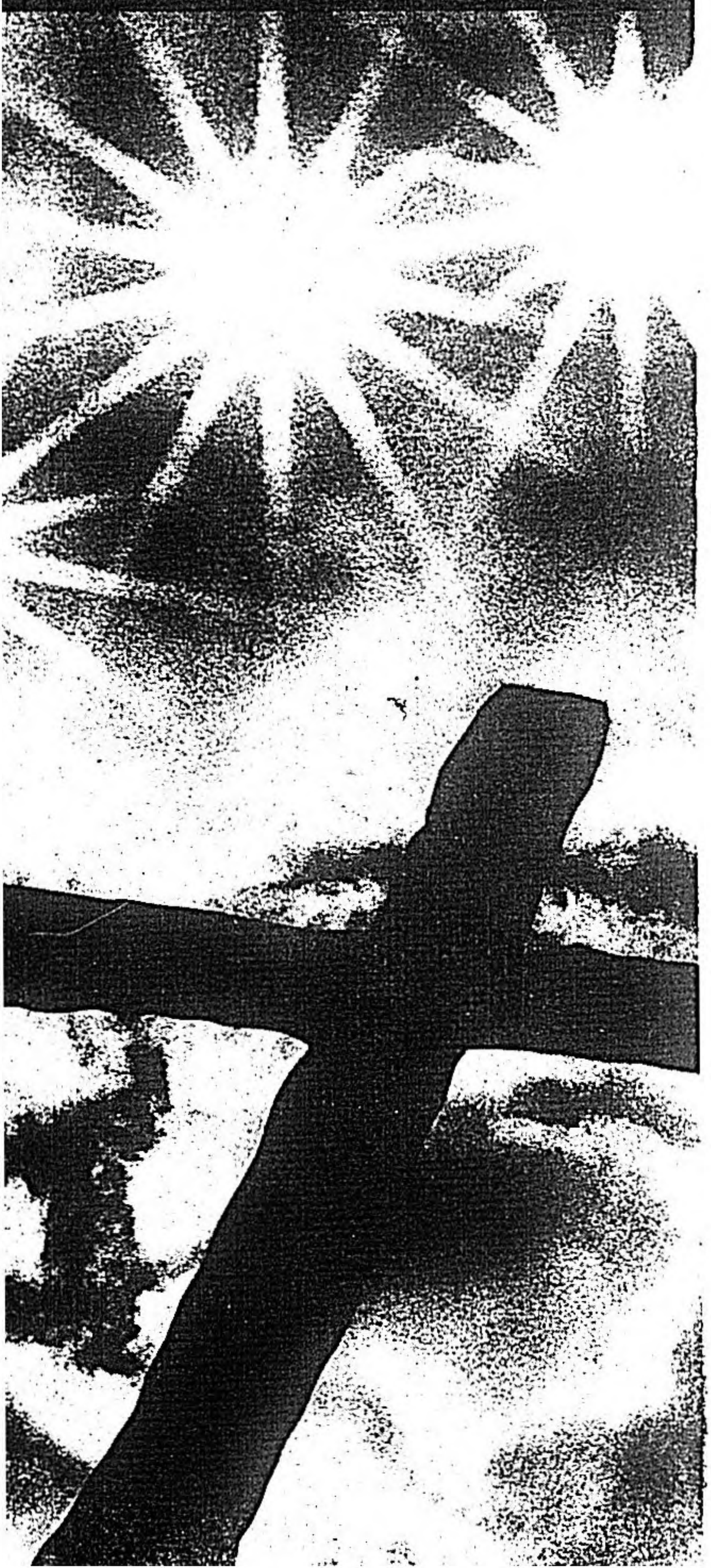
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CRUCIFIXION— RESURRECTION

The two events especially remembered by the Christian world at this time of year are filled with meaning far beyond their historical context.

Most everyone is aware of the symbolical message of crucifixion and resurrection as representing the impalement of matter on the physical level and liberation of the spirit to function on the spiritual level. Yet these meanings, significant as they are, often seem quite removed from our everyday lives.

To place Easter's symbology in a personal context, each person should ask a self-penetrating question: "Do I have a crucifixion consciousness or a resurrection consciousness?"

"Do I emphasize the force of outward conditions and persons on my life? Or do I amplify the power of my own spiritual nature to go beyond those restrictions?"

We are *in* the world and must to some extent be subject to its limitations, pains and sorrows. But we are not *of* the world and therefore the emphasis of our consciousness should not be exclusively bound to it.

It is the resurrection consciousness that enables us to transcend the deteriorating physical range of life and go onward into the more productive and eternal spiritual range. But to do so we must have that higher range fixed in the consciousness quite as frequently as the lower.

So remember often to ask yourself, "Do I really have a resurrection consciousness?" If the answer is, 'Yes," you are indeed on the Path.

MARCH PULPIT GUEST



Ronald S. Ross, President of International Asset Management, a Los Angeles personal financial management firm speaks at Astara Sunday, March 16, on the subject *Spiritual Consciousness and Worldly Assets.*

Although his vocation requires his working with leaders in the entertainment industry, royal families from other countries, bankers in several countries, etc., he has nevertheless been active in spiritual work since 1952. He has frequently lectured at colleges and New Age organizations about spacecraft, Atlantis and the world of phenomena, but has discovered there is an increasing hunger for a straightforward dialogue about spiritual consciousness which he will discuss at Astara.

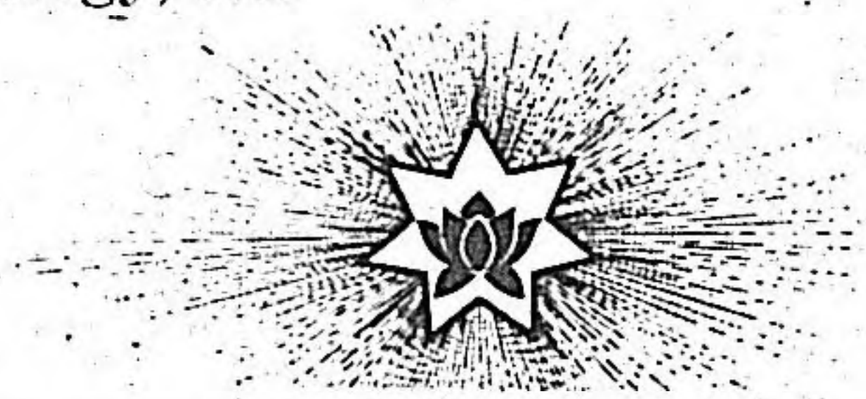
LODESTAR SEMINAR MARCH 22nd

The second Lodestar Seminar will be held at Astara Saturday, March 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is expected that Lodestar Seminars will be held on a fairly regular basis throughout the year to present various facets of Astara's teachings and allied intriguing subjects.

Attendance at Lodestar Seminars is by reservation only due to the limited number which can be accommodated. Therefore, reservations must be made in advance. Tuition is $10.00 — additional members in the same immediate family, $5.00 each. The fee includes a buffet luncheon.

Reservations may be made by mail or phone with Rodolfo Silva, Director of Membership Services. Persons out of the city who wish to attend may obtain information concerning motels and hotels in the vicinity from Dr. Silva.

Participants in the Seminar will include Doctors Earlyne and Robert, Swami Parampanthi, Rodolfo Silva, Jacelyn Eckman and Karinne Pevarnik and subjects will include the Ancient Wisdom, meditation, ESP, yoga, color psychology, etc.



SPIRITUAL ART SHOWING

Artist Lucile Hyland offers a special slide illustrated showing of her cosmic art Saturday evening, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Hyland narrates the showing with her explanation of the spiritual philosophy which the art depicts.

Those who have witnessed Mrs. Hyland's presentation state that it becomes like a meditation, lifting one to the spiritual level depicted in the art itself. Attendance is by donation.

MARCH STUDY CIRCLE

THE MYSTERY OF SYMBOLISM

Swami Parampanthi presents the Study Circle to explore 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 methods of self-development and self-fulfillment. Each evening begins with simple Yoga exercises to make the participant relax, and ends with a healing meditation.

In four Friday evenings in March, Swami Parampanthi will explore with his students a very different and profoundly interesting subject: THE MYSTERY OF SYMBOLISM. He has carefully selected four symbolisms of cosmic importance, which have inspired and eventually revealed the true meaning of ETERNAL TRUTHS to many a seeker. They are the symbolisms of the Cosmic Egg, Indian Trinity of Vishnu, Brahma and Siva, the Three Worlds, and the Heart.

These four Cosmic Symbols have guided and supported millions of seekers all over the world for thousands of years in their quest for Eternal Truths. Swami Parampanthi will explain how these symbols can be used as the occult keys in unlocking the mystery of existence, God and Soul. He will also show how, through meditation and reflection upon these symbols, the seeker of today may deepen his spiritual strength, gain new insights into life and attain profound truths.

March 7: The Symbolism of Cosmic Egg: The meaning of Brahmanda

March 14: The Symbolism of Vishnu, Brahma, and Siva: The laws of creation, preservation and re-creation

March 21: The Symbolism of Three Worlds: The high journey from earth to blissful heavens

March 28: The Symbolism of the Heart: The seat of life

These sessions may open new horizons of knowledge and lead to many surprising benefits spiritually and physically. You will have plenty of time to ask questions and creatively participate in all these classes. All are welcome! FREE-WILL OFFERING!

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A letter from Mexico recently arrived at headquarters addressed to:

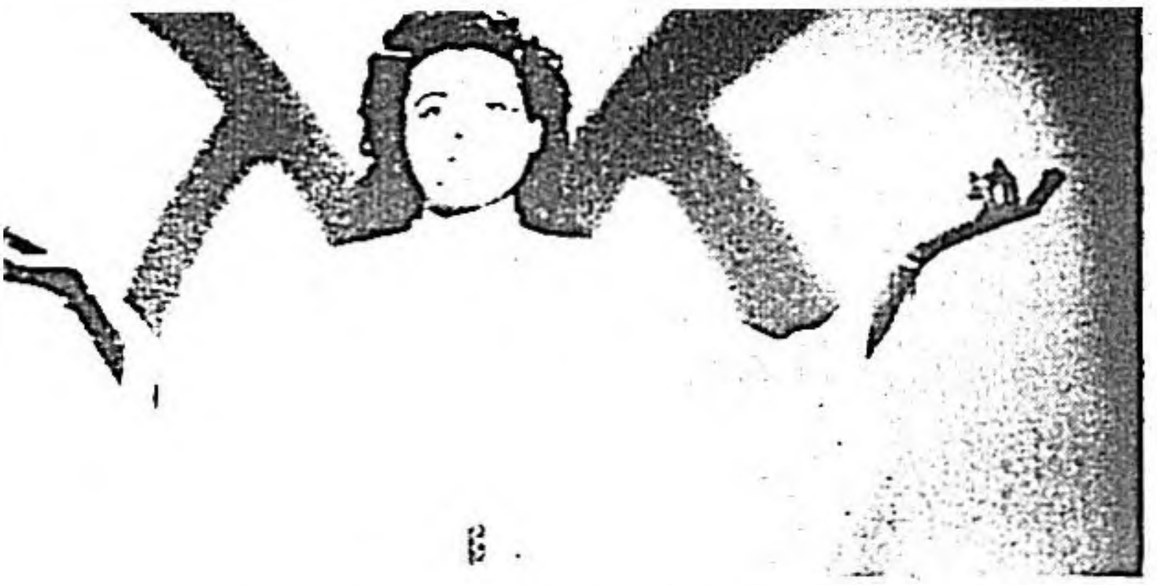
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The letter was promptly placed in Astara's Post Office box.

In the Spanish language Mariposa means butterfly. An alert, bilingual post office employee solved the puzzle and delivered the letter to the proper destination.

Once we made a test of postal delivery, asking a person in Michigan to address a card to us using numbers only — the Post Office box number and the zip code. No names appeared on the card. It was placed in our box the second day after being mailed.

Most postal employees do an excellent job of moving the mail, even though it frequently does seem to take longer than we'd like. So though we're sometimes critical of the service we also like to give a pat on the back when it's deserved.



An Astarian in Need Never Walks Alone

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

CONSTANT CHANNEL OF HEALING

Dear Earlyne:

In October of 1969, I became almost a total invalid by a spinal problem which caused a form of paraplegia. This was complicated by a sudden bout with a disease called, "encephalitis", a brain infection. It settled finally in my spine and muscles.

In July of 1973, it was discovered that I had a relatively rare blood disorder which, if untreated, destroys the muscular structure. This, on top of the lingering effects of encephalitis, which included extreme muscular spasms, loss of memory, epileptic type attacks, severe migraine headaches, high blood pressure, muscle failure and extremely comotose spells, almost killed me.

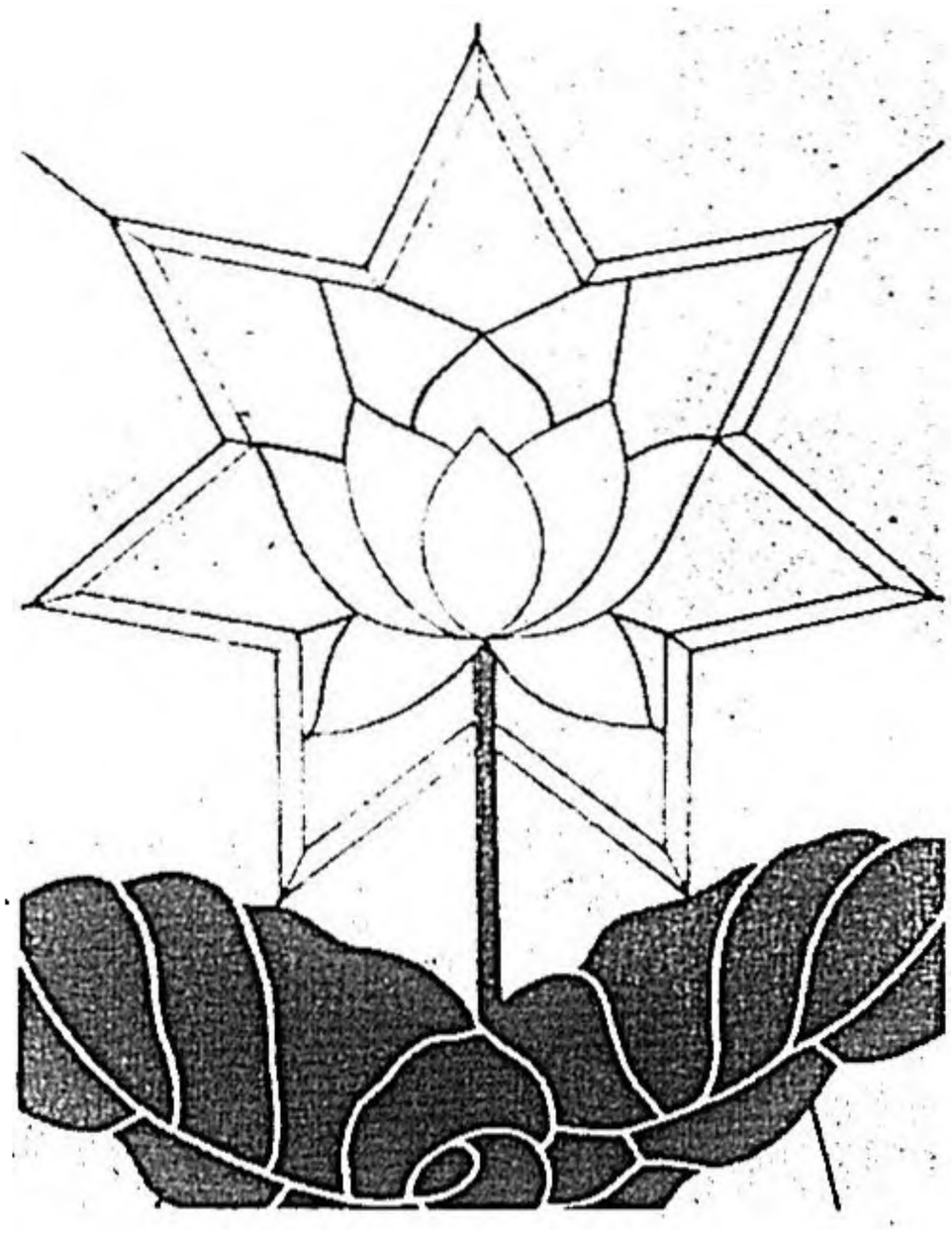
Finally, in January of 1974, I was prompted to seek out Astara and its teachings as there was very, very little logical reason why I should attempt to look forward to any real tangible relief, as every place and every doctor I consulted gave me no hope of recovery. I became a member of Astara officially in April, 1974. Since this time, I continued to regain control of my physical structure and total organism along with my doctors' continued perseverance, spiritual optimism, and my desire to become a useful member of society again. Several times I have felt as though I was being healed or treated by spiritual hands

and each time this occurs I am instantly lifted into another stabilized period of physical health. This cycle continues to occur periodically now every two or three months.

Because of Dr. Robert and Dr. Earlyne, I feel as though a new life has been granted to me to use as wisely as I can do so. My medical friend was amazed at my steadily improving health and has become interested in my spiritual progress and dedicated belief in "what you wish and strive for you get, if your heart and mind are uplifted into the channels of healing energies." Astara has become for me a constant channel of healing, a place of inspiration and through Astara I have found an even better life to live than ever before. And I thought I was blessed before as I did "live" when others had no hope.

But Astara and its philosophy and friendly, loving people have brought me to my present state of physical stability. I cannot say I'm totally cured yet, but I'm on the way! Thank you, God, for Astara!

Mrs. G.R., Maine



BOOK SHOP OPENS

Astara opens its new retail book shop located at 3811 West Third St., Los Angeles, at 10:00 a.m., March 1st. The shop will be open to the public and will offer Astara's books and those of other publishers.

The book shop became a sudden reality when two adjacent stores in the same building occupied by Astara's print shop became available. The cleanup and remodeling of the premises, purchase of fixtures and the accumulation of stock all were done in a few days in order to meet the opening date.

One of the features of the shop is to offer used books in all the areas related to Astara's teachings. We realize that many persons have used books which are not "in service" and it's too bad to allow the information they contain to remain on book shelves. If you have one or more books in our field which you no longer want, please donate them to us and we will see they are placed in circulation in the book shop as quickly as possible. It will help Astara, and someone else too!



Phil and Fred plan remodeling and layout of Astara's new public bookshop at 3811-3813 West Third Street.

NEW ESP BOOK ON THE WAY

Adventures in ESP is the title of the third book soon to be published in *Astara's Library of Mystical Classics.* The book is by Dr. Robert, and is a combination of three previously published lessons plus three additional chapters.

The original lessons (published for years at $2 each) are *Clairvoyance, Psychometry* and *Intuition.* To these Robert has added chapters on *The Art of ESP, Visualization — Vocalization — Vitalization,* and *The Aquarian Age Consciousness.*

A special pre-publication offer, good only until March 17, allows you to reserve one or more copies at $3.30 ($3.50 in California, includes tax), a saving from the bookstore price of $3.95. Postage is prepaid.

Copies of *Adventures in ESP,* ordered on the pre-publication offer, will be shipped March 31, or as soon as they arrive from the bindery. At this time we are ahead of schedule in production, so they may be available earlier.

Remember, the pre-publication discount offer is available only until March 17.

EARLY RISER

Dear Dr. Earlyne:

I spoke to you yesterday and did not tell you what a pleasure your two cassettes are to me.

I love them. I get up at 4:30 in the morning to go to work. I play them each morning while I get my day started — and I may say to a nice start.

Have you considered making another, directing us in a healing meditation?

Most sincerely,
R.M.C., Alhambra, California

THE SOLITUDE

by Swami Parampanthi

Solitude is man's inalienable sanctuary to which he must return again and again to refresh and replenish his mind, soul and body. It is the temple where his soul and God abide forever. It is his eternal storehouse of creativity, self-renewal and sanity.

Man inevitably participates in two worlds: the world of sound and activity and the world of silence and contemplation. He oscillates like a pendulum between activity and meditation, movement and rest, togetherness and aloneness. His life becomes perilous when it is only full of noise and ceaseless activity, when it is constantly in the vortex of unceasing pressure. He needs desperately that sanctuary of solitude which alone can restore his natural strength and renew his vitality to enable him to meet successfully the harsh challenges of life in the world.

Since time immemorial sages and philosophers, prophets and seers, thinkers and doers from all walks of life have frequently returned to solitude to contemplate, to communicate with their souls and God, to deepen their awareness, and to receive inner directions to fulfill their God-ordained destinies. It is imperative that today we follow the footsteps of our worthy predecessors.

The need has never been greater. We are surrounded by incessant activities, persistent pressure, and strident noises. Our life has become onesided. It has more sound than silence; it is crowded; it has no adequate privacy; it has no proper safeguard against the continual invasion from outside forces.

Solitude is not loneliness. It is the aloneness that rejuvenates and revitalizes. By bringing us face to face with our inner selves it forces us to review our lives and deepen our understanding of ourselves. By giving us a few precious moments of silence and peace it allows us to relax and thereby renew ourselves. It shelters us temporarily from the external forces and enables us to meditate and find our valuable link and kinship with the perennial fountain of our eternal Being. It bestows upon us sanity, serenity and composure.

To the unenlightened solitude may be a painful isolation; to the wise it is the ambience that bestows plenitude of life. Therefore, our journey into solitude must be a gradual one. It is not necessary to spend a great deal of time in solitude. One may begin spending a little time alone; one may begin to learn to savor the blissful moments of silence and solitude gradually. There should be no fear, no apprehension. One should embrace it openly and lovingly. Then, suddenly the fear is gone. There is a feeling, as in gentle sleep, of great peace, of great fulfillment. Then solitude becomes a rare period in one's life when one hears the voice of God and the divine music of one's soul. One may sit quietly in silence. One may meditate, review the past and anticipate the future. One may read and write. One may talk gently to God. One may simply relax and let the world go by as in a dream. Whatever may be the preoccupation in solitude, the reward of solitude is infinite.

If there exists a good and wise God, then there also exists a progress of mankind toward perfection.

— *Plato*

WHAT ASTARIANS DO



"You're made the face and body you live in!" so states Astarian Emegine Chevola, a "people-watcher" for over 50 years. For 20 years an Astarian, and having made the study of people her life's work, she now teaches a course, *"Head, Face and Hand Analysis,"* at Scottsdale (Arizona) Community College. Its focus is upon recognizing the potential, strength and weaknesses of the individual — all through observing oneself and others.

Emegine's curiosity about why people act the way they do led her into the field of metaphysics, then to study body analysis and to relate it to human behavior. She maintains that a person's health, vocation and personality are revealed in body analysis, principally in the structure of the head, face and hands.

She divides the face into three sections: the forehead, which indicates thinking and reasoning power; the nose section, which is related to energy; and the mouth and chin area indicating vitality and endurance.

"Different areas of the face give clues to the personality behind it," she says. "The brow section shows ability with language. People with short upper lips can't take criticism very well. Eyes set deep in the socket? The person probably is secretive and introspective. The hands show a good deal about their owners. For example, if they're habitually held in the open and move freely, that person is outgoing and frank. Whereas, if they're kept hidden, that one is secretive — doesn't tell all he knows. The size and shape of the head shows intellect, imagination, self-confidence, love, affection."

While Emegine uses traditional palm analysis, she is emphatic in the truth that each person, having his own choice of free will, can alter any potential indicated.

Emegine's mother was a medium from who she learned astrology, tarot cards and palm reading, This led her to find Astara eventually and to incorporate with the teachings all other metaphysical classics, from which she has derived a vast knowledge about people and their behavior.

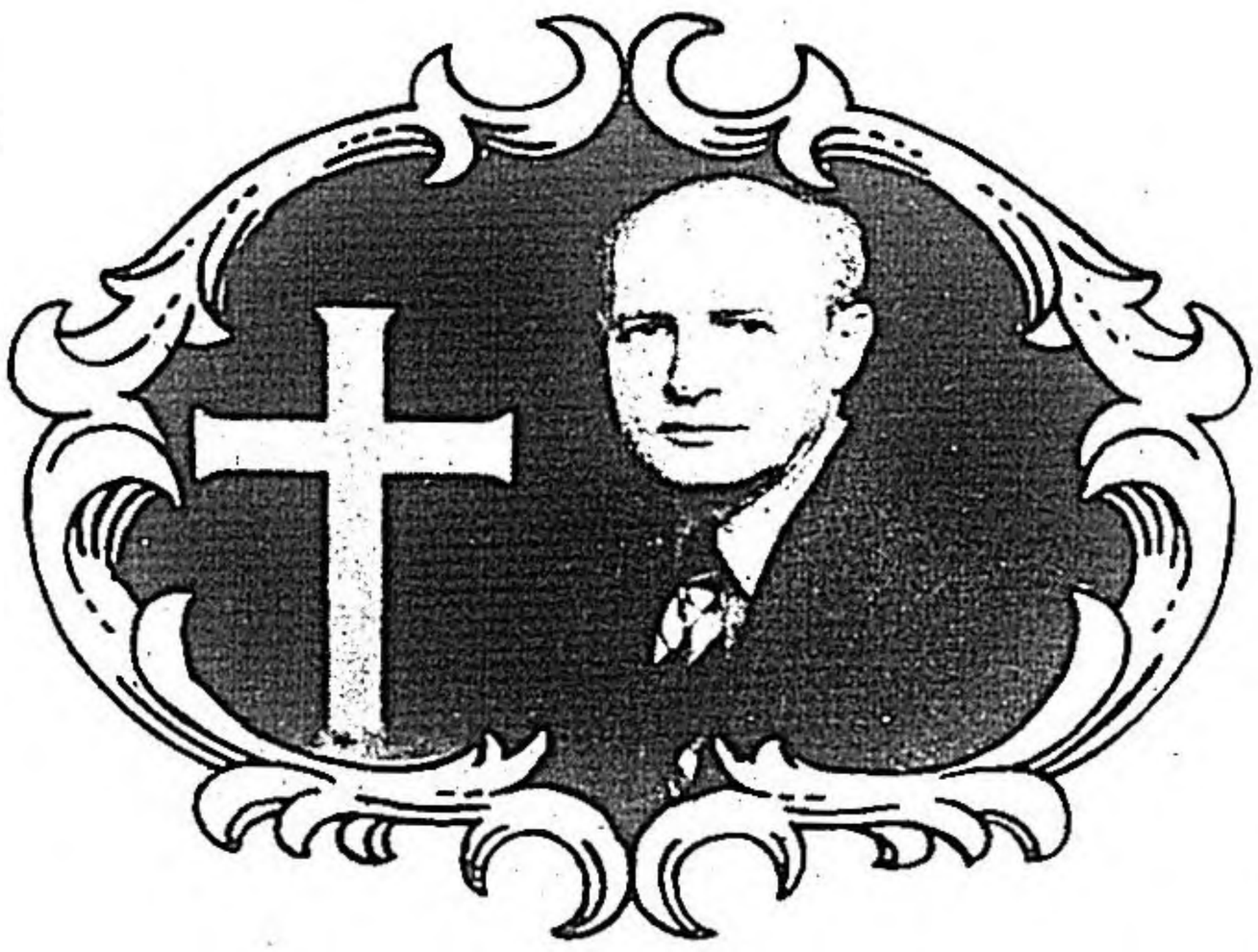
"We all need to know ourselves better," says Emegine. "We just don't look closely enough."

Which goes to prove that, while a book may not be known by its cover, for those with eyes to see, we're open books.

—John Costello



Earlyne reads recent newspaper article featuring Astarian Emegine Chevola.



A Visit with Robert

March, 1975

Dear Fellow Astarian,

As the days of this month pass, the voice of Easter once more becomes clearer in the consciousness, telling us again the thrilling truth that those we've loved have simply left the realm of matter to take up residence in the realm of spirit.

Through the years I believe that Easter has been the holy day I've cherished most. I can remember many of them, of course, some warmed with golden sunshine and others laced with snow or sleet. But whatever the outer weather has been, Easter has always brought an inner light, a greater appreciation for knowledge gained, especially of those whose light now gleams in the many mansions.

Slowly but surely the scientific community approaches the same realization. We recently attended a preview showing of Psi-Search at the Los Angeles County Museum of Science and Industry. It's an exhibit depicting some of the history of, recent experiments in, and possible future of psi research of various kinds. After showing

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here through March the exhibit will travel to other cities and I recommend your seeing it if possible.

This last month certainly has been a busy one at Astara. In addition to our large meeting with Bernadene Villanueva at the Scottish Rite Temple we've had our first Lodestar Seminar here at headquarters. Then there has been a lot of work in connection with publishing Adventures in ESP. If you've ordered a copy I hope it will be on its way to you within a week or so after you read this.

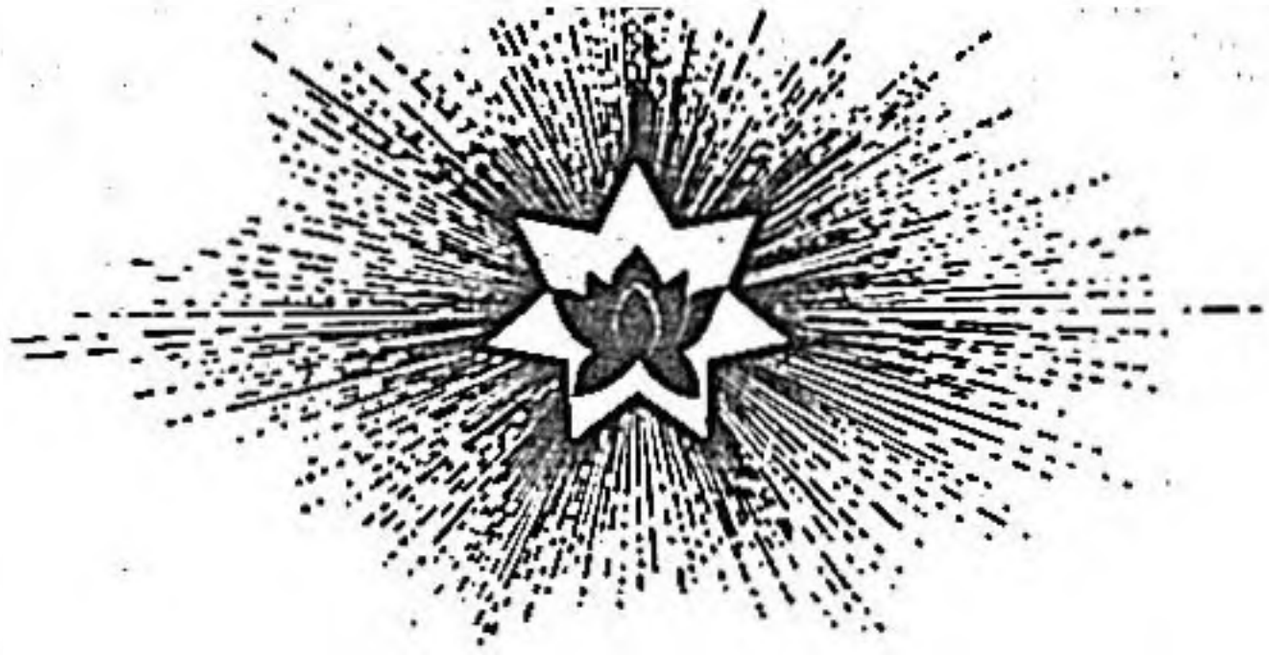
We've also been seeing to all the details involved in opening Astara's public bookshop. It seems easy of course; there are a couple of store buildings available, just install a bookshop. Next thing you know you're involved in selecting paint colors, carpeting, bookkeeping systems, having fixtures built, deciding on stock, decorations, advertising, sales personnel and countless other factors.

But the bookshop will help us reach many persons who would otherwise never know of Astara, so it's all very worthwhile. In a way, it's as though Astara and its members have added another light to their collective consciousness, the resurrection kind of consciousness, and this year Easter will have an added dimension of meaning for us all.

Best wishes--

Most sincerely,

Robert



"Behold, I Make All Things New!"

There's something about that promise which belongs to budding springtime — a pattern of hope which produces courage to overcome defeat. And we try again.

Easter is never late, for the sun, moon and stars in their circling courses ordain it "The first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox." And the time returns when the perennial Spirit of Life inbreathes renewal into earth's atmosphere.

Easter brings its annual invitation out of Eternity for us to know newness of life — just as life sprouts from a kernel of wheat lying dormant for two thousand years in an Egyptian tomb.

Easters shall last on! We have the Eternal Promise: *"Behold, I make all things new!"*

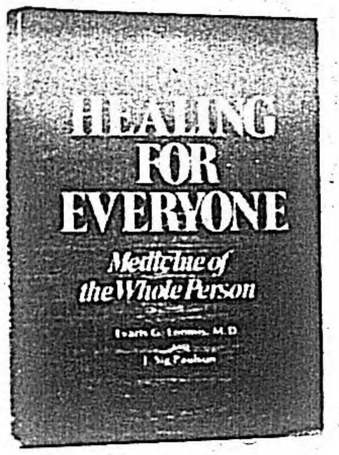
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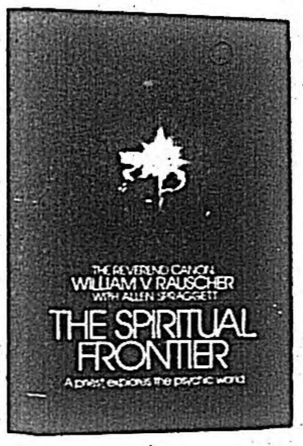


( ) HEALING
FOR EVERYONE ....(c)...$8.50
by Evarts G. Loomis, M.D.
and J. Sig Paulson

In this new book on "medicine of the whole person," a physician and a minister have blended their talents to explore the physical, mental and spiritual elements that make up the complete human being.

Dr. Loomis gives an in-depth treatment to the importance of nutrition, exercise, the glands, harmony and balance in medicine, and the individual's progress through illness to Self-realization.

The concluding chapter gives the minister's viewpoint. Rev. Paulson says, "Our health is the universal activity of wholeness (God, Love, Life) individualized in us according to our desire, decision, delight."



( ) THE SPIRITUAL
FRONTIER.....(c)...$7.50
by the Rev. Canon William V. Rauscher with Allen Spraggett.

"A priest explores the psychic world" is the theme of this absorbing new book that takes a penetrating look at the truth and beauty in honest talents demonstrated by professional mediums, and the deplorable, unwarranted fraud often resorted to by the dishonest psychic. Related instances of scientifically inexplicable healings, evidences of "reincarnation," and other paranormal events should be of interest to the skeptic as well as the believer. While warning against the dangers of irresponsible psychic pursuits, Canon Rauscher maintains that true psychic research is compatible with Christian thought.



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Swami Parampanthi rightfully assumes you are an individual with personal tastes and needs in meditation as in food and dress. In this book he enables you to create your own experiments and personal meditation program. You need not attempt to fit yourself into the same mold with thousands of others. From the meditation methods given here, make your own creative combinations expressly suited to your purposes.

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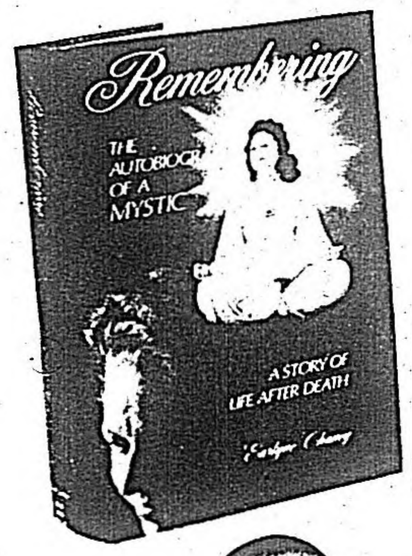
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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A MYSTIC

By Earlyne Chaney

Do you believe unseen beings guide our lives?

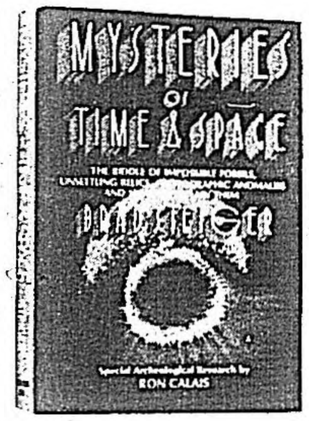
Do you believe a Great Master from the Otherside of life can guide one toward a marked destiny and mission? Do you believe in life after death? — and that a loved one can return to tell of continued life? Do you believe we have lived before? Do you believe you can dream again and again of someone from a past life? — and then find them again in *this* life? Do you believe yoga, meditation and certain spiritual disciplines can lead to experiences in Cosmic Consciousness? — experiences which can change your life? If you believe any of these things, share the journey of Earlyne Chaney as she unfolds her true story in *Remembering — The Autobiography of a Mystic.*





"Remembering contains a continuous stream of sensible advice about the Path toward Self-Knowledge—through personal effort. In India we call this 'sadhana.' These insights are beautifully illustrated in this admirable book."

—Swami Satyananda of India



( ) MYSTERIES OF TIME AND SPACE..(c)...$7.50

by Brad Steiger

Impossible fossils, unsettling relics, photographic anomalies...graphically described and illustrated with thirty photographs. A solution offered for the underlying patterns of such mysteries is that "the process is still going on, leading the investigator on to a grasp of the next universal lesson. Also dramatically recounted are sightings of UFO landings, and experiments that suggest a simple electrical field can open a gate between the worlds. The archeological findings are from research by Ron Calais.

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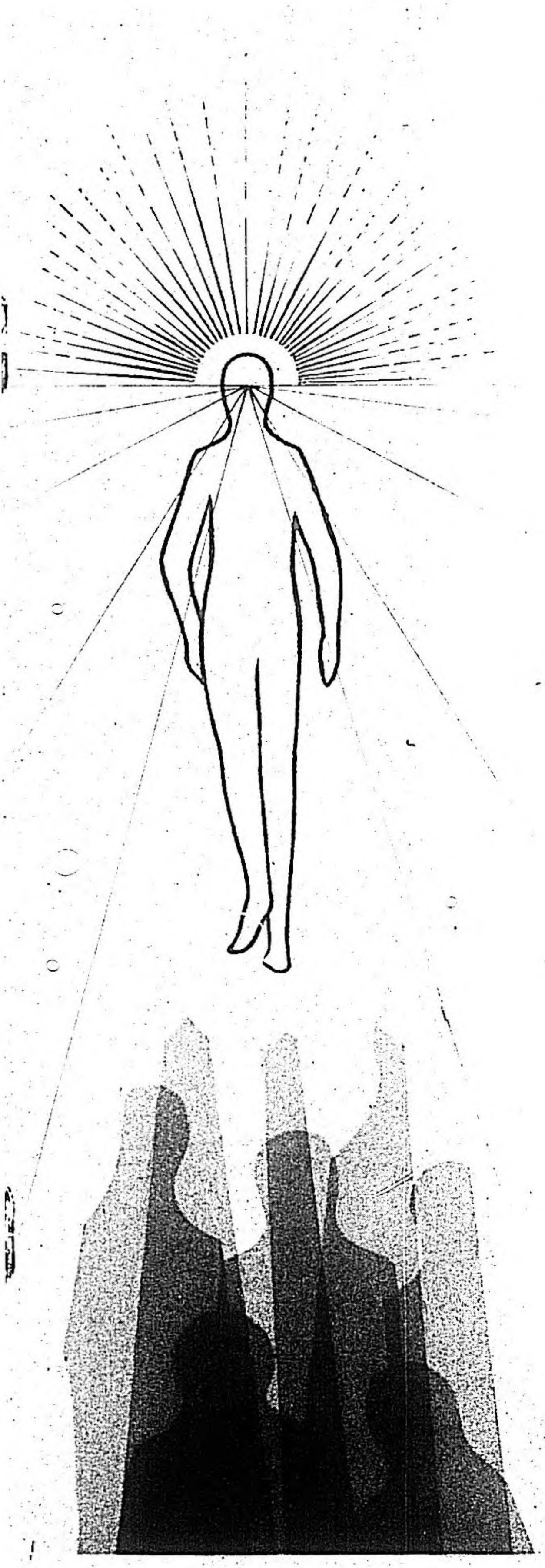
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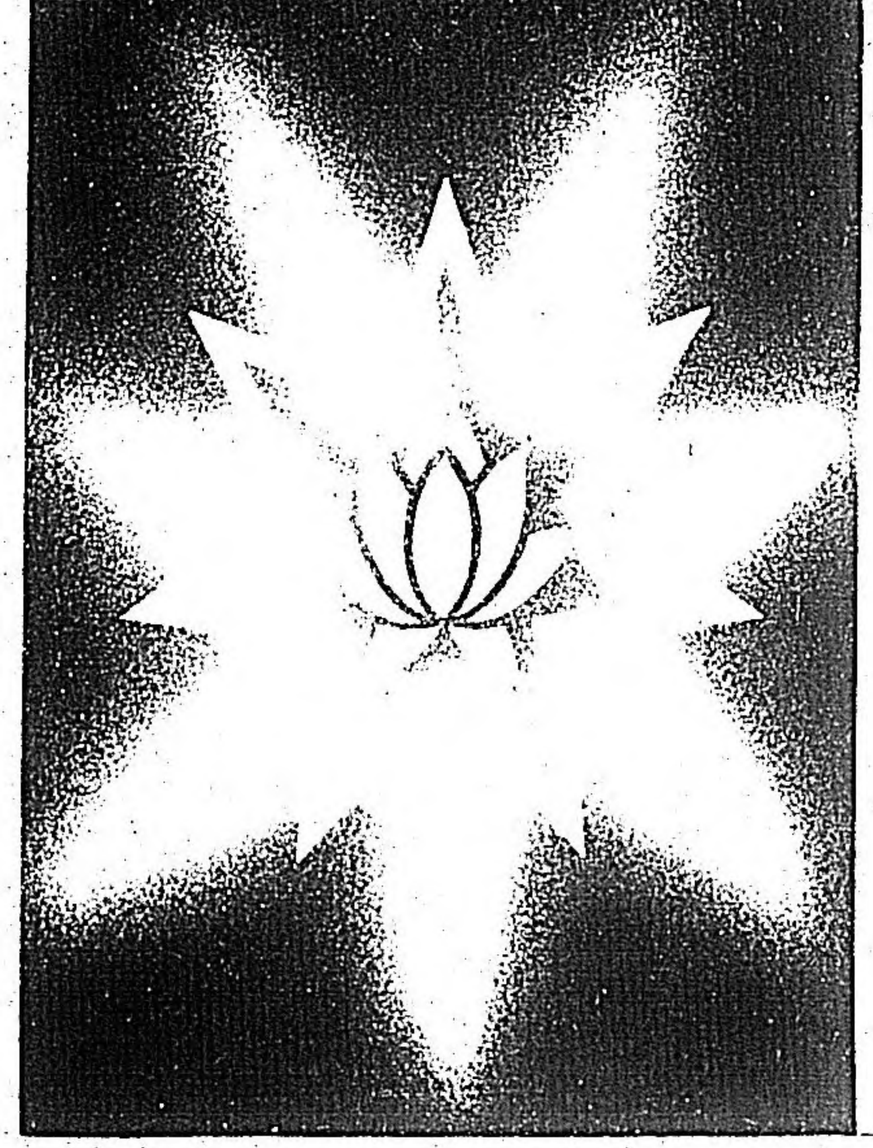
. . . emerges the dawn of a new age. And striding in the forefront of man's journey to that golden dawn are those venturesome spirits who, even while the shadows lie about them, see the shining radiance of the new man.

Lustrous visions of eternity's higher levels become visible to those who open their inner sight. The mechanism of spiritual optics, the channels of deeper perception, come to those whose knowledge differs from that of ordinary man, those whose wisdom transcends common knowledge.

The teachings in your next Lessons provide this kind of illumination. They are for those who aspire to lead the way . . . Those few who are becoming focal points of light for the many who follow . . . those who sense a personal destiny that places them in the vanguard of the transition to the next plateau of human understanding and accomplishment.

Use the Continuation Form on the reverse side of this page for additional Astarian Lessons.

astarian healing petition



1. Fill in the Petition.
2. Concentrate a moment upon the Astarian Symbol.
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4. Each day sit in meditation for a few moments, visualizing yourself in an aura of White Light.

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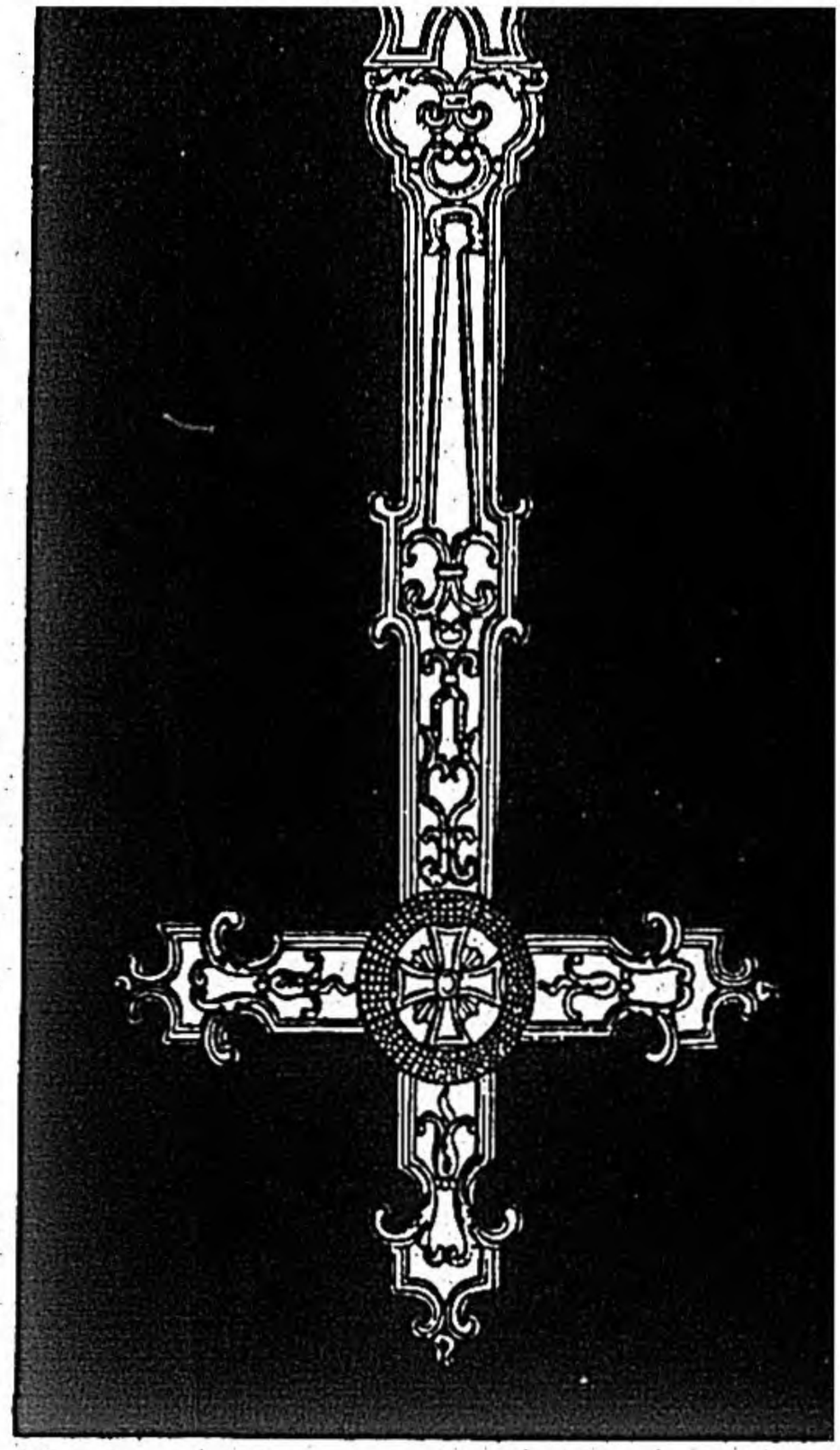
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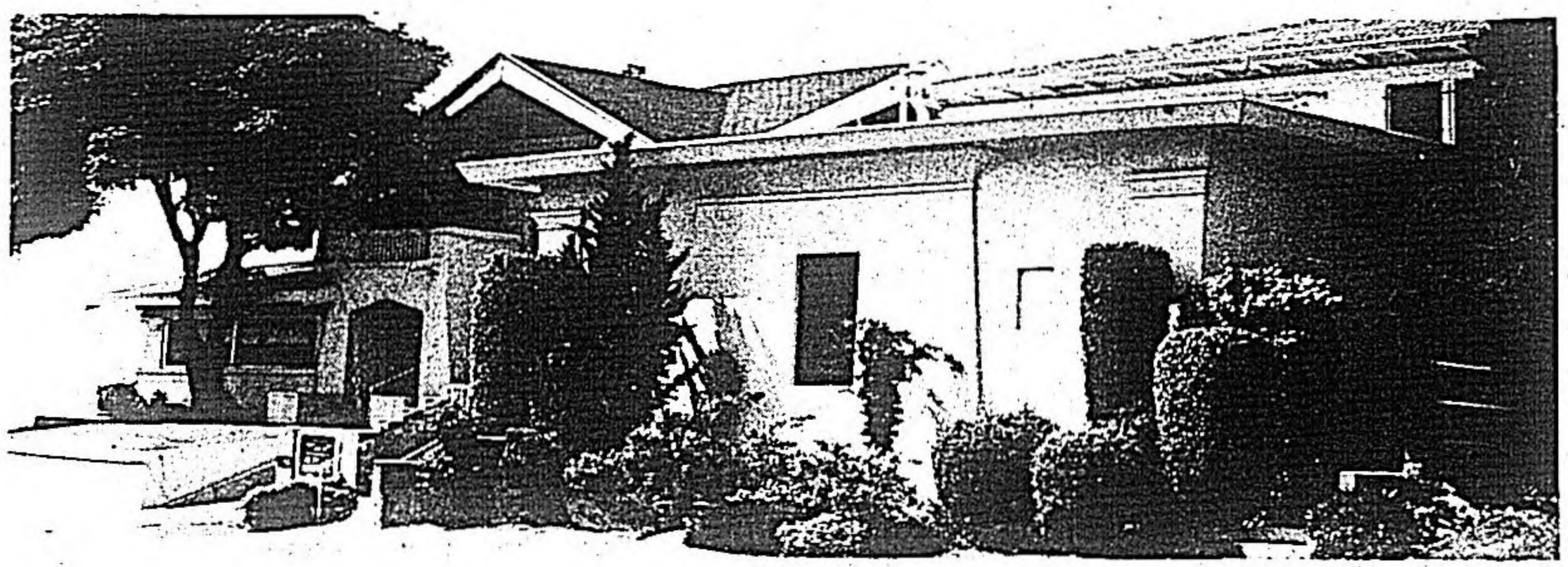
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"Behold, I Make All Things New!"

THE ASTARIAN AFFIRMATION

I am surrounded by the Pure White Light of the Christ . . .
Nothing but good can come to me . . .
Nothing but good shall go from me . . .
I give thanks!



What Astara Does For Its Members

1 . . . Astara provides an organized plan of study for enlightenment and soul progression. The studies included in this plan cannot be obtained through any academic institution, and many of them are not available through any other source whatsoever.

2 . . . Astara attempts healing illnesses and inharmonious conditions of every nature through prayer and the power of rightly oriented and directed consciousness.

3 . . . Astara interprets and adapts the eternal truths for your practical use in today's world.

4 . . . Astara directs you toward a new relationship between yourself and the Cosmos by explaining many of life's enigmas, seeming injustices and inequalities.

5 . . . Astara teaches how to develop inner faculties which are higher than the physical senses.

6 . . . Astara inspires and motivates toward living in accord with the eternal spiritual principles which all the great religions have presented.

7 . . . Astara provides a world-wide spiritual brotherhood which transcends denominational as well as national boundaries.

Astara implements the realization of these seven objectives by means of:

a. Printed lessons and recordings which are distributed to its international membership.

b. Religious services and classes of instruction at the Los Angeles headquarters.

c. A book department which provides a select list of noteworthy titles at a membership courtesy discount.

d. The Voice of Astara, a gratis publication containing articles of philosophic interest and Astarian news, sent to members monthly.

e. Correspondence with members throughout the world.

Thus, through these activities, Astara serves "the whole man."

PEOPLE AT ASTARA



Deborah L. King

Debbie is not only a native of California, she's a native Angelino. She was born in Los Angeles 20 years ago, and joined Astara's staff 2 years ago, shortly after her graduation from L.A. High where she was a Business major.

Not all was typing and learning business machines, though. She was into volley ball, and belonged to the Pep Club which backs up cheer leaders at sports events. (I don't remember a Pep Club when I attended L.A., but do recall that I had a crush on the head cheer leader.)

Debbie processes requests for Astara's introductory literature from our advertising in periodicals, and also sends it to persons whom Astarians have recommended. Hers is a complicated series of records to keep. She codes each sending of literature by source — referral or inquiry. When a "coded" application for membership is returned from one of these mailings, she pulls the card she has made for her files. This way the inquirer or referred person won't receive a "follow-up" letter to ask if Astara still might be of interest to them. She also checks all initial-coded sources of literature requests against membership applications so we have an idea of which advertising medium offers the best area to reach those who are seeking further enlightenment.

Our vivacious little girl loves to cook (tacos and spaghetti), listens avidly to today's pop music, goes to a drive-in for a hamburger after a movie with her friends, adores to shop either to look or buy (which is why she dresses so cute and mod). Astrology is another of her many interests.

She is part of a large and loving family, and lives at home. "Many of the best times are with them," she says, "although drive-ins and movies and shopping are fun too."

Debbie considers each inquirer or referred person to be a friend, and she has many of them all over the world.

— Heidi Olsen

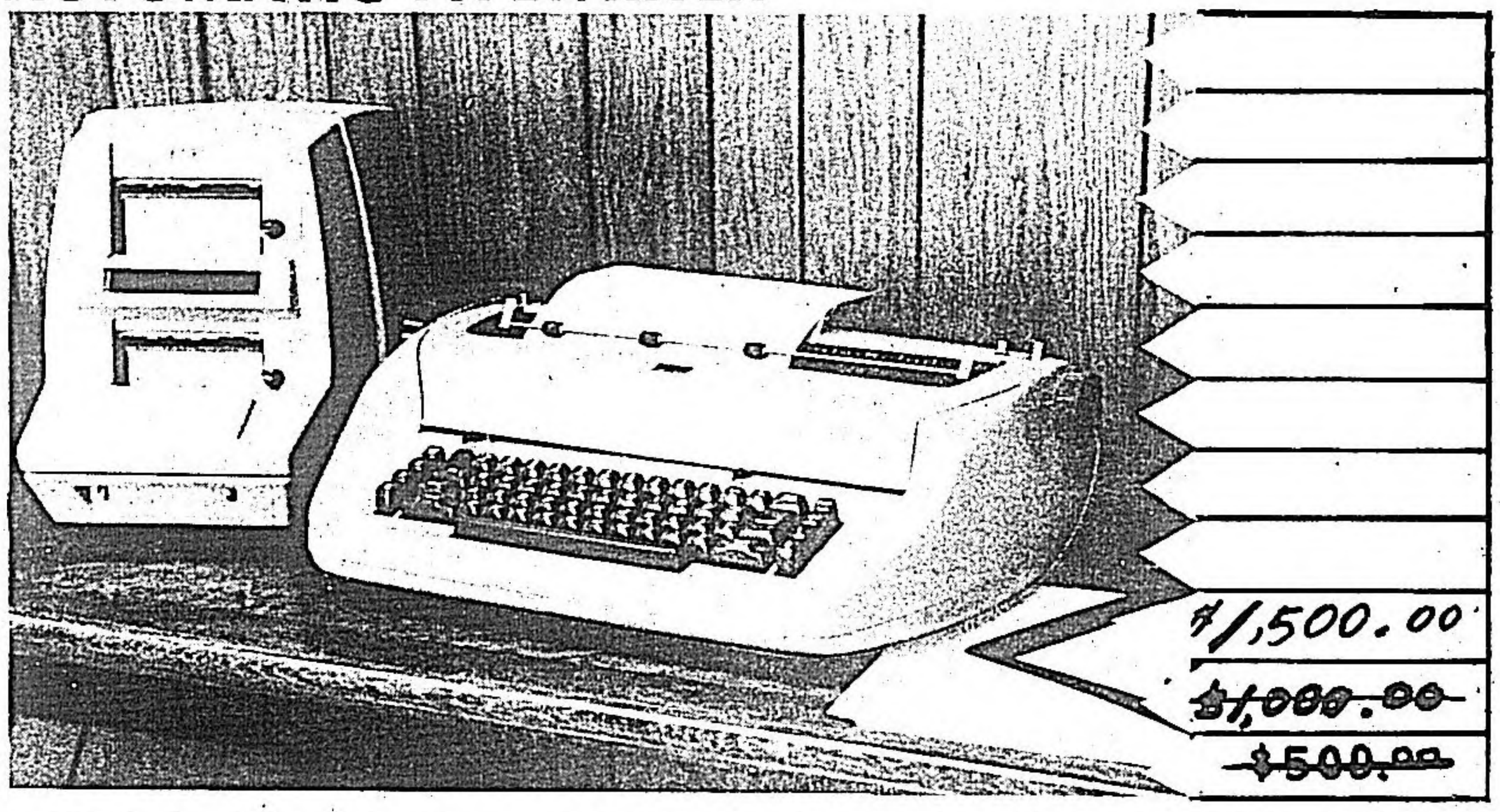
"REMEMBERING"

Dear Dr. Earlyne:

Just last night I finished reading your marvelous book. For a year and five months I have been a member of Astara, and on many occasions I have sought and found comfort within the Brotherhood. My slow but diligent study of the first degree of Astara's Book of Life *has taught me many things. I have learned how to better cope with the many obstacles that I often find in my path. It seems that I must have really built up a lot of karma in a past life, but with the love that I feel both for and from Astara I am now sure that I am on the right path.*

Remembering *is a very beautiful and inspiring book, and will always rank as one of the most wonderful*

AUTOMATIC TYPEWRITER



To help with the flood of correspondence that flows through Astara's offices, we have just purchased a new automatic typewriter that types at 175 words per minute from a cassette tape.

This high-speed automatic typewriter is a replacement for an older model that has served us for years but is no longer able to function.

The purchase price of the typewriter is $6,372. Donations thus far plus a $500 tradein total approximately $2,500, leaving a balance due of $3,872.

If you would like to donate toward the purchase of this typewriter, please just write the word "typewriter" on your offering envelope in this month's *Voice*. Thanks for your help.

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books that I have ever read. With each page I felt a growing warmth and love for the pure heart that searched for and found her God. The story of your life is a beautiful masterpiece, one that is now written upon my heart.

Please remember me in your prayers and meditations and know that you have a very dear place in my heart.

Your Honored Friend and Brother,
Michael A. Ard
Rt. #1, Bonnieville, KY 42713

Greetings:

I think Earlyne Chaney who is the author of Remembering — the Autobiography of a Mystic — has established a classic of appreciative merit.

I bought a copy of her book which I read with much enjoyment. January 6, 1975 I presented the copy to the St. Louis Public Library, located on 14th and Olive Sts. I will make an effort to buy one or more copies of the book to be placed in other St. Louis libraries.

In my estimation your book is a classic — plus — of "lasting merit."

Sincerely,
Stella M. Stroecker
6304 Oakland Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63139

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Work and thou canst not escape the reward; whether thy work be fine or coarse, planting corn or writing epics, so only it be honest work, done to thine own approbation, it shall earn a reward to the senses as well as to the thought. No matter how often defeated, you are born to victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



The doors to the Temple face the California sun and need frequent refinishing.

I OPEN MY EYES

I open my eyes
In search of light:
I know that peace is still
While I close my eyes
In the omnipresent glow.

SOLITUDE

And God created the stillness of the earth
For those who need the silence
To hear their thoughts.
Silver chords of airy pines
Are answers to your quiet thoughts
As if the confessor of the trees
Will pass no judgement
On what you may be pondering.
Could the particles of quiet beauty
Around you be created without
The purpose of man's need
For solitude amid the grandeur
Of the world with us?

Marlene Testeet

HEAVEN

How can Heaven e'er surpass
The loves I've known here?
And all the beautiful things
I've held so dear?

How can Heaven reproduce
The music I've heard here?
And all the poetry that sings
Year after year?

How can Heaven give to me
The undeniable thrill
Of beauty, music and love?
My heart just KNOWS! . . . *IT* will . . .

J. Lucille Coulam
San Antonio, Texas

THE MYSTERY OF TWELVE

by Hildegarde (Heidi) Olsen

Easter comes early in 1975, falling on the last Sunday of March, the third month. Perhaps this is appropriate, since the number 3 reminds us of the Trinity, and it is the Son's resurrection which Christendom will be celebrating on the 30th.

Several combinations of numbers reduce to the mystic number 3, including the date of the 30th. For the sake of this article, let's explore the number 12 (1+2 = 3). Twelve is fascinating in itself.

Have you ever wondered why there are 12 people on a jury? It's because the court astrologers of old, who were in charge of selecting the panel, chose one person born under each of the 12 signs of the zodiac. The idea was that this would bring together every type of individual to arrive at the most just verdict. Now let's consider other "twelves" in our lives.

Everyday Twelves

We have 12 hours to a day and 12 to a night; 12 months a year; 12 inches to a foot; 12 items to a dozen; 12 notes in the traditional musical scale. There are four cardinal points in our compass. Multiply these by our three dimensions of length, width and depth, and you have 12.

Might this not also suggest correlation with the alchemists' four symbolic worlds of earth, air, fire and water and their three mystical substances of mercury, sulphur and salt? Multiply these esoteric numbers and you arrive at another 12.

Twelves in the Bible

There are the traditional 12 days of Christmas, which brings us to some of the *dozens* of references to 12 in the Bible. In the Old Testament we find the 12 tribes of Israel; the 12 prophets; the 12 patriarchs; 12 stones in the altar, to name but a few. The New Testament tells us that Jesus was 12 when he confounded the temple priests with his wisdom. He selected 12 Apostles. In Gethsemane he stated he could call upon more than 12 legions of angels. Other references to 12 are in the Book of Revelation. St. John speaks of the 12 stones of the sacred city and 12 jewels in the heavenly crown. He, too, was echoing the ancient wisdom teaching that the cosmic number 12 symbolized the Great Work . . . man's ascension to godhood.

Twelve Is Cosmic Pattern

Pythagoras proposed that the dodecahedron (a 12-sided geometric form) was, allegorically speaking, the foundation of the universe. Manly P. Hall writes: *Throughout all time the path of discipleship has consisted of 12 steps or degrees. The ancients frequently referred to them as the Twelve Great Labors that lead to Perfection.* Mythology tells this story of the soul's journey in the person of Hercules and his Twelve Labors. *The cosmic pattern of twelve may be found through all the universe.* This implies both the seen and unseen worlds.

Esoteric Twelves

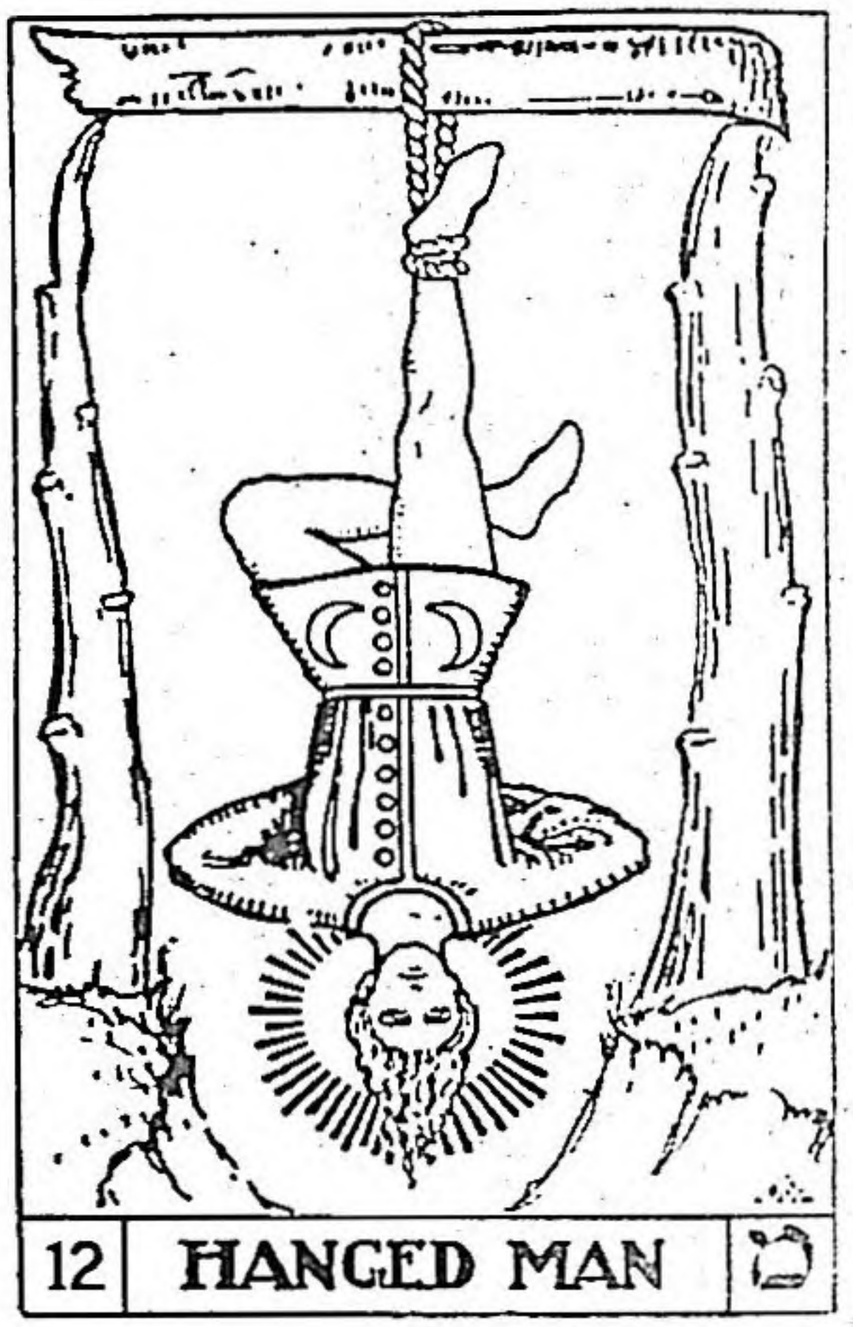
Although we know of only nine planets, mystery teachings tell us there actually are 12 in our solar system. The other 3 are in an etheric state, and not yet visible to earthly eyes. Mystics recognize 7 Cosmic Rays through which man today expresses, and they tell us that one day there will be 12. Mystics liken the legendary 12th-century King Arthur's Knights of the Round

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Table to the 12 spiritual centers in the head which man one day will have activated. Their quest was the Holy Grail, another terminology for the Twelve Steps or Labors leading to initiation. Masons will recognize the initiatory significance of 12, as will Rosicrucians.

Card 12 of the Tarot



The Tarot is a strange deck of cards whose origin is unknown. Eliphas Levi accepted the theory that it sprang from Hermes Trismegistus, or Thoth, counsellor to the Egyptian god Osiris. Some scholars think it came from India . . . others from China, and that it was introduced into Europe by the Arabs, or the Moors, or the ubiquitous gypsies. In any event, the ancient Tarot contains the symbolism of the Great Arcana. It tells the story of man's journey from the dark to the light.

The 12th card of this deck is the Hanged Man. He is suspended upside-down by his left foot from a crossbar placed upon two uprights. His right leg is akimbo, bending behind the left at the knee, which roughly forms an inverted 4. The three limbs of the gibbet multiplied by the 4 of the man equal 12.

Each upright bears 6 cut-off branches, a total of 12, denoting the cycle of our sun through the 12 zodiacal signs. This also correlates with the passage of our solar system through the 12 cosmic ages as it circles the Great Central Sun.

Twelve Labors Almost Done

The meanings one can infer from this 12-card are many. Among them is that the Hanged Man's "twelve labors" are coming to an end, for he appears to be not the least distressed by his seeming plight. His face is tranquil as his eyes look heavenward. He is still earthbound to a degree and, if he has not as yet achieved Perfection, he is at least partially free. As the coins falling from his pockets indicate, he is letting go of the "things of earth." His journey from dark to light is nearly over. His resurrection is imminent. He, too, will soon achieve what the Christ accomplished on Calvary — the miraculous event we have celebrated for 2000 years, and will again on the 30th day of this 3rd month of 1975. EASTER . . . the promise . . . the culmination.

IN MEMORIAM

We give thanks to the following persons who have made memorial gifts to Astara.

Karen E. Eckert in memory of her grandmother, Catherine K. Phillips.

Ruth Betzner in memory of her mother, Lillian Betzner.

Deloris J. Gibson in memory of her father, Samuel A. Jennings.

Dorothy L. Angil, Celia McGinty, Hartford and Isabeau Davis in memory of Yvonne Ferrari.

SPEAKERS AT ASTARA FOR MARCH, '75



Ron Ross



Swami Parampanthi



Rodolfo Silva



Robert and Earlyne Chaney

March 2: THE DIVINE-HUMAN RELATIONSHIP
Robert Chaney

March 9: REFLECTION
Rodolfo Silva

March 16: SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND WORLDLY ASSETS
Ron Ross speaking
Robert Chaney, healing service

March 23: THE MYSTICAL MESSAGE OF PALM SUNDAY
Swami Parampanthi speaking
Rodolfo Silva, healing service

March 28: THE SPIRITUAL COMBAT
Good Friday Rodolfo Silva
2:30 P.M.

March 30: TWO EASTER SERVICES: 11:00 — 2:30
THE SEAMLESS ROBE, a monologue written by Pauline Machamer Watkins, dramatized by Earlyne Chaney
Robert Chaney, healing service

Apr. 6: THE AWAKENING
Rodolfo Silva

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