of soul-stirring reverence which once bestirred EMERSON to typify it as: "the soliloquy of a beholding and jubilant soul ... where it is - is DAY: where it was - is NIGHT"? No doubt all great creeds have, so far, guided man's stricken soul to seek God's grace in hours of distress, disease and disappointment. But, do the so-called prayers, or for the matter of that, the material demands and requests alone subserve the specific purpose of religion? What do we, again, mean by our oft-quoted expression: "RELIGIOUS RENASCENCE"?

Perhaps, the answer might be this: that today we use the same expression, mostly because people are now intending, as it were, to rediscover the great emotional compensations to be derived from religion, the "healing" therapeutics of "prayer", the social-cum-political advantages of religious grouping in the world arena of cultural supremacy and power.

Several thousand years ago the concept of religion was quite different; so different indeed, that in the acme of Hinduism, "death" was deemed to be a cause of the "doom", for just a half-hearted devotion, and no doubt HARISH-CHANDRA, the legendary exiled King of the then "World" once claiming only to have sold

off even his last "earthly vestiges", namely "mind-cum-body" in toto for the sake of Religion, "DHARMA", could win liberation, (MOKSHA). For, at that time, "all-inclusive law" prevailed in religion, and partial dedication was held not only worse than useless but, also, as an offense against God!

Modern man may not be able to assume this attitude in his everyday life but, unless he does so during moments of devotion, he must needs have to mistake spiritual utilitarianism for religion. What really counts then, is the direction in which an undercurrent of psychological activity flows. In work and play, which fill most of man's waking hours, it is, apparently speaking, predominantly "earth-bound", flooding the world of senses with a dazzling light which, by contrast, throws the sphere of qualitative experience into an ever-growing shadow!

Consequently, intuitive perception lacks the inner radiation, dims gradually and ceases eventually - unless the flow of man's psychological attention is, at times, fully reversed and revived! This, however, occurs only during those moments when we offer our whole being to an enigmatic aspect of the eternity - envisioned as the intangible Reality without claiming any reward for ourselves. This is no simple feat, for modern man is not easily persuaded to spend anytime or effort on an unprofitable venture at all, in a speed-crazy world! However, once he does become convinced of the tremendous potentialities of intuitive consciousness, his motives for reawakening it, could any longer

be called unselfish. All great religions, therefore, have stressed the necessity of moral development preceding or at least accompanying the quest for a higher form of intuitive awareness, to make selfish use of its gifts impossible.

What's the difference that is factually discernible in science and religion in real objective pursuits of Life today?

Science, as one knows, deals with the created; religion with the creative. But art participates in the act of creation. Nevertheless, what deserves the name of art . . . at all?

Ever since the age of intellectualism began, men have disagreed on the greatness of a contemporary artist, and on the value of his work. Today we try to be fair, and are afraid lest we reject what future generations may be expected to revere!

But, however commendable such broader outlook or lofty-mindedness may be, it brings a foreign element into a sphere in which man's sense of beauty and harmony should rule supreme. It would apparently be wrong to condemn a man as a social "renegade" just because he is, to quote the Emersonian phrase, "a nonconformist" inasmuch as his work or taste does not appeal to the number or current popular taste - but could we then, consider any lack of finer aesthetic judgment as a synonym for fair play?

Perhaps herein one could as well learn to strengthen such critical judgment, even to the extent, say, of differentiating between what is truly great, though not

yet appealing to present taste, and what is lacking in value now or, for ever! How could this be done? Possibly by making the following distinction: not only art, but each of the main principles of cultural life, comprises two opposite poles - one benefiting man's biological, the other his ideological nurture or ethical nature in a Platonic Sense. Each of these poles serves a legitimate purpose - it is only unfortunate that they are not distinguished at all by any conceivable nomenclature!

Surely Science can continue or strive to exploit nature, or serve her, and the truth, while Religion at the same time can contrive to be an incessant demand and justify it by self-crucifying devotion? And Art? Can't it then, as such, also seek a means to the end, of self-expression, a way of unleashing the artist's soul from the thraldom of instincts (akin to Praktana of Indian Philosophy) and emotions he is unable to conquer, subdue or bear ordinarily (according to the Upanishad: "shavishaya mano vandhaya, nirbishayam muktayo chavati" ie. it is very difficult to get rid of the mental waverings because it is the function of mind to get itself entangled with material things but if it could be dissociated from such entanglements through Yoga, complete liberation or release (moksha) of the individual (jiva) is possible . . . vide "Mandal-abrahmanspanishad" . . . 48:1)?

How can the average man, then, learn to distinguish between these two forms of art? Can't it be by becoming observant of their effect on his emotions (cf.

"chittavritti" in Indian system of Yoga technique?)?

In a sense it can possibly be hit upon thus: The creative element in art lifts the individual beyond the limitation or psychical envelopes which constitute his self-hood, while its shiny trashy shell tends to attract him farther into his "biological" entanglements or aspects which conceal the reality! Yet, can't it be a fact that art may also be of a different type? For example: can't it be the manifestation of a power all but lost today - a power that lends expression to the creative vision in man? And, in contrast to the self-exhibiting artist who seeks relief by setting free what he cannot master does not the creative artist bear the crucifix of heralding the birth of a new truth? But, while he suffers the throe in the Manger of his mind, does he not at the same time portend the Incarnation of a wonderful, everlasting Love, Peace and Unity that embraces all creation to bring "healing to the world"?

Were not the Holy Shepherd of Bethlehem, the Prince of Kapilavasthu, or for that matter the divine Cow-herd of Vrindavan a few instances, to wit, among other true artists, verily endowed with such paracognition of an inner truth as well as vision, and did not, they, therefore, contrive to labour hard to re-mould the material world after the pattern of a new truth cast in a universal matrix of acceptance?

And, realizing the above fact in a precise context of letter and spirit did not Emerson opine aptly in these lines:

"A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind within . . . In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts; they come back to us with a certain alienated majesty! Great works of art have no more affecting lesson for us than this!"?

What is then, this gleaming light of truth or "healing" like? Is it an "open-sesame" that guides toward the acme of perfection out of the apparent perfected back of imperfections? But perfection can not be found in a world of the senses: inasmuch it is the radiant "nous" of Hermes Trismegistus or the reality comprehensible to many, but apprehended only by the intuitive mind of a few . . . just as the world of Ideas was a reality to Plato, Plotinus or Proclus but a mere "senseless babble" or the "Vox" to the "Populi" instead of being truly a "Vox Dei"? Or, is it as John Brown put it:

"Very sacred is the vocation of the artist, who has to do directly with the works of God, and interpret the teachings of creation to mankind"?

Yes, the artist is not only a healer himself, he teaches and interprets the secrets of healing - which is nothing but becoming whole, holy and healthful - to those who receive his message with only a clean mind and open heart!

In the Tao-Teh Canon of Lao Tsze all creative art was considered to be in Tao and held in veneration while the corruptible part of the human psyche was regarded as of inferior Teh! In cultural life,

of course, it forms a bridge between intuition and intellect; between religion and science, and it is no coincidence that the science of medicine is still nicknamed as a "healing art"! What artistic experience can give to man is insight into the nature of "healing"! It is capable of awakening in him an understanding for harmony, for the factor disturbing, and the means, of restoring it. If a person undergoing this type of intuitive training is also compassionate, he need not be a "physician" in order to "heal"! We do not claim, however, that the above "hints" will make seers of those who follow them! But this one may know from actual readings of his life-experience sometime or other that he who learns to forget himself in moments of self-effacing surrender unto the spirit or out of reverence for all, would attain at least a measure of intuitive bliss akin to a seer like St. Francis of Assisi who said: viz, "It is by giving that one receiveth; it is by forgetting that one findeth and it is by pardoning that one is pardoned"! And, no doubt, thanks to this perception, he would come to know that a world of qualitative reality exists, a world that can harbor and sustain his individuality even when his heart has ceased to beat!

Individuals have at all times found their way to spiritual fulfilment, but humanity as a whole has only, recently, in this Era, reached its crossroad to moral choice! But, whether it will turn upward or end in a holocaust, must depend on the concept man forms of himself and conveys to his children. For

does not true recognition emerge from an equilibrium between analytical intellect and apprehending intuition . . . as hinted before?

Man, as one great seer (The Divine Pymander) has said, is the analogue of a rainbow spanning two worlds, the archetypal and the individual; as the former he is divine and is the image of God while as the latter he is human and is formed after the image of the Cosmos! Does, then, the new frontier of modern age exist in outer-space or in the inner space of mind? No doubt all the bewildering events of this age are mere portents but don't they also give warning that the torch of individual consciousness can no longer shed sufficient light and meaning on the vast expanse of man's material domains?

Or that new resources must needs be opened, today, in the human soul, if the individual is not to lose himself and his integrity in the hitch-hiking bid for conquest of OUTER SPACE and, turn his heart to stone while building a civilization of ROBOTS?

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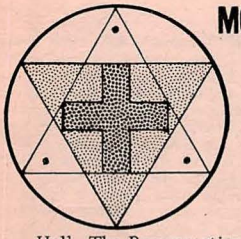
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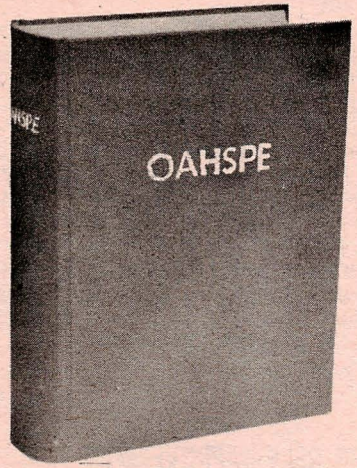
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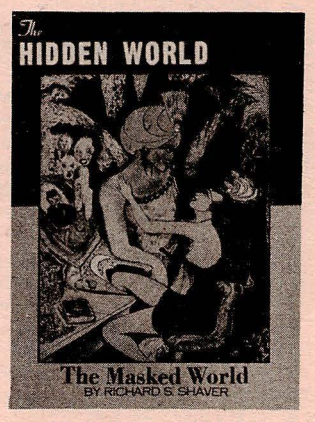
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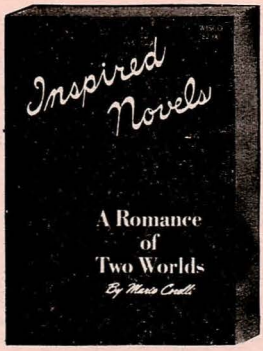
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ASTROLOGY

NO. 10

HOW TO BECOME YOUR OWN ASTROLOGER

By Hannes Bok

"I AM INTRIGUED by astrology," writes E W L, "and I would like to learn the subject myself. Can you suggest any good books and possibly also any courses available that I might be able to take?"

As usual, I'll have to approach an answer crablike or sidewise. Some years ago, a number of persons wished to take painting-lessons from me. I went in a state of perturbation to an artist-friend who's taught most of his life.

"Golly," quoth I, "what's to be done? I can teach my prospective pupils all they need to know in about six lessons!"

"Sure," my friend agreed. "Only, as with all teaching, that's not the way to do it. You're supposed to string them along, making them think they're progressing, while actually you're keeping them from learning anything. Otherwise you'll be out of a job."

Well, I couldn't quite go along with that sort of thing, and wound up not teaching at all.

And maybe I'm doing astrologers who put out correspondence courses an injustice. I dunno. I've seen only a few such courses, but have read advertisements for many, and I've noted that the amount of lessons seems to run on forever. If I were just starting-out in astrology, I think I'd be so appalled by so many lessons that I'd drop the whole idea. "If it's as difficult as all that, it can't be for me!"

Matter of fact, if it were tough as all that, it probably couldn't have been deduced or discovered in the first place!

I'd also love to know how many practicing astrologers started with correspondence courses?

As for myself, I have a penchant for doing everything the hard way, which to me (because of my own horoscope or fixed ideas) is the best and therefore only way. But hard way or not, I still think it's been simpler than the correspondence courses - which at the time, I couldn't have afforded anyway.

Instead, I went to the Public Library for my first astro-texts, and by pure dumb luck and/or the well-known grace of God, latched-on to the right books. For yes, Dear Reader, there are wrong books - mountains of them!

Almost all the texts on the market are a mish-mash of medieval superstition. Glom onto them and take them seriously, and you may wind-up practicing alchemy or sorcery, but it's doubtful if you'll end-up practicing astrology.

Because why? Because quite a while back, some

brilliant nitwit couldn't make the then-astrology "work", so he tacked-on to standard methods a bunch of theories which seemed to solve his own particular difficulties. The next comer couldn't quite make a success of these additions, but golly, it was in a book, so it must be true, so he appended theories-about-the-theories which satisfied him; and the next new-chum in line added theories-about-the-theories-about-the theories, and so on, up until the present day - and it's still going on. Some of the garbage now in print is so "far out" that it makes the Beatniks, like, prosy, Man!

But you won't be able to appreciate this until you're well-grounded in the right kind of astrology. So let's start grounding you, to "give you wings". And let's pretend that you don't know beans about astrology.

First you'll want to know the basic mechanics of astrology. The best book I know is Elizabeth Aldrich's THE DAILY USE OF THE EPHEMERIS, which is a slim, easy-to-read little volume, practically written in baby-talk. It's almost always in print, though I don't know what it costs in these inflated days. I got my copy way back in 1948.

Almost every large city has an "occult" book-shop where you can obtain this and other texts. And incidentally, if the sales-clerk tells you that he hasn't the titles I recommend, and tries to sell you "something just as good", don't believe him. His job, after all, is to sell you something - what you ask-for, if possible, but if it's impossible, still to sell you something.

If you can't find what I advise in your own locality, there are three bookshops here in New York which might help you. I don't get any kickback (or even a smile from them) for recommending them - darn it! They are: Samuel Weiser, 845 Broadway, New York City; Mason's Book Shop, 789 Lexington Avenue, New York City; and Macoy Publishing Company, 34 West 33rd Street, New York 1, N.Y. (Macoy's sends a free catalog upon request).

The Aldrich book requires you to get an EPHEMERIS (plural: ephemerides) both for the current year and for the year of your birth, and also a book entitled TABLES OF HOUSES. Since you'll be using your TALES OF HOUSES for years to come, you might as well get a good copy, covering from zero to 60 degrees of latitude (and if this specification doesn't now make sense to you, it will, later).

You'll also probably want a dime-store compass (that little gimmick one draws circles with, and not an explorer's direction-finder!) to draw your horoscope-"wheels". One trouble with astrology-beginners is that they're much too literal-minded, and fuss and fret over trying to draw perfectly-divided horoscope-circles. No need to get prissy about it! The circle, divided into 12 "slices of pie" is only a symbol or principle. I don't even use a compass in drawing mine. But if you insist on everything being "just so", you can purchase printed horoscope-blanks at the astrology-book shops.

Doodle-around with the Aldrich book. Enjoy it!

Don't start-out making "work" of astrology. Keep it fun - something to look eagerly forward to!

The next book you'll need is out of print and very difficult to find. You may have to advertise it, but to me it's worth any price you pay for it, because it's the only one of its kind. This is Grant Lewi's ASTROLOGY FOR THE MILLIONS, which is modern astrology, void of medieval buncombe. It's about the length of the standard novel and fun to read - not a whit stuffy or pretentious.

In the first third of it, Lewi explains why he believes in astrology (simple: it works!) and shows how astrology worked (in detail) in the lives of Hitler and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In the first edition, Lewi made a few errors; in later editions, he tells in footnotes just why he made the errors - in other words, this guy (he's dead now) was honest!

The other two-thirds are all about yourself. Don't make work of this volume by trying to memorize it. After you've repeatedly referred to it (in testing astrological effects in the lives of family and friends) you'll find that you've painlessly memorized it.

Later you'll want Charles E. O. Carter's THE ASTROLOGICAL ASPECTS, which always is in print. It not only tells you the meanings of the aspects (or relationships) between your birth-planets, but can be used to foretell the effects which "transiting" planets will bring into your life. (Your horoscope is simply a graph showing the locations and interrelationships of the planets at the exact instant of your birth in your

locality; these are your "birth-planets", and they stay fixed and unchanging. They represent your instincts or the fixed ideas which are the basis of your character. And since "character is destiny", they indicate how you'll respond to outside stimuli in your own characteristic manner. While theoretically it's possible to have identical horoscopes - of persons born at exactly the same time in the same place - I've yet to encounter identical charts. A difference of four minutes in birth-time can make one chart radically different from another, and I've clippings of blood-twins born as much as 56 days apart!)

(Continuing the parenthesis, the fixed birth-planets in your horoscope are forever being "aspected" or stimulated by the actual planets moving about in the heavens, causing psychological reactions of specific nature which don't cause events, but rather help cause your reactions-to-events.)

By the time you've enjoyed and thoroughly assimilated the contents of these three volumes, you'll be ready to start out "on your own". From here on, you can browse among any old astrology text, because you've been well grounded in working astrology and hence won't be too liable to be led astray by the nutty notions of the medievalists. Instead you'll likely test their nutty notions and find out for yourself what's wrong with them.

This is how I got started in astrology, myself. I made it a practice (still do!) to figure out the aspects-in-force for each day, listing them in a kid's ten-cent-

store composition book, a page per day (what would I do without Woolworth's?) and jotting down the day's events with special attention to the time of the event.

At first I was a bit disappointed, because a lot of the anticipated events didn't come to pass. Astrological beginners tend to expect the melodramatic (as most of us do with anything new) but shucks, astrology has been at work in their lives all their lives, whether or not they've known it and used it.

But as time passed, I began to learn something about the "timing" of events. I found that only aspects made by the transiting moon to birth-planets even came close to the exact time of the aspects - lunar "transits" usually "happen" about 40 to 90 minutes AFTER the moment of exact aspect to a birth-planet. I found that Mercury's transits came from 4 to 6 days "late", in a fluctuating pattern, and that the sun and Venus' effects came even later - and so on. This, by the bye, is something that many medievalists (who use "Directions" such as "Progressions") still don't know.

But even better, by keeping this close watch on planetary aspects as related to my daily life, I began to learn the true "natures of the planets" from observation and experience, and discovered quite a lot of things about them which can't be found in any text as yet in print.

Astrology magazines and obsolete texts had scared me by warning that Neptune-effects were "poison and treachery", that Uranus-effects were "sudden and

catastrophic", that Jupiter tossed unearned bags of loot in one's lap, and so on - none of which was much true. Perhaps if you try my methods you'll evolve along the same line as I; perhaps you'll evolve along an even better line.

"But isn't astrology awfully difficult? I mean, don't you have to do an awful lot of figuring?"

Frankly, I'm lousy at arithmetic. Sure, there's arithmetic in setting-up a chart and calculating its aspects-between-planets. But anything I can do, somebody else can do better. It's a cinch that if I mastered chart-erection and aspect-calculation, you can do it too.

Probably you'll be as foolish and funny as I was, the first couple of years. It takes a while (or it took me a while) to get astrological concepts to "jell". But when finally they do, you find yourself not only able to relate yourself to the universe, but to relate everything to everything else as well. You learn how to think for yourself as you'll never have thought before, and while still you mayn't be able to spell better, or use ten-buck words any better than before, you'll be able to see-through a lot of the phoney "values" which are driving this nation to the pooches, and fast.

You'll discern that "charity", "love", "security" and a lot of other concepts which rule us - including "justice", "good and evil" and "patriotism" - are not at all what they're cracked-up to be, but tools used against yourself and everybody else who unwittingly will permit it, by vested interests which wish to keep "the

rabble" from thinking.

You'll find that nations have horoscopes, same as people, and that nations are pretty much like king-sized persons - child-giants - and that they behave like people: like children in a playground, each wanting to lead all the games and to have first chance at the shiniest toys. You'll see that "war" isn't the answer, whether on playgrounds or among nations.

Not only will you react better to life by "knowing thyself", but be able to forecast your reactions and thus in great measure ruling your destiny. You'll acquire true humility (not just false modesty) by realizing that everyone and everything is truly related, that all things have the same basic instincts (just scrambled into different patterns) and that "there but for the grace of God" go you, so that you won't be able to hate any longer. (And anyway, the use of epithets is an indication of paranoia.)

You'll see that there are bigger and better forces than mere "self" or "humanity" at work, and that one can either work with them in a sort of happy subservience and thus prosper, or fight them and be vanquished. If this sounds as if I'm saying you'll find "God", maybe I am - and He'll probably be a million-billion times better than the "God" you've previously thought you've known.

You'll find that all things are Pattern, Order and Harmony, because now you'll be able to relate everything and to discover the pattern for yourself, and to see it at work (even to "demonstrate it", since "de-

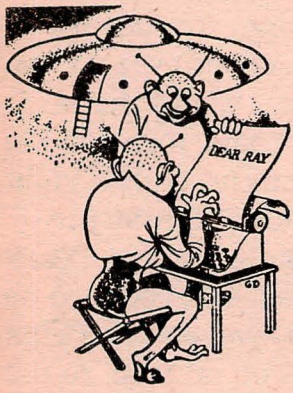
monstration is the only real evidence''). You'll learn that man-made ''laws'' have precious little to do with God's-Nature's-Infinity's laws, and that you can perish by the one (mentally if not physically) and receive new life by the other (indeed the Kingdom of Heaven ever has been ''at hand'' - it's always around us in its Pattern, if we've but the eyes to perceive it!).

Depending on how good your mind is, a lot of this will literally shock the hell (or hellishness) out of you. So many of us are afraid to be disillusioned, and begging to be permitted to ''cling to illusions'' - in an attitude of kids lost in a jungle full of wild carnivores, and each earnestly assuring the others, ''You make me feel safe by telling me there ain't no tigers, and I'll tell you in return that there ain't no wolves!'' - when actually, disillusionment is the biggest of all boons to be granted us, because it's awaking to facts; and facts are what you eat, wear, and pay your bills with; the roof over your head.

If previously you've been a miracle-chaser, a hunter of short-cuts to instant success, and other forms of magic - you won't need that sort of ''shot in the arm'' any longer, because you'll find that the facts are far more exciting and fantastic than anything you'd earlier imagined.

You'll find plenty more, to boot, but I'll let you have the fun of the exploring. You can help yourself and humanity by becoming your own astrologer. That's why I'm not afraid of ''encouraging competition'', because you won't be my rivals, you'll be my confreres (and

if you think of entering astrology to make a quick buck, you might as well not try; it's possible, and a few have done it, but once you truly know yourself and what life's really like, you won't care about the money-end of it). And if you're a publicity-hound, thinking to gain quick glory by spectacular predictions, astrology will sooner or later cut you down to size (as it's always been putting-down the presumptuous) because to make accurate predictions you'll have to be competent; inaccurate forecasts will just make you a fool in the headlines; and competent astrologers aren't much interested in glory-hunting.



Where The Reader Has His Say

Dear Mr. Gade:

Regarding your thesis that America is God's Model for Liberty, how are we to know that the Oahspe passages quoted do actually refer to America? That is the great weakness of all those who quote the Scriptures in trying to prove some point they are striving

to make. There are those who try to make the book of Nahum refer to the airplane; but when the chapter is read to the end, it is seen that the airplane idea is ridiculous.

America was indeed founded as a land of liberty, but we are fast losing our freedoms and liberties here. This once was a nation of "states that are united", but now it is becoming a federal oligarchy. The states are little by little losing their sovereign rights. The federal government imposes such things as Social Security, the Withholding-Tax, etc., without as much as asking the people's permission. In New York State, a number of counties have imposed a sales tax. This they perhaps had a right to do, but in addition to imposing the tax, the counties told the sales-people that they (the stores) would have to collect the tax, keep books on it, and forward the money to the treasurer. That the counties had no right to do. No sales-people should be forced into involuntary, unpaid, county workers. Again in New York State, the Seneca Indians Nation had entered into an agreement with the United States Government. This treaty deeded a certain large parcel of land to the Seneca Nation. Now the federal government has violated that treaty by forcibly seizing this land. If God has picked out America as the model for liberty, then it would seem that God needs a new pair of glasses.

Your article says that the believers in the destiny of America should have no fear of defeat by any of the forces that menace it today, for to believe so is

to believe that the Creator Himself can be defeated. America can very easily be defeated by internal decay - and that is our great danger. It is not the external forces that we are to fear, but our moral and ethical decline.

America may have been started out as the model for liberty, but it seems to have wandered far away from that ideal, and unless the American people wake up soon, it will be too late. - W.S. Arns, 258 Parkwood Avenue, Kenmore 23, N. Y.

• Oahspe names America by name as God's model for liberty - in dozens of places. As for losing our freedoms and liberties, I couldn't agree more! But they aren't yet lost - we can, and I am sure, will retain them by the same sort of vigorous action with which we attained them in the first place. We have noted, with an increasingly rapid pace, an awakening on the part of the common people (I am one of them) to the dangers threatening our liberties. An informed people is a free people, and while we are sadly uninformed and misinformed today, the truth is bursting out at the seams, and eventually will result in a flood of information that will arouse the people to a decisive use of the vote, to sweep the slate clean. You can fool some of the people all of the time, and some of them not at all, but you can't fool them all all the time! And just as God had a hand in the formation of the initial American nation, we can suspect that he won't withhold his hand in its continuation. - Rap.

P.S. - Before I give the little Prayerful-Ceremony (Advanced) . . . for you to test . . . I would like to ask you if it is true that on February 4-62' the astral plane will become visible to all humanity AND also if it is as claimed by one of my correspondents that Raymond Palmer told him that the 'TRUE' Raymond Palmer was 'possessed' out of his REAL BODY AND THAT AN EVIL DEAMONIC ASTRALIC SPIRIT CONTROLS HIS BODY! If this is true then I can gather that much of what this other person has said is also true . . . if Palmer really said that to him - was he serious or joking, and if serious what does this mean? The other person said the 'true' Palmer was 'possessed' out of his physical body when he was editor of Ziff Davis Publishing Co., (in the basement this was supposed to have occurred at that time). - Yours in Higher-Light, G. Wilkins.

• This letter started with a "P. S." because that's all there was to it. Dorothy Lauer got it from a Mr. Wilkins, and sent this portion to me rather indignantly. We present it exactly as written, spelling and all. Since it asks a question, we'd like to answer it: We are beyond all doubt still in possession of our body, and we were never "possessed out of it". Particularly by an "evil deamonic astralic spirit". Mr. Wilkins' source we suspect is an individual who paid us a visit several summers ago, and looked us right in the eye and asked us if we were REALLY Ray Palmer. We slyly said: "Now there's an interesting question!" Since he had just told us he was God, we felt he ought

to know the answer to his own question. As for the "basement incident", that was a joke played on me by my associate editors, who were at that time scoffing mightily at my experiments with pure carbon, magnets and vitic (whatever it is). We even went to Union Carbide and got some of the purest carbon ever made, and interested the president of the firm greatly. We never found out if pure carbon can be drawn healthfully into the body by magnetic fields, but we did earn the belly-laughs of our pals at the office, who dropped a card to one of our more gullible science fiction fans informing him that Ray Palmer had been found crouching in his basement clutching a piece of coal in one hand and a magnet in the other. The idea was not so much to play a joke on me, as to prove a point - that even a friend would leap to spread juicy gossip if he was convinced the victim was safely in the nut house and couldn't punch him in the nose; and so he did! That is no doubt the origin of this little P. S., and since it seems to have become part of a "Prayerful-Ceremony", we think it ought to be removed from your prayer-wheel - it just ain't so. - Rap.

Dear R.A.P.:

In Oct. of 1959 I wrote you regarding the announcement by a Cal-Tech scientist stating that the Sun had reversed its magnetic polarity. Your publication of this letter brought interesting correspondence and some new friends.

At the time I wrote I did not know that this change

in magnetic polarity took place over a period of 2 1/2 years, so my speculations, as to how soon it might affect the earth, were premature. Some of the friends that wrote to me put me in touch with additional prophetic material which has a bearing upon these present times and immediate future.

Some of this prophecy involves the coming heavy conjunction of planets Feb. 4 and that is one reason I am writing you before the event takes place. Regarding prophecy for Feb. 4, 1962 you can have a choice from the most dire to nearly benign. Obviously all of this prophecy can not come to pass, so some will turn out to be false including that which is from spiritual sources supposedly. Regretably we do not always practice the admonition in the scriptures, to test the spirit. Wisdom is not an automatic quality acquired by spiritual being. We should learn to reason for ourselves, coordinating the knowledge gleaned from both sides of life. By the same token it is unscientific to close the door on knowledge we can not prove at the moment, scientifically.

Returning again to the discussion of the change in the magnetic polarity of the sun, I would like to say that I still feel that this change will ultimately manifest itself in our own earth field. This raises some speculative aspects for coordination with prophecy.

According to spiritual knowledge from several different sources or channels, we can expect changes in our topography such as the raising of former con-

tinents and the submerging of some of the existing ones. Some of the more enthusiastic prophets of doom would have us believe much of this is to occur Feb. 4, 1962. Some of the prophets would have us believe these cataclysms are to occur because of the sinfulness of man.

Although I do not pretend to be qualified to judge as to the cause of these events it does appear more logical to recognize that events involving topographical changes could neither be caused nor prevented by taking thought and willing it otherwise.

However, there is a province where man does have free will and has scientifically out-smarted himself. This province is to spiritually develop himself to the point of being warned of danger. This is the quality we lack now and which will make nature's evolutionary development of our planet. We will not be prepared to meet the test of time.

The fault does not lie more with the rigid views of our scientific instructors than it does with the rigid views of religious teachers or the rigid views of social and political leaders or our own rigid views. We are just naturally suspicious of anything that falls outside of our own balliwick of experience.

Consequently if the Feb. 4 conjunction does trigger any world changing events we won't know where to go to avoid them nor are we likely to be welcome if we did go. Unquestionably there will be stresses created through the planet during this conjunction. What none of us know for certain is the magnitude of reaction

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I do not feel the consequence of this solar change is one that is to pass quickly. My reason for this conviction is that one of the prophetic channels stated that our solar system is approaching a larger central sun. It appears quite logical that the solar system can be revolving around another central point much as the planets do in our own solar system. It follows that the orbit is elliptical and the solar system experiences a variation in its proximity to this central sun, as our planet does with our sun. It appears logical to say that the solar system passed its apehelion to this sun during the 2 1/2 yrs., from

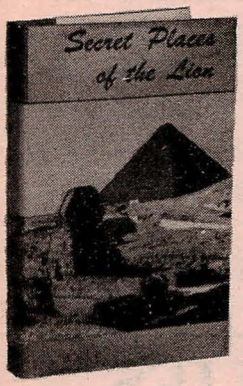
1957 to Oct. 1959, that it was changing its polarity magnetically.

We can now speculate as to what this means physically to us on this planet. First the magnetic fields of the sun should intensify till it alters our planetary field. Secondly the direction of rotation of cyclonic winds will reverse in both hemispheres, as will the ocean currents changing the weather throughout the world. A third possibility exists. The enlargement of the southern hemisphere may begin to shift to the northern hemisphere as the reversed field intensifies. This in turn would cause drastic readjustments in the earth's crust, with possible volcanic action and earthquakes the like of which we have never seen. The setting is excellent for the fulfillment of the prophecy that 40 years of woes are to beset mankind before peace descends upon the earth. Most likely these readjustments would be most pronounced at times of stress produced by planetary configuration.

The fourth possibility that suggests itself results from the prophecies of Nostradamus. He tells of the time when the eighth milleniary is reached and the world reaches the time of its tilting. At this time the planet Mars will move from its course only to resume it again. This condition could take place during this conjunction in Feb. but it seems more probable for some time later in the century. (20th)

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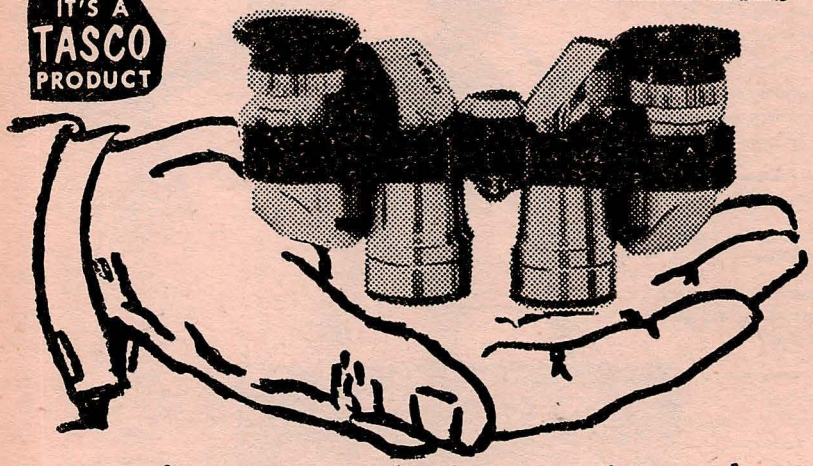
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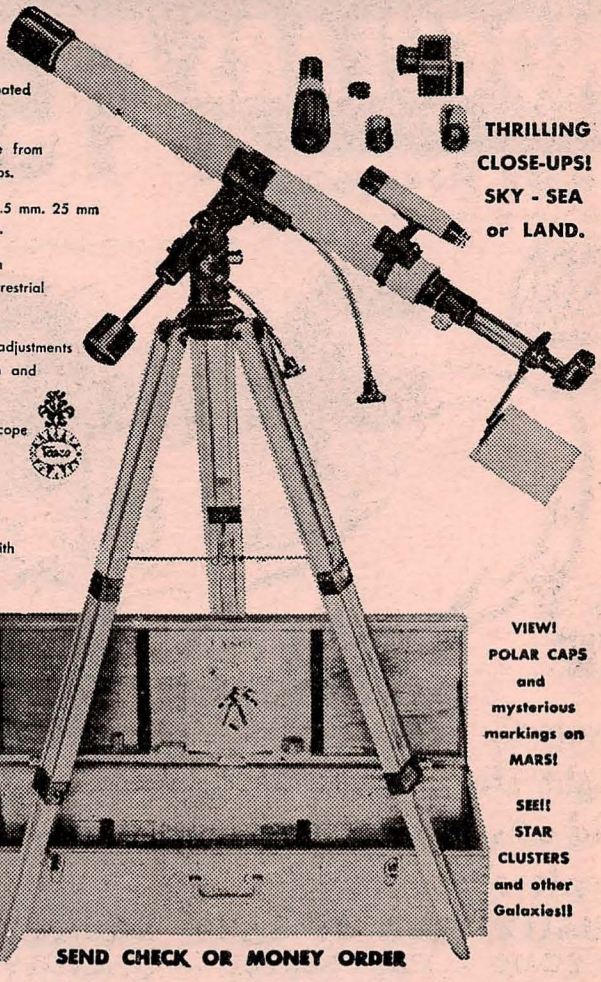
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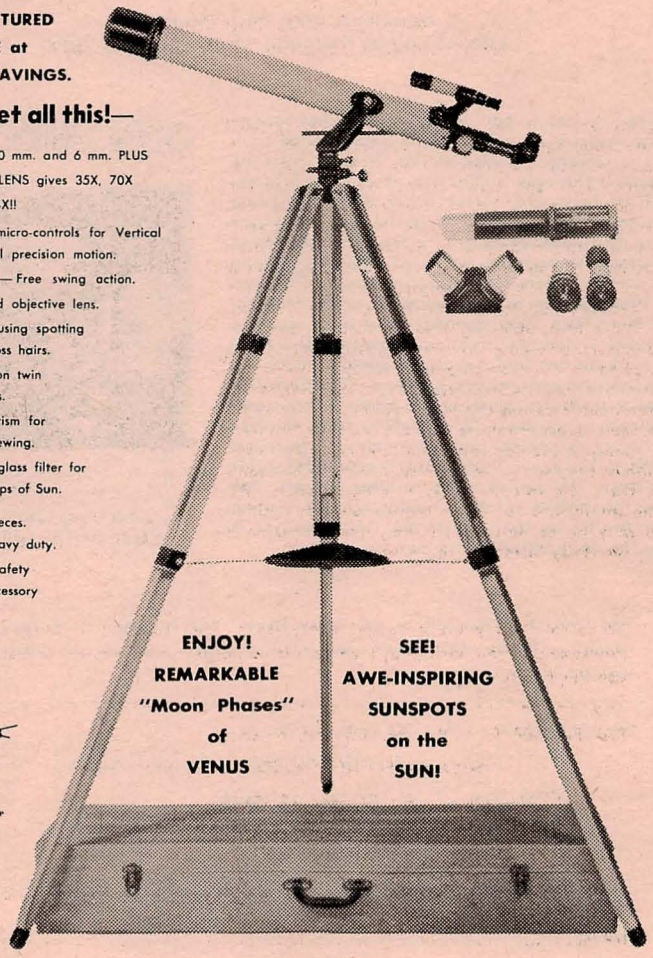
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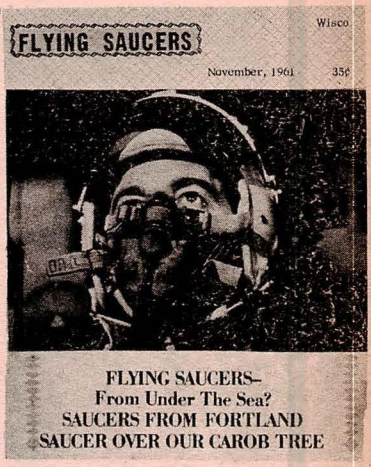


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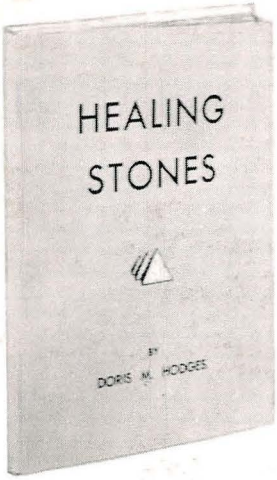
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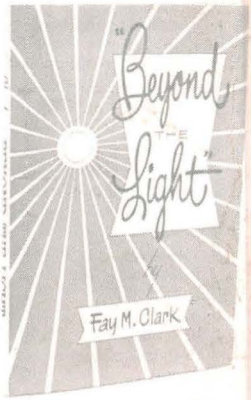
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