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AS IN HEAVEN

by Muriel Noyes Gillchrest

As we remember that the Creative Power we call God is in constant activity, and is forever making "creations" from whatever our habitual thought-patterns give it, we know we must give IT the kind of patterns we'd like to have as experience.

This All-powerful Energy which is Life, flows constantly through our mental and emotional realms. What we think causes feeling and what we feel causes thinking.

You already know that HEAVEN is the realm of IDEAS OF PERFECTION, and EARTH is where beliefs, ideas and thought-forms are manifested. So the statement "As in heaven, so on earth" is worth your attention.

Human beings have made the earth as it appears to be today, at sense-level "what it seems to be", and it is evident that many have dealt largely with the purely material, or that which already is in manifestation. There are the already manifested things, which some only desire more of, and other manifested things which they fear.

The Divine Purpose is to eventually free us of our fears, and other wrong habits-of-thought, and keep on receiving new revelations of what God's LAWS are, and how they "work".

As we comprehend how it is that everything (including mankind) grows from within, outward, we begin to perceive why it is that we are to "turn within" to get the action going. Such turning of the thought to our Divine nature is named Prayer, but many still think of prayer as something they must "tell God how to do". God already knows *how*. Our task is to give this Creative Power the correct pattern. THAT requires Intelligence.

That Intelligence is already the LIFE of us, but shouldn't we first of all think

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C.C. Bateman

A special class, PERSONAL GUIDANCE THROUGH DREAMS, will be presented at Astara May 31 at 7:45 PM by C.C. Bateman of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Bateman is an international lecturer on dreams and their symbols.

He is a former U.S. Marine, test pilot, and member of the Diplomatic Corps. He received special instruction from a Tibetan Lama during 4 years residence in the Far East. Mr. Bateman is President of Dream Counsellors, Inc. *Tuition: $2*

MAY STUDY CIRCLE

THE UPANISHADS AND THE BHAGAVAT-GITA

Swami Parampanthi presents the Study Circle to explore in depth the wisdom of all ages—mystical, psychic and spiritual, in informal sessions Friday evenings at 7:45 in the MUSEUM ROOM.

The emphasis is on practical techniques for self-development and self-improvement. Each evening the program begins with simple Yoga exercises to make the participants physically and mentally relaxed, and ends with a special meditation conducted by Swami Parampanthi. Each session deals with a specific topic designed to inspire and enlighten the students.

In four Friday evenings in May, Swami Parampanthi will explore with his students the two most important Scriptures of Hinduism: THE UPANISHADS AND THE BHAGAVAT-GITA which form the foundation of all HINDU thoughts and revelations. They can be truly called the New Testament of HINDUISM. Learn what the ancient seers reveal about your destiny, life and salvation! Explore the divine words of Lord Krishna about Yoga, wisdom, meditation and the SECRET PATH to enlightenment.

THE UPANISHADS AND THE BHAGAVAT-GITA

May 3: The Upanishads: THE PATH OF INTUITION AND KNOWLEDGE

May 10: The Upanishads: THE PATH OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT

May 17: The Bhagavat-Gita: THE PATH OF THE HEART: (BHAKTI)

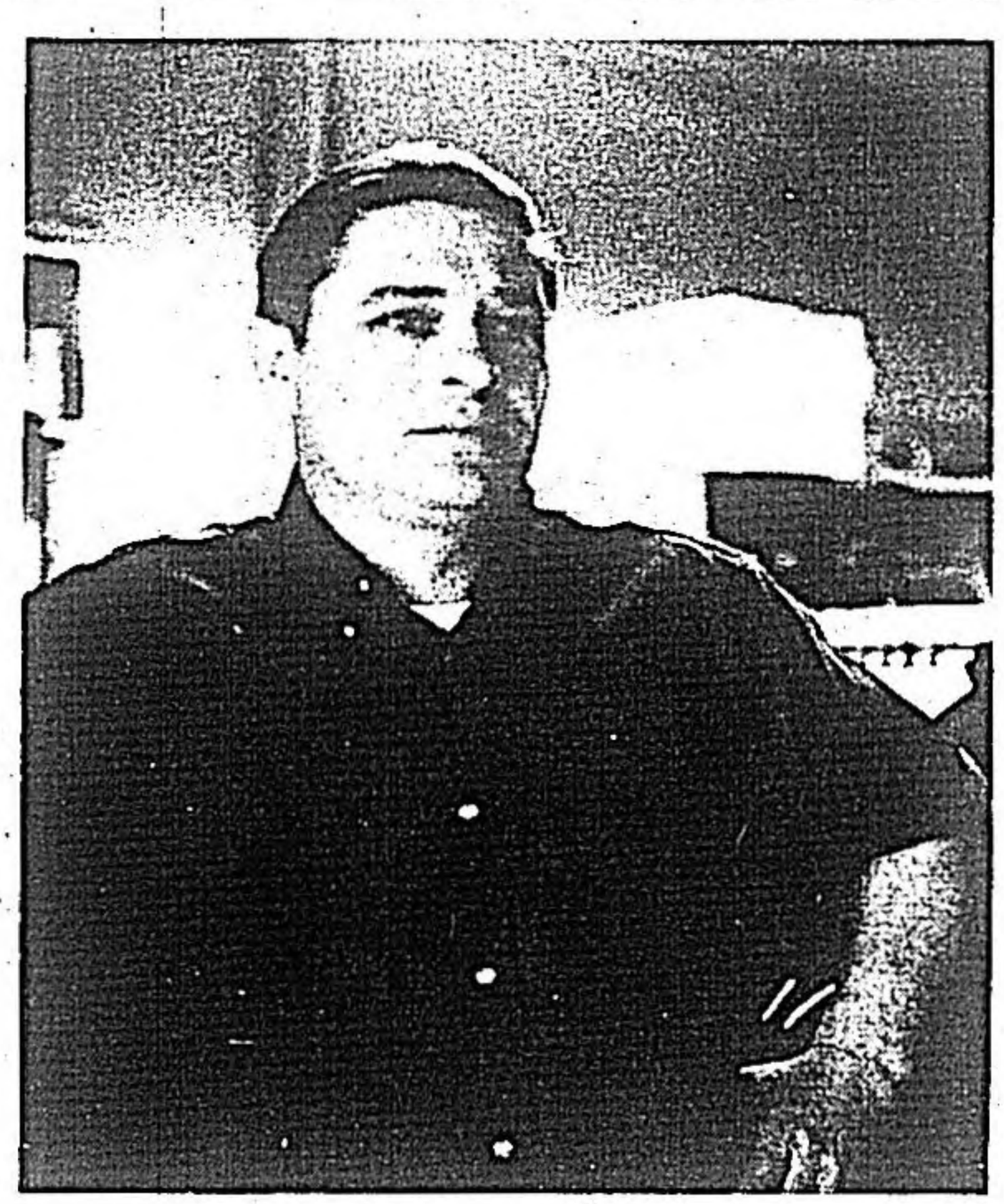
May 24: The Bhagavat-Gita: THE ROYAL PATH OF RAJA-YOGA

These four topics will give you the fundamental truths of one of the great WORLD RELIGIONS and thus give you a new vision about your life and ultimate destiny! Free-will offering.

TAPES COSTLIER

We have just been notified that prices have been raised on the cost of cassette tapes. However, we are not asking for larger donations for them—even though the minimum we suggest is already considerably below the retail price asked for commercial tapes in stores. We'll "hold the line" as long as we can.

PEOPLE AT ASTARA



Lewis Cser

One morning thirteen years ago Lewis saw Astara's newspaper ad for a printer. At ten o'clock he came for an interview. By 10:30 he was running the press. Now he supervises Astara's self-contained printing plant with its three presses, collator, halftone camera, cutter and folder, occupying four times the space of the original shop.

Louie (as we call him) was born in Hungary. He and his two brothers grew up in the countryside. Theirs was an average childhood—school, sports, family. It was even average for him to be drafted into the army. He opted for the air force, and rose to rank of lieutenant as flying instructor and reconnaissance pilot. He'd been in the service 32 months when the 1956 revolution occurred. Hungary's students rebelled against the Soviet dominated government, and overthrew it. The victory was short-lived, however, and Russia quashed the uprising. Many in the military, sympathetic to the students' cause . . . Louie among them . . . were in danger of being sent to prison camps. Late one night he revved up a plane, took off from the base's airstrip, and escaped to Austria and freedom.

The American consul arranged for Lewis to be flown to the U.S. He was 22 then, and knew not one word of English. A family in San Francisco took him under their wing. Subsequently he was hired as apprentice in a print shop where he learned his trade. When the business was transferred to Los Angeles, he moved with it. He became an American citizen, met and married Sherry. When the printing plant was again to move, he decided to stay in Los Angeles. They had just bought a house and established roots. He saw Astara's ad and answered it. That was in 1961.

Now he and Sherry have a son and a daughter. The Cser family enjoys the outdoors together, especially fishing and sports.

It's a long way from the Iron Curtain, and we're glad he made it!

SOUL CULTURE

by Margaret Doring

Mysticism frees the mind from its natural inclination to approach things from the outside.

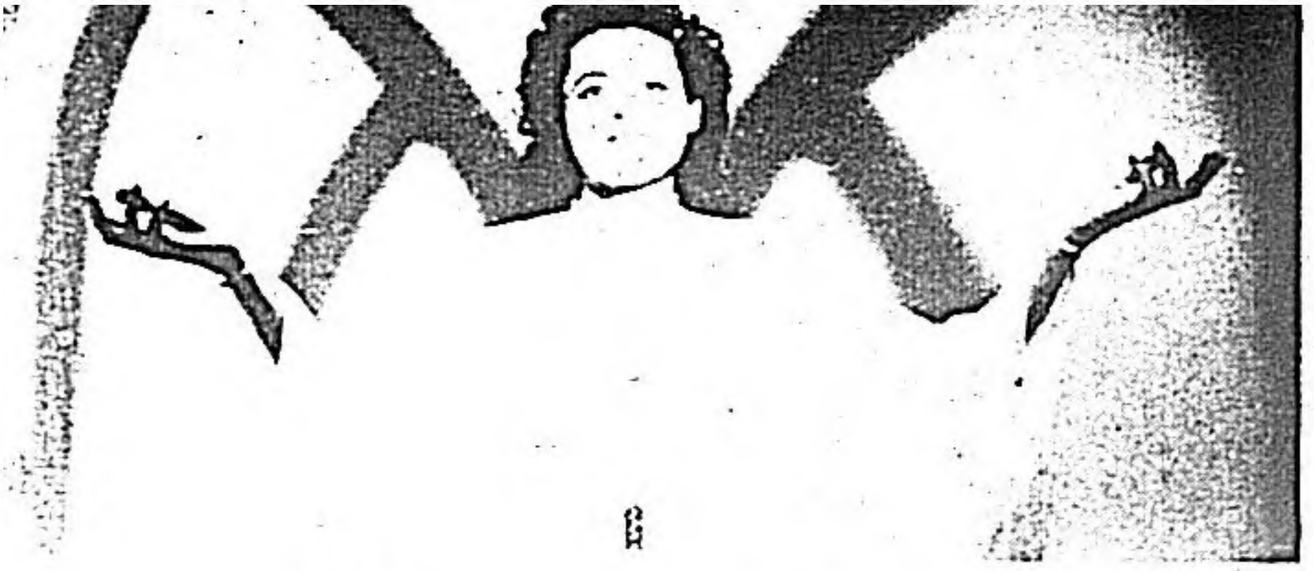
Mysticism is not the end of labor but the true beginning of meaningful and satisfying endeavor.

Mysticism in our hearts increases in its own way. We can protect it but we cannot force it.

Mysticism is the heart fulfilling its own requirements, nourished and sustained by the Inner Presence.

Primitive man was a *mystic* by *instinct.* Faith is a discipline of the heart. Modern man becomes a *mystic* by *intuition,* which is a discipline of the mind.

A *mystic* is one who understands and controls the physical body.



An Astarian in Need Never Walks Alone

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. (Ps. 147:3)

REGAINING SIGHT IS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Dear Brothers,

Recently I was admitted to the hospital with a detached retina. I had surgery, with a silicone sponge buckle put in my eyeball. My system rejected the sponge, and I was told that I would have two more operations. One was to remove the sponge and clear up the horrible infection that the sponge had caused in my eye.

Before my second operation, I called Astara for healing. The next morning, I was operated on. While in the hospital one night, I was roused by a terrific 'electric shock' entering my feet, in the toes area. I thought I must be dreaming, but a couple nights later, the same type of 'electric shock' hit my hands. I was awake at the time. It is something that is difficult to explain.

My eye surgeon told me that I would need a very thick lens put in my glasses, as I would lose considerable sight.

Since my third operation, I return to the eye doctor once a week and he is amazed that my vision is returning. He told me that it will soon be almost back to the strength that it was before my retina detached.

My thanks to Astara for the healing prayers in my behalf. Regaining my sight is a wonderful experience. I also wanted to mention that I had glaucoma in both eyes. In the eye that had surgery, I no longer have glaucoma, a fact that also amazes my doctor.

Sincerely, M.P., Oceanside, CA

HEART CONDITION ALLEVIATED

Dear Astarians,

For many years I have had an enlarged heart which caused heart pains, palpitations, and two heart attacks.

I am in the care of a medical doctor and a chiropractor, giving some relief.

During Astara's Christmas Healing Service, Earlyne touched my head, and as I went back to my seat, a warmth came over me. The next day I found I could breathe deeply and comfortably. At my doctor's next examination, he said my heart sounds were completely normal.

I am more than grateful to breathe deeply again. Many thanks to Astara, Zoser, and the Master teachers and healers.

A.H., North Hollywood,CA

SLEEP WITHOUT PILLS A BLESSING

Dear Robert and Earlyne,

I am writing this letter to let you know that I have received a healing after sending in a written petition, plus a mental prayer.

That same night I felt an easing of the pain and 'nerve jumping' in my legs. Within two days, I had no pain at all. I feel as though I have had a complete healing, and it is such a blessing to be able to sleep at night and not have to depend on pills which did not cure, but only alleviated the pain.

Thank you and the healing angels of the spirit world that help you with your work. It is a joy to know that you and the spirit force are always there to help where needed. I am now enclosing a healing petition for my sister. I know that all possible assistance will be given us through the Secret Seven.

My love and thanksgiving to you, Earlyne, Robert and the Spirit Love.

E.K., Philadelphia,PA

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of IT as being present? Have you ever said "I don't know what to do about this"? Do you remind yourself that there is Something within you that does?

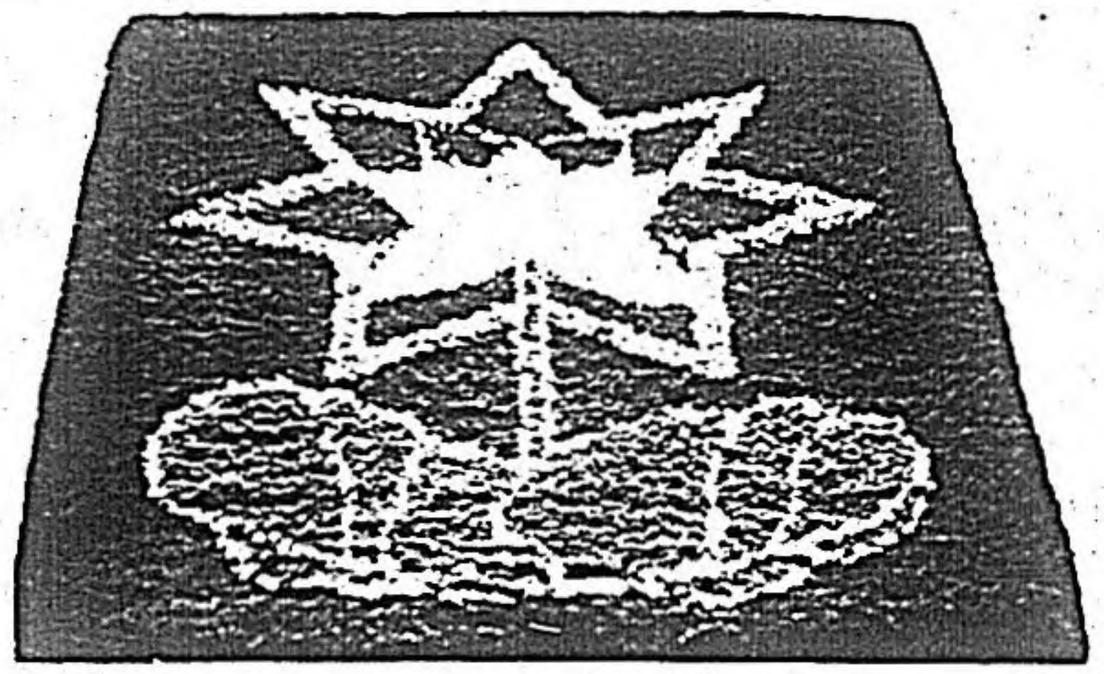
That there is ONE Mind, (which we call God) and all of us exist in it, means that it is quite possible when you "touch It with thought", others on this plane and *higher ones*, might also learn of your "need" . . . and how to fulfill. Help is always at hand. Think about Infinite Energy and Wisdom until you feel it.

We must feel willing to ask, and seek, and make the effort to learn. Most of us began to study while we entertained some very domineering beliefs in evils and wrongs, of various kinds, but as our knowledge grew and our intelligence mounted, those all dissolved and GOOD took their place.

The Bible's narrative about Moses going to the mountaintop and later seeing how many still worshipped the Golden Calf gives such a graphic description of how once we have had the feeling of the Presence of God in us, we are aware of how *many* are our beliefs in materiality! We discover how we look to so many man-devised resources, and it is not easy to look away from the world of effects, long enough to reach HEAVEN.

Pleasing our own sense-appetites, so often not only moves our attention to the world of effects and appearances, but produces in us a selfishness we are unaware of having. Then, in the Mirror of Life, we see our own weaknesses reflected in those around us. We form opinions and make thought-forms which produce the multiplicity of evils, and Prayer is the only solution. Again, Prayer is removing the attention from the Earth and its appearances, and taking Ideas of Perfection. Your Perfection? Of course! Aren't YOU "made in the image and likeness of God"? Then, wouldn't God be your strength, not your weakness? Wouldn't you be expressing more kindness, consideration, and harmony? Wouldn't all of your thoughts and actions be of a nature you would approve? How could it possibly be otherwise?

"The Father within" now means something to you, for the "Father" is the Creator . . . or that part of your Mind which creates for you the pattern you give it. Give it Life, Health, Joy, Abundant Good, and that is what it produces for you. Why would you deal with any thought of evil, or anything else you don't want to experience? If such an error-suggestion presents itself to you, consider it your *opportunity* to rid yourself of it, for all time. Stop looking out at the world of appearances and judging by *them*, for *they* are only the manifestations of the beliefs of the many, who yet do not KNOW. Remind yourself often that *you* do know, and that YOU and the Father are ONE, and include all your fellow-beings, and "AS in Heaven, so on Earth."



Hooked Rug

Astarian Ellie Gantt created a hooked rug for her husband. She patterned it after the symbol of the lotus and seven-pointed star in colors of purple, gold and blue.

She tells us it's 2½ by 3 feet, and took a couple of months to make. She adds, "It was truly a labor of love, and I would be honored to have it shown in the Voice." No more so, dear Ellie, than we are to feature it. May it bring you and your husband many years of pleasure and inspiration.

MAY GUEST

Daniel A. Kindell is a graduate of the Institute of Religious Science in Los Angeles, and a licensed Practitioner of Religious Science.

He has been active in several professions in the business world, and is presently engaged in a professional capacity as Computer Programmer-Analyst for a large corporation.

A one-time student for the Baptist ministry, he has long been interested in metaphysical and spiritual subjects. His studies have ranged from philosophy and psychology to psychic phenomena, cybernetics, and spiritual healing.

Originally from Colorado, he has lived in California for 11 years. His home is in Los Angeles, where he is a graduate student at the United Church of Religious Science School of Ministry. Dan has studied under such noted authors as Joel Goldsmith and Marcus Bach.

Dan has been an Astarian for a number of years, attributing a "well-rounded viewpoint of spiritual subjects" to his association with Astara. He speaks Sunday, May 19, on *The Spirit of Inquiry*.

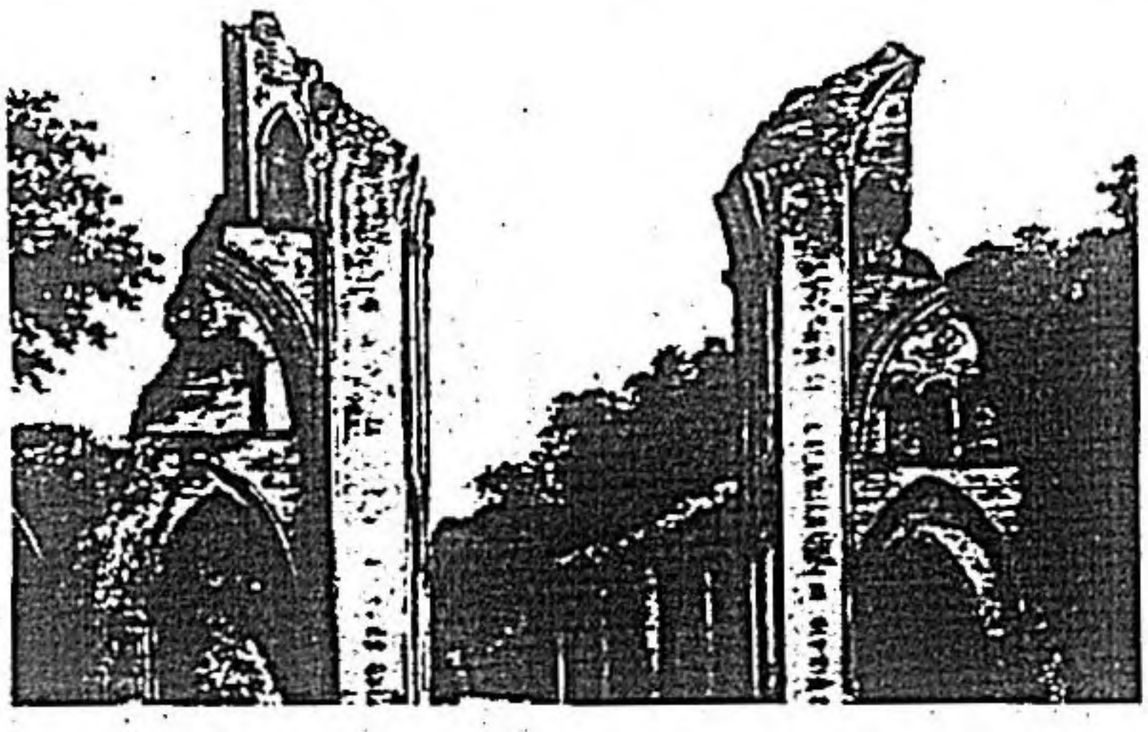
A PERSONAGE

When one reaches a mature decision, he brings his grace into focus, and his destiny begins to be colored by happenings of ultimate good. Mature decisions bring him closer to his soul.

The soul's purpose is to inspire one to become a personage rather than a personality. A personality seeks to be spirited; a personage seeks to be spiritual. A personage leaves his mark upon the world; a personality indents his presence upon the world through particularizing eccentricities.

In the spiritual life, the soul is the supreme influence.

GLASTONBURY MESSAGE



by Faith Ellen

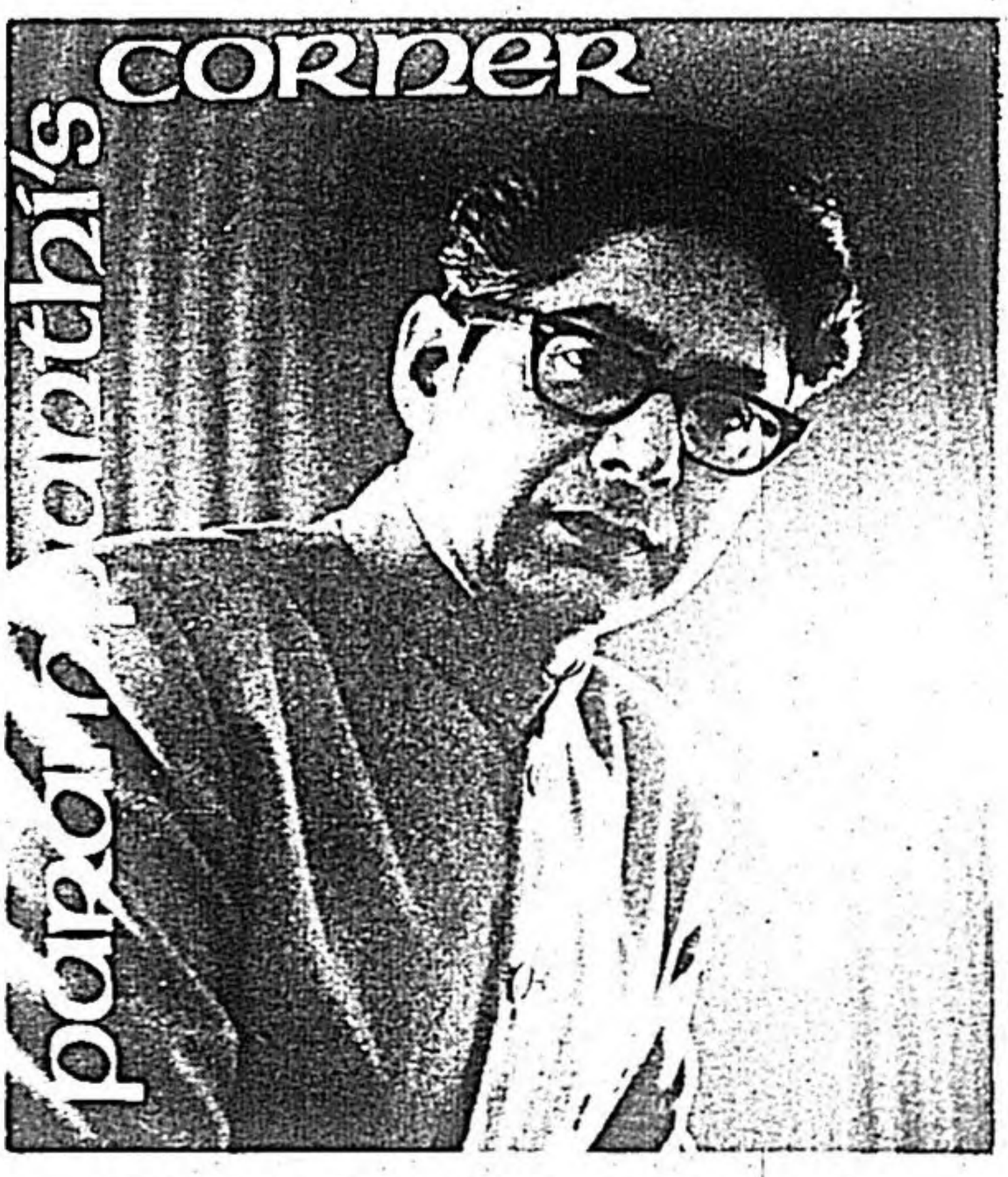
The mystical legends surrounding the site of Glastonbury Abbey in England are many, extending from Stonehenge and the Druids to the Arthurian legends of the quest for the Holy Grail. They form an intricate pattern filled with esoteric meaning and symbolism for the student of the true Christ Light.

Prevailing tradition about the founding of *Glastonbury*, which means a glowing, bright, shining or reflective place, concerns the travels and apostolic mission of Joseph of Arimathaea, a disciple of Jesus who, after the Crucifixion, caused the body of Jesus to be placed in his own newly-built tomb. According to legend, Joseph received the Blood of Christ in the Silver Chalice from the Last Supper.

Joseph's Staff

Ancient historians have recorded in manuscripts preserved in the Vatican Library, the accounts that Joseph of Arimathaea was with the original group who traveled through Europe and on to Britain, arriving finally at a site known as Weary-all Hill (interpreted from an ancient word), supposedly on Christmas Day. Legend has it that as the group of evangelists rested and surveyed the region, Joseph thrust his staff into the earth and led his companions in prayer,

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FEAR: HOW TO OVERCOME IT

What is Fear?

Fear cannot function in a void or a vacuum, it must subsist on something. Fear is relational, connecting events with persons, real or assumed dangers with feeling concerning survival. Fear is a state of mind concerning loss. It involves desires, hopes, aspirations, actions, self-deceptions, and various human emotions. But the dominant note of fear is the sense of loss, which may include all conceivable forms of negation, breakdown, paralysis of mental and physical functions. It may also involve apprehension about the loss of reason, sanity, rationality, even life.

Fear proceeds from the center of man and suffuses his entire being. It is a sensation, a dark and indefinable mood, an unseen presence. A fearful man is afraid to be natural, afraid to speak up, afraid to agree, disagree, or argue, afraid of life, honesty, and even death. The feeling of fear is sometimes unconsciously experienced. Sometimes it is a tremendously overpowering experience.

Fear Expresses Itself

Fear manifests itself in many ways: in dark moods, in striking ambivalences, in dogmatism, in mercurial tempers, in flights of fantasy, in illnesses and hysterical emotions. Fear uses various disguises: bravado, snobbishness, ambition, meekness, fanatical zeal, etc. In other words, a fearful man uses various protective fronts. He can be either on the defensive, or on the attack. He relates himself to the world and people around him with envy and fear, with self-pity and self-doubt. His actions are not natural or spontaneous. This creates in turn, an atmosphere of hostility, and leads to further isolation and pain.

The Root of Fear

Fear is rooted in the sense of "I" and "Mine". In this aspect, fear is ego-centricity. In other words, fear is in the mind, in the ego, in the core of one's personality. Therefore, fear has to be handled from the inside. A fearful man is afraid for himself, so he dwells too much on himself. He cannot forget himself. He is overly preoccupied with his self or ego. The elimination of fear calls for a totally new orientation of the mind. There is a need for a radical change in the self.

Steps Toward Fearlessness

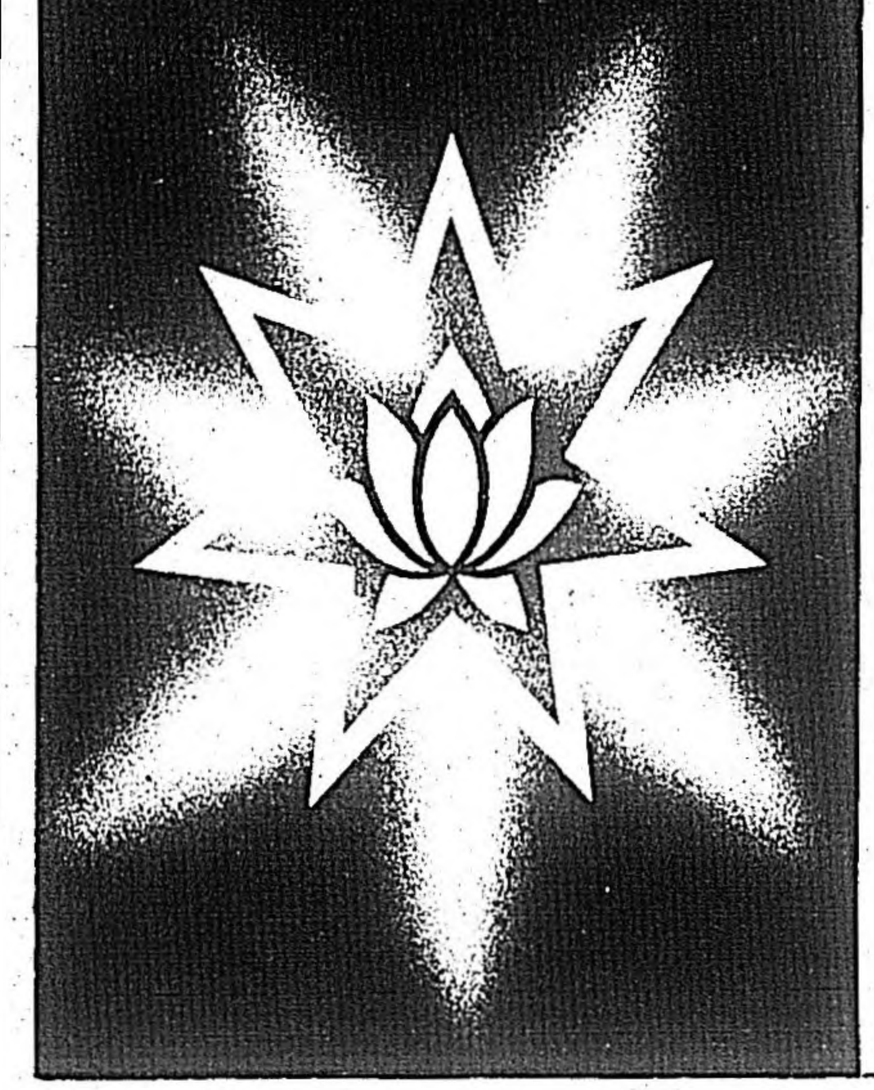
The first step toward fearlessness is a direct encounter with facts. It has to be a movement toward action. Fear is in the mind; facts, events, and situations do not contain fear because they are neutral instances of life. In action, man overcomes fear.

The second step is an attempt at self-forgetfulness. The fearful man is obsessed with the recurrent idea of personal loss. Self-forgetfulness points the way. This is attained when a person tries hard to act, to forget himself in service, commitment, and a creative way of life.

The third step is detachment. It is the capacity to visualize things, events, and feelings from a detached mind. One should think of oneself as an instrument of God, as a vehicle of God's actions. "I am the channel through which God

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astarian healing petition



1. Fill in the Petition.
2. Concentrate a moment upon the Astarian Symbol.
3. Hold it between your hands with a prayer . . . then send it to us.
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Please direct your prayers and spiritual healing energies to:

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THE ASTARIAN AFFIRMATION

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Nothing but good can come to me . . .
Nothing but good shall go from me . . .
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Would you like to be here and join the workers who help spread the Light of Astara in so many ways? Printing Lessons, filling orders for recordings and books? Preparing and mailing the Voice? Sending literature to prospective Astarians?

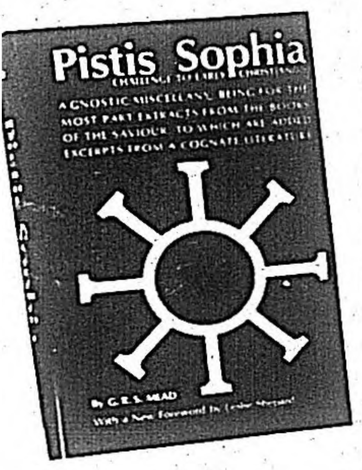
And there are so many other things to be done–cleaning offices, gardening, typing and all kinds of record keeping.

If you would like to be here and share in these activities, YOU CAN–through your donation. Each dollar contributed enables Astara to perform more services, reach more individuals ready for the Light. When this offering envelope brings your donation to Astara, you ARE here, and helping.

Compiled by
Irma I. Mills

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DARKNESS GOES.



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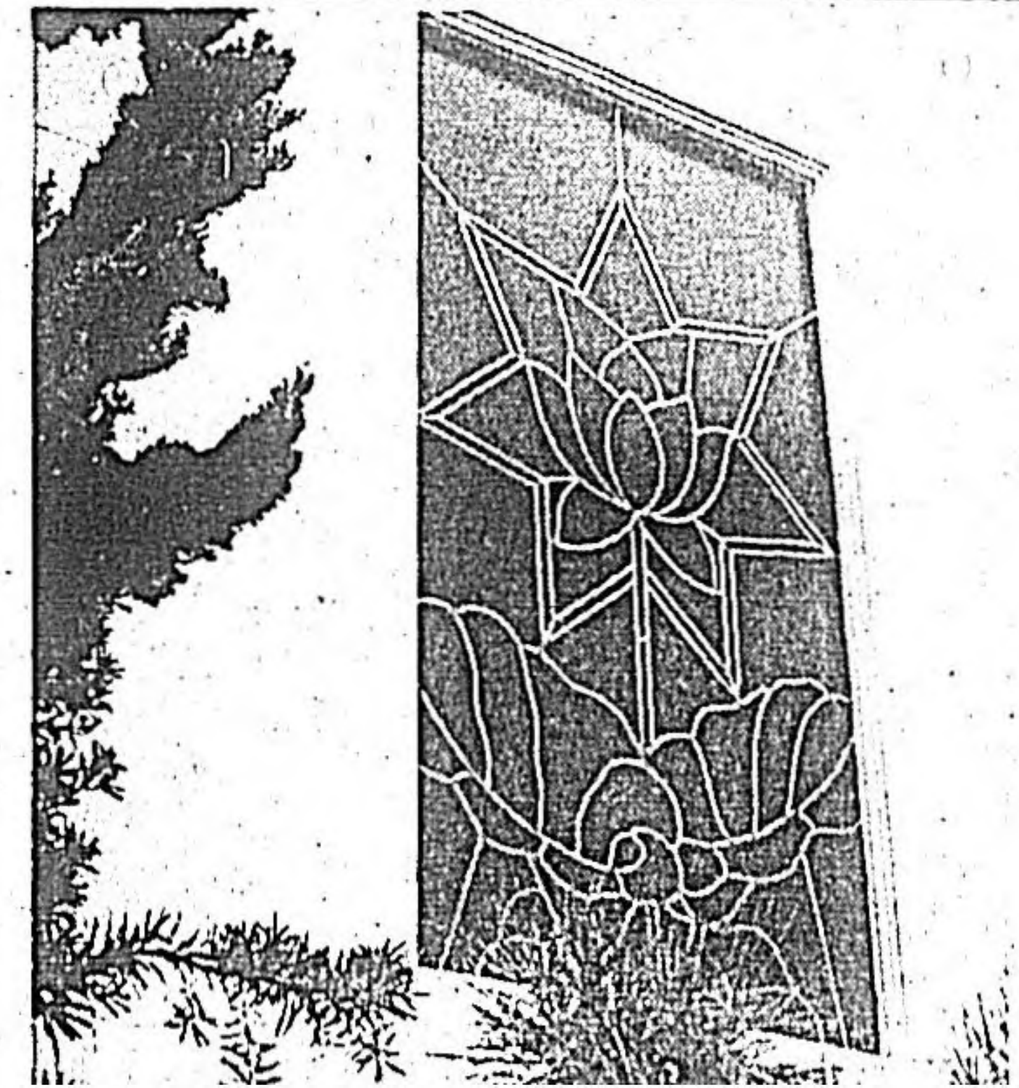


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May, 1974

Dear Fellow Astarian,

For nearly 23 years, since the founding of Astara in 1951, I've been looking forward to the time when activities would be a little less hectic -- a time when at least a month would pass without something eventful coming along requiring a lot of attention and energy.

It just never happens that way, and I think I've finally arrived at the point where I should have been 23 years ago. Accepting it as the inherent nature of a continually evolving Place of Light.

The more thought given it, the more I believe I wouldn't have it any other way. Stagnation and deterioration are inherent in lack of activity. And I must say there doesn't seem to be any possibility of that at Astara.

If activity is a sign of growth and expansion, then these last few weeks must indicate that Astara is growing by the proverbial leaps and bounds. Here are a few examples.

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The last flurry of revisions, planning, designing, and printing Earlyne's autobiography, Remembering, have occupied the time and talents of many persons. The pre-publication offer for this considerably expanded and improved edition is elsewhere in the Voice.

As if the above weren't enough, Earlyne and the nationally known organist Irma Glen, have combined their talents to create one of the finest meditation recordings I've ever heard. Production requirements will not allow us to announce it officially until next month's Voice.

As this is written, we've just finished producing two new Degree Lessons and three revised ESP lessons.

We are beginning to work on a special book about meditation by Swami Parampanthi.

We just made long-range plans for additional book publishing.

An expanded program of presenting Astara through the mail and in magazine announcements has resulted in a large increase in the number of requests for information. This means more activity in the print shop, mailing, registry, and correspondence departments.

We have obtained a new organ, a new station wagon, and some special equipment for the print shop that will help us tremendously there.

Perhaps next month will be calm. I hope it is... and then, I hope it isn't. Best wishes--

Most sincerely,

Robert

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asking for Divine guidance and blessings.

As the small group knelt, natives of the area clad in skins and carrying crude weapons emerged from the forest to attack, but a miracle happened; the attackers stopped and made no further effort to injure the group. The dried and withered staff of Joseph, stuck into the earth, had sprung to life, budded, and put forth white blossoms. To Joseph and his companions, this was a sign to establish a church on the site.

The staff of Joseph is believed to be the original of the Glastonbury Thorn, an unusual variety of hawthorn which flourishes only in this area of England. It is also believed that this is the same hawthorn from which Christ's crown of thorns was made. In the region of Glastonbury, it flowers twice a year, at Christmas time and in May, at the time of the Resurrection and Ascension.

Joseph Symbolizes High Consciousness

Perhaps the deeper meaning of Joseph of Arimathaea and the founding of Glastonbury is a subject worthy of meditation and contemplation. According to etymology, the study of words, *Joseph of Arimathaea* seems to mean a high place in consciousness where the intellect meets with spiritual understanding. In other words, Joseph represents the Higher Mind, let us say.

Joseph, having been vouchsafed the body of Christ until His resurrection, and having received the symbolic *Cup of Christ's Blood,* (the Christ Light, in the Chalice of the heart), traveled to a place (in consciousness) called *Weary-all Hill.* (Notice the resemblance to a hill on which Christ felt the weariness of the world.) *Joseph's staff,* then, resembling the crown of thorns of the crucifixion, (as well as the spine and its chakras), bloomed with pure white flowers.

How beautifully the symbolism points to the idea that after the Christ Light is *crucified,* (denied by our materialistic beliefs and concepts), It is hidden away, safe from the world of antagonistic (Roman) thoughts, in a high place in our intellectual understanding, symbolized by Joseph's having received the *Blood of Christ* (Essence of Christ) into the *Silver Chalice* (the receptive, pure heart).

With the thrust of the staff of thorns into the *earth,* (our everyday world of experiences) by our conscious will, with a prayer for Divine guidance and blessing, as with Joseph and his companions, a miracle is wrought. We can then see white flowers bloom in our experience where once had been thorns.

In May of this year, after the Resurrection season, let's meditate on the meaning of Joseph of Arimathaea, that a Glastonbury, a Shining Place, a radiant place, might be founded in our own lives.

To Joseph of Arimathaea

I was with you when you gave Him
Your final resting place,
I was with you when you raised
The Silver Chalice to your face.
When in a Long Day's Journey
We walked the Self-same Path,
And touched our hands together
On a knotted, thorny staff,
And heard the Voice of Courage
Whisper "Onward, onward trod . . ."
As we walked the rocky roadway
On the Christed Path to God . . .
I loved you then, my brother,
And you and I were One,
Were close as sand and seashore
In the Glory of the Son.
Love's memory brings before me
This vision of the past,
And a vision of the future
In Christ's timelessness held fast.

Faith Ellen

The first and best victory is to conquer self; to be conquered by self is, of all things, the most shameful.

Plato

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acts" --this type of attitude is needed.

The fourth step is to surround oneself with positive, divine vibrations. One needs to feel that one is permeated by the Light of God. One has to feel that he is in the Light, Grace, and Goodness of God. In this attempt, the Astarian teachings of divine affirmation of life are of great help.

The fifth step calls for the removal from the self, all that is the cause and storehouse of all fears: greed, envy, anger, violence, self-pity, hostility. This goal cannot be attained without an effort to fill oneself with love, compassion, wisdom, courage and goodness. So the work must continue on two fronts: the action to remove the negative, and the action to develop the positive in one's life.

The final step is an abiding trust in God, trust in the divine spirit within, trust in one's destiny, and trust that the infinite power within will emerge victorious in the end. The difficulty lies in the initial attempts at gaining fearlessness. Once the first crucial steps are taken with a firm resolution, the rest of the journey toward fearlessness and creativity becomes easy and infinitely rewarding.

ESP LESSONS

Three of the popular E.S.P. lessons by Dr. Robert have just been reissued in a completely new format, similar to that used in such lessons as *Transmutation*, and *The Essenes*—a convenient booklet form.

The three lessons are *Intuition—The Sense of Inner Perception*, and *Clairvoyance - The Sense of Psychic Sight*, and *Psychometry—The Sense of Psychic Touch*. Tuition for each of the lessons is $2.

ASTARIANS WRITE

Dear Astara,

It is regrettable that I have never before now taken time to write and to thank you, for being what you are to me and the many others who have become Astarians. You are indeed Astara, a "Place of Light" and a "Place of Love", not merely in the usual sense of the words light and love, but much deeper.

You not only give an outer "light" that I might better understand the physical world around me and my place in it, but you also give an inner "light" with which I can continue my inner search for truth without stumbling over every rock along the path because of the darkness. Your love is such that you encompass all mankind, all religions, races, nationalities, and all are welcomed by you. I wish to say "Thank you Astara".

Please accept the enclosed token of my gratitude in the hope that I can be of some assistance to you who are helping so many. Please do not send any type of thank you letter because it is I, who should, and sincerely wish, to thank all of you. Please continue your great work. My love to you, Astara.

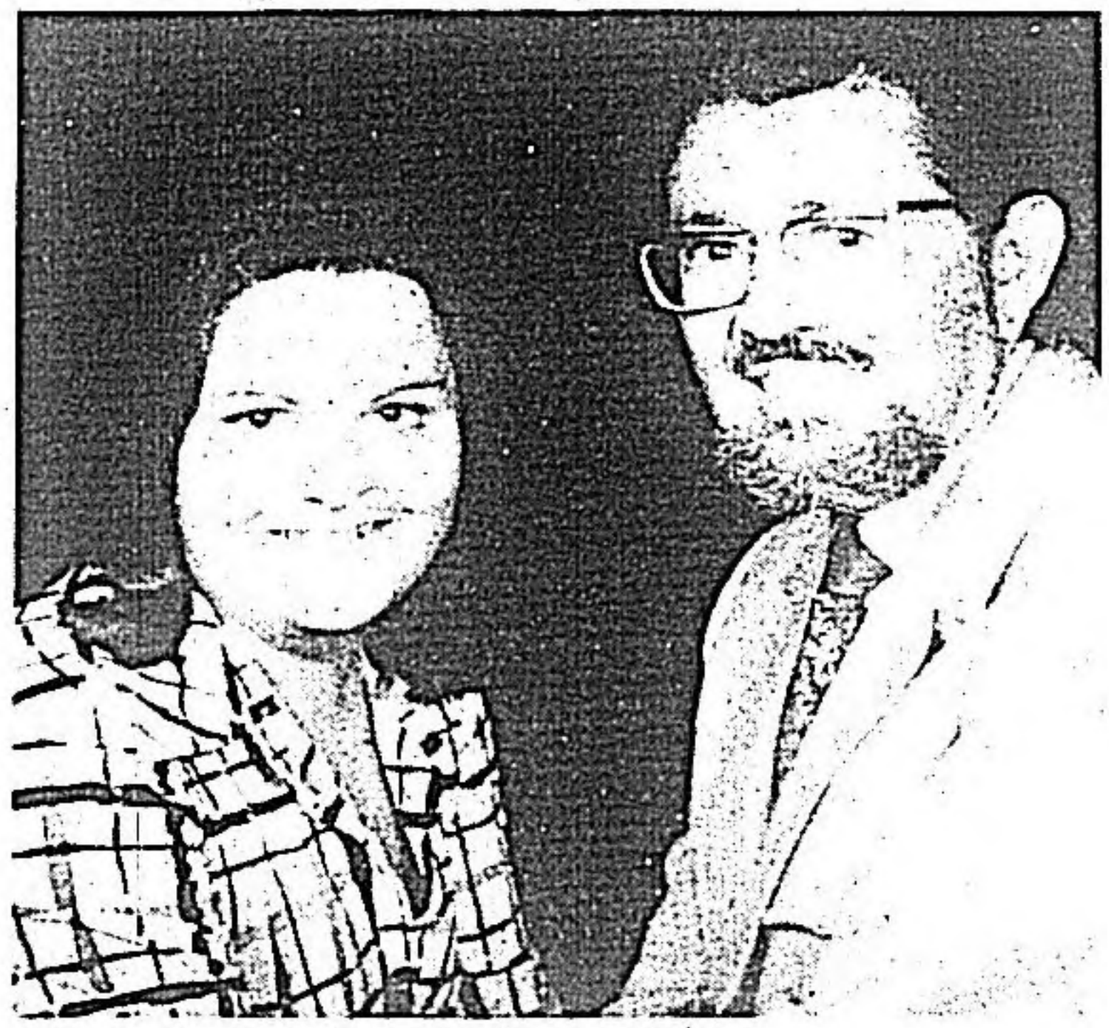
Sincerely,
J. B. NEWARK, NJ

NEW EQUIPMENT

Astara has just purchased a *Copy Proofer* for the print shop, equipment which enables us to omit an entire step in preparing illustrations for the *Voice* and new Lessons in the future. This means an important saving in time and materials, which enables us to avoid tuition raises even though costs of materials have increased greatly.

The cost of the *Copy Proofer* was $250. If you would like your donation to be applied to it this month, just write the words *Copy Proofer* on your donation envelope. Thank you.

WHAT ASTARIANS DO



by Hildegarde (Heidi) Olsen

Astarian Dr. Simone Vitale is a frequent and popular pulpit guest. Recently he and Mrs. Vitale combined their considerable backgrounds and talents to give the very young a headlong start in life. Danielle and he are the new owners of the Children's Corner—an unusual school in Glendale, California, which embraces farsighted teaching and training concepts for youngsters two through eight.

Both are of European origin; both have been in education most of their lives, and each has earned Doctorate Degrees in many allied fields. Their educational achievements have been recognized by the London Institute of Applied Research which last year conferred upon Simone the honorary Doctorate in Letters, and upon Danielle the honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters.

The Vitales believe the first six years of every person's life are the most important; that they determine what kind of man or woman the child will become. Their schools (they also have one in West Hollywood) emphasize self-discipline and independence; development of the child's intellectual capacity to help him gain knowledge compatible with his age, surround him with a joyful and orderly atmosphere which enables him to relate to others and to outer circumstances.

"We believe in the dignity of every human being, and it is our conviction that even little children have to be treated with respect, love and understanding."

(Heidi's Mini-Meditation for the month: Isn't this true for us all!)

THE FIREWALKERS OF FIJI

For fourteen days the Sawau tribesmen obey the Spirit of God by not indulging in the nourishment of coconuts or the favors of women. Now, on this special day of the Island, the power to control fire is theirs.

A river of rocks, heated in a circular pit by jungle logs, glow and crackle with the calls of Vara, the deaf and dumb goddess of the Island. The pig has been roasted in a clay oven and the pepper clamp roots have been gathered for the ceremonial drink known as yaqona.

In a hut enclosed by palm leaves, Jioji, Turaga, Suguta, Waibula, and others calmly wait the high priest's shout of "vuto-o" which will begin the firewalking ceremony. This is a remarkable ancient feat that causes neither pain nor burns and cannot be explained in purely medical terms.

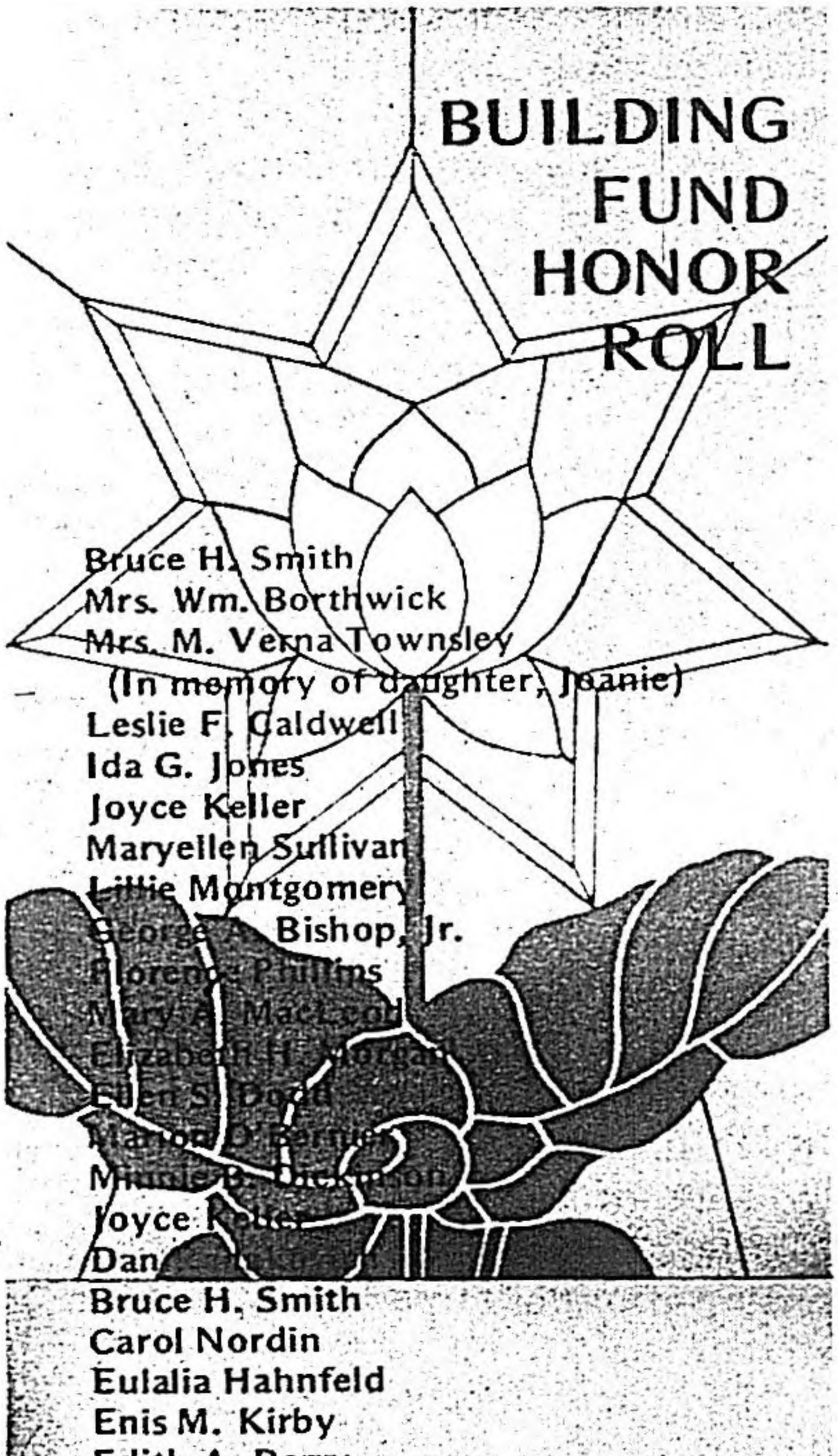
In this part of the world, the ancient secret of firewalking on red-hot stones belongs only to the people of Beqa, a hilly tropical island accessible by boat on a 20-mile trip from Suva. It is performed only on special occasions, usually to welcome a visiting chief or dignitary.

The Ceremony

Preparations are made by the villagers as they haul away the burning logs and level the pile of basketball-sized rocks which are hot enough to cook a meal.

"Vuto-o" shouts the high priest, an

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MATURITY means dependability, integrity, keeping one's word. The immature have excuses for everything. They are chronically tardy, the no-shows, the gutless wonders who fold in the crisis. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, unfinished business and former friends. —*Ann Landers*

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aging tribesman with gray, fuzzy hair. The word "Vuto-o" means "come forth". The firewalkers rush from the hut in their shirts of tree-leaf ferns and one by one walk deliberately back and forth across the fiery rocks. They reflect no discomfort and their feet show no burns. Gradually, the ceremony is over.

Medical authorities have tried to explain firewalking since 1935 when they visited Fiji for a ceremony. They agree that the firewalkers' feet are neither unusually tough nor thick, that neither protective substances nor opiates are used, and that the walkers react normally when painful stimuli, like burning cigarets, are applied to the soles of their feet before or after the performance.



"Like Chinese acupuncture, there just doesn't seem to be any medical explanation," says Dr. Deru Lomani, Fiji's Health Education Officer. "Medical authorities from all over the world have come here for years to study firewalking and have never been able to agree on the 'why' of it. The firewalkers are not in a trance, as are the American Indian coal-walkers. There was a suggestion once that the secret has something to do with the local rocks, but that theory was dismissed when firewalking was performed away from the island and rocks collected locally were used."

So the mystery of firewalking in Fiji is still a mystery.

(Adapted from an article by David Lamb)

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully acknowledge Memorial gifts to Astara from the following persons:

Maria T. Cameron, in memory of Karl.

Dorothy S. Plunkett, in memory of her father.

Carole Vallero, and Ruth R. White, in memory of Maree Chaney, Dr. Robert's mother.

After 4:45 p.m. weekdays, and throughout the day and night Saturdays and Sundays, all phone calls received at Astara's offices are recorded on tape.

If you call with a prayer request of for any other purpose, be sure to listen carefully to the instructions you will hear, then speak slowly and clearly. Give your name and address first, then your message.

DR. EARLYNE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

"REMEMBERING" IN NEW EDITION

The first full book to be published by Astara is the completely revised and much enlarged edition of Dr. Earlyne's autobiography, *Remembering, The Autobiography of a Mystic.* It is expected to be available early in July.

In this new edition, Dr. Earlyne has added descriptions of numerous psychic occurrences she has experienced, incidents of attunement with greater dimensions, insights into mystical teachings, and information about the founding and growth of Astara.

This month's *Voice* contains a further description of *Remembering*, and a prepublication offer which will enable you to reserve your copy from the first printing, and save money too.



Earlyne and George Perkins, Director of New Age Press, discuss REMEMBERING *manuscript.*