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THE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

IS IT ALWAYS TRUE?

By THE IMPERATOR



SOME years ago I wrote an article for one of our magazines, or perhaps it was an editorial discussion, in which I presented the idea that, on the basis of the argument

"If you see it in print, it must be true," *there should be thousands or*

millions of persons in the United States and throughout the world who believe that there is a giant living up at the top of some types of beanstalks and there are mystical worlds in which there are fairies living, and so forth, because such stories have certainly been put into "print" and have been read in black and white by millions of persons.

Here in America there appear to be many thousands or millions of persons who believe that if they read something in a popular or standard magazine or well established newspaper "it must be true." It never occurs to these individuals, apparently, that a newspaper or magazine is no better than the human minds back of it. And since all human minds, including our own dear sweet selves, can make human errors, and since all of us represent a portion of that unknown element that is called the "human equation" we should remember that all positive statements presented in black and white should be taken with some salt, some with a small grain of salt and some with a large bowlful. Certainly we do not want any of our members or students to believe that just because we venture to put many posi-

tive, definite statements into black and white in our magazines, the monographs, and elsewhere, and sign our names to them, such statements are representative of the infallibility of some super-human mind. The Christian Bible and all of the oldest spiritual writings and manuscripts are filled with human errors since they are human products, and as I have just said, the AMORC organization is made up of human minds and human beings and human elements in which human errors may be reduced to a minimum but in which some error is sure to appear.

Now all of this is apropos of the attitude of a certain magazine published here in America known as *Life*. This weekly magazine started out with an adequate circulation and honest and sincere ambitions. It has grown today to be one of the largest in circulation and one of the largest in size in America. Its influence for good or bad is unquestionable because of its wide circulation, its attractiveness, and its occasional burst of absolute sincerity and honesty. But, it has definitely assumed an attitude of "infallibility." Its entire editorial staff and all of those associated with it as reporters and investigators make their statements and report their findings and transcribe their notations and publish their information with a very definite flare or form of expression that says to the world, "What we say, what we think, is absolutely pure, honest, errorless, supremely perfect, marvelously accurate, and the utmost of human expression in the field of integrity and super-opinions." It even takes its acknowledged errors flippantly, and when it does find itself in a position in its letter column to apologize for

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a gross error it has made, it makes its apology with an attitude of condescension as though it were a victory for it in bowing down in admission that, after all, it is only human, and can be and often is misled in its opinions, and often very definitely biased and prejudiced.

This magazine and its companion known as *Time* are the only two magazines we have found with large circulations throughout the world that assume the attitude of supreme superiority in an intellectual sense, and certainly they are the only two magazines which take the attitude that what opinion they have of anything or anybody should be accepted as being the *ultra ultra* of something or other.

Yet recently, in the month of November, it violated all of the promises and statements made when the magazine was started—to refrain from bombastic exposures and ridiculous articles for the sake of circulation—and attempted to put forward a very personal idea of someone's that California was filled with nothing but that which could be called the essence of "Cuckooland." It reminded me of the statement made some years ago by a New York newspaper to the effect that there were "more insane people in California than in any other state in the United States." But the newspaper did not back up this truthful statement with the further explanation that most of the insane people in California, if not 95% of them, came here from other states because of their mental condition and hoped to find improvement, and often did find improvement because of the climate, beauty and other salubrious conditions here in California. The statement made by the newspaper was as absurd as one that could be made by any magazine or newspaper saying that "there are more victims of tuberculosis to be found in Arizona than in any other state in the country" because 99% of the victims of tuberculosis living in Arizona at the present time, and giving it such a large population of such victims, have come from other states in order to be relieved of their physical condition because of the climatic conditions in Arizona.

And the same thing can be said about California in regard to fanaticism. While I am not attempting to defend the city of Los Angeles, or the city of

Hollywood, or the southern part of the state, I can say, judging from the correspondence we receive, that every sort of a fanatic in art, music, philosophy, science, scenic work, electrical work or other industry or trade who lives in any part of the United States, or even in parts of Europe, hopes to come to California and expects to come to California some day and carry on his fanatical trade, work, philosophy or activities. There are two very definite reasons for this: First, because this State of California is the last to be affected by general economical conditions throughout the country; secondly, because there are many wealthy individuals living here in the state who, because of the climate and the easy-going interesting way of living, are easily and often misled into patronizing some of these forms of fanaticism merely as a pastime or a form of amusement.

I think that the last time I visited the famous "Coney Island" in the New York district, I felt that some smart or insincere reporter for some magazine or newspaper might publish an article claiming that Coney Island and its environment was the utmost of absolute insanity and representative of the most gullible, thoughtless, absurd type of individuals to be found anywhere in the world. But then I realized that the real truth was covered up in the fact that most of the people who went to Coney Island to spend a day or a night and indulge in all the ridiculous, absurd pretensions, deceptive propositions and fanatical indulgences, went there not because they were unable to determine the real from the false, or unable to determine that they were being deceived, but because they liked to patronize these things as a pastime and looked upon them as an innocent indulgence which they could afford and which did not materially affect them in any particular way.

And so we have in various parts of California many things that are typical of the carnivals, circuses, Coney Islands, and midways of state fairs, and these exist here not because the people of this state are imbeciles and simple-minded, but because the people of this state enjoy life and like to indulge in these frothy things more as a pastime and an amusement than anything else. And so



the pretenders, the charlatans — and anyone else with a bag of tricks—from all parts of America, love to come to California for a year or two and receive some of the patronage, not only of the natives of this state but of the thousands of tourists who come here from their own safe, sane and rational cities and towns to have a "fling" at the many peculiar things to be found in California.

But this situation does not make the whole of the state ridiculous and absurd. Certainly many of the Hollywood productions are representatives of "false fronts" and artificial settings which are far from the truth. But the persons who patronize these things as they are shown all over the world in motion pictures know that they are not true, and love to be deceived because of the amusement connected with them, just as millions of people still go to patronize the performances of a magician, and the more successful a magician is in deceiving his audience and in tricking them, the more the persons patronize him and pay for their amusement. They want to be fooled, want to be deceived, while at the same time they want to be entertained.

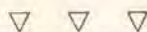
But *Life*, as a magazine, took the superior attitude of creating and giving the impression that California was just filled with fanatics, and that the AMORC or the Rosicrucian Order was part of this fanaticism representing the "Cuckooland" of America. And then, in its gross ignorance, it went on to say that the AMORC Order was "non-communicative," that its philosophy was obscure, and unknown, and that its principal temple, a little outdoor ornament at Rosicrucian Park which could not seat more than twenty or thirty persons, was located in San Jose in Southern California, in the very center of all the other peculiar things that typified "Cuckooland." The editors did not even spell the name of the Order cor-

rectly, and were not even versed well enough in the geography and history of California to know that San Jose is not in the southern part of the state; and common sense would have told them that the little ornament they pictured in their magazine was not a temple since it had no roof on it and was too small to seat more than a handful of persons, and therefore could not be the main building of an organization of our size.

But such is the ignorance of a magazine that attempts to inform the American people of everything that is true and honest and great through the superiority of its editorial intellect.

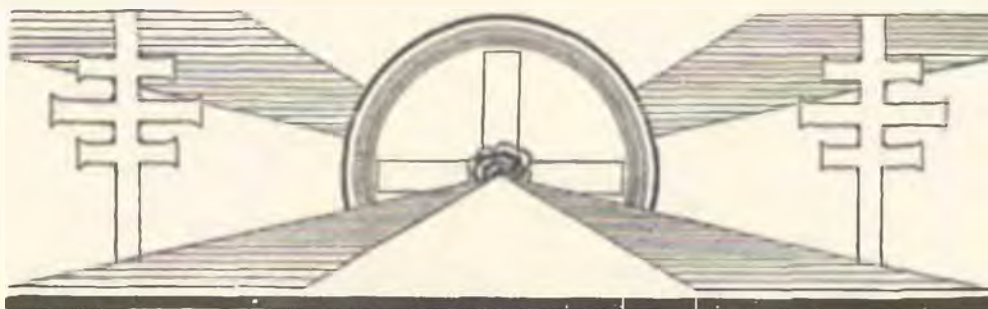
When the magazine *Life* first started, it claimed it would not indulge in all sorts of exposures and bombastic articles that would merely attract attention and create circulation for the time being, but that it would be an honest and sincere reporter of the great news events of America and the rest of the world. To read through its recent issues as compared with those editorial statements in its first issues is to discover how far the magazine has wandered editorially from its original purpose and why thousands of its readers and subscribers are feeling now that they have been defrauded of what they originally subscribed for and what they really expected in a magazine of the supposed integrity and scope of both *Life* and *Time*.

Thousands of our members have written to us protesting at what *Life* magazine has said and evidently many of them have written to the editors of *Life* also. But we shall see now whether in the issues during December and January this sincere and honest weekly magazine makes any acknowledgment of its errors and attempts to correct the fallacies of its editorial staff. That would be one way of showing its sincerity and the desire to correct any mistakes of its purely "human equation."



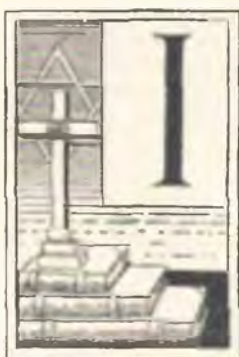
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Who shall put his finger on the work of justice and say, "It is there"? Justice is like the kingdom of God: it is not without us as a fact; it is within us as a great yearning.—George Eliot.



Our Youth Groups

By THOR KIIMALEHTO, Sovereign Grand Master



IN THESE trying times it is necessary that we be interested in something bigger than self-development. Pray, do not misunderstand me. I am perfectly aware of the truism that if each individual in a country could be made independent, most

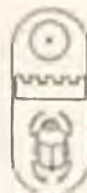
of the problems of the nation would be solved. Our age is at the crossroads. Modern civilization, particularly modern democratic ideals, are being challenged. All thought of self must be cast aside. Humanity must come first.

Do we want to see modern civilization collapse as did ancient Babylon and Rome? Must nature begin the long, slow, upward march again? Are there not enough decent, kindly, unselfish people ready to sacrifice all that they have and are to salvage the ideals of compassion, generosity, and an understanding and forgiving sympathy so patiently taught by the avatars of God?

We shall not mention the unspeakable horrors, the nameless brutalities, and the unbelievable atrocities. The problem is to keep the frightful plague of hate from spreading. How shall the poison be kept from corrupting the growing generation? Think of saturating the minds of little children with vile slander, with race hatred, and religious prejudice.

It is true that the seed of race hatred exists in our own country. To our shame, be it said, we have not yet eradicated it. Discrimination exists openly in practically every walk of life. We drive people into certain fields of activity, and then we accuse them of monopolizing those trades. Search your hearts, my friends. Ask of yourselves, "Have I done anything to intensify prejudice and discrimination? Have I eliminated them from my own heart and consciousness? Do I draw the color line? Do I consider my religion the only true one? Do I consider my race superior? Am I influenced by externalities, such as the college a man graduated from, the country club to which he belongs, and the neighborhood in which he lives?"

Let us exemplify democracy in our speech, in our conduct, in our homes and in our communities. Let us be guardians of the sacred fire at least on our own hearths. There is one big thing that we can do for our country, our people, and our Order. We can train a broadminded, liberal, tolerant, forward-thinking nucleus for the next generation. Most of us who entered the Rosicrucian Order as adults had to re-educate ourselves painstakingly. We had to change our thinking processes and our emotional reactions. We had to change radically our attitude toward life. We can train the children to live the Rosicrucian life naturally, to be leaders in their spheres of action, to be the bearers of light in their circles.



Our civilization could be transformed over night, could we but reach the children in the proper way. To train the necessary teachers, to change the methods of education, to win over school boards, principals, and prejudiced citizens, is a slow, uphill task, part of the entire problem of spreading divine Wisdom. Therefore, we must begin with our own children. We must begin today. We must make spiritual pioneers of our boys and girls.

Let us concentrate on our Youth groups. We want as many of the children of our members as can possibly be reached. If there is no group in your community, organize one immediately. We know that Rosicrucian parents are educating their children at home in the Rosicrucian principles. But group instruction is better. Through the group the child learns to translate Rosicrucian ideals into the terms of actual living situations. Our children drawn from all strata of American life must come together, get acquainted with each other, and learn to like each other. They must learn to be tolerant of differing creeds, nationalities and races. Prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination must be nipped in the bud. Our children must learn to abhor these ugly attitudes as they would leprosy. Love must become part of their soul equipment.

Many parents who are not members of the Order will have no objection to having their children join the youth groups. The youth groups are a vital part of the Order. To build up one of these groups is one of the most significant tasks that you can undertake, not only for the benefit of the Order but also for the benefit of the country. This task at present is so essential that I would implore each and every one of you to find a child to send to the Torchbearers' groups. Do not let the groups become too large so that the intimate spirit between leader and member is lacking. Break up a large group into smaller groups, and let more members volunteer to take charge of them. Encourage competition between the groups. Intelligent children are extraordinarily receptive. They have no prejudices to overcome. Their minds are open. They long for loving and inspiring leadership. Their enthusiasm is easily aroused. They take a keen inter-

est in the Rosicrucian principles, and they are fascinated by the exercises. It is a joy to watch their minds develop, their souls grow under your very eyes.

The education given in our schools today is too narrowly practical. Inspiration is missing. There are so many taboos, rules, and regulations that in many schools education has become formalistic, factual, and materialistic. In our efforts to avoid the prejudices of every group in our community, we rationalize or bend backwards and emasculate our school system of all idealism. There is no strong system of character training. There is no definite method of inculcating high ideals and altruism of character. We Americans still worship material success. We have not wholeheartedly accepted a spiritual interpretation of life. Children's potentialities are ignored. Children's individual needs are not considered. The steam-roller process is apparent in every large public school. Society is equally indifferent. From the Rosicrucian viewpoint, both school and society are lacking.

Let us supply the missing elements. Let us make the effort with our youth groups. For that purpose we need the wholehearted cooperation of all the mothers and educators in the Order. We need the cooperation likewise of our men. Education is a vital matter for both men and women. If necessary, we shall work out a new course of instruction for our children correlating literature, art, music, science, history, biography, and psychology. We shall give them character training. We shall inculcate a lofty idealism. We shall give them a broad background of culture. We shall train them for service in the community and in the Order. We shall train them to be channels for divine inspiration. We want our children to be lovers of the arts, to be lovers of the best that was ever thought or accomplished in the world. We want them to live the good life naturally from personal incentive. We want them to carry civilization one step forward. We need ardent souls, eager to serve mankind. We need enthusiastic children to whom the welfare of the world is of greater concern than their own personal advancement. We want altruistic souls, eager to dedicate themselves to a great cause, impatient to throw themselves

into the thick of the fight, burning to stamp out wrong and to hold the torch of civilization aloft.

If there were some way to start a great Youth movement! If we could arouse the enthusiasm of our Youth for peace, fellowship, service, and the democratic ideals for which men like Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln stood! At least, let us begin in the ranks of the Order. Let us begin with the children of our own members. Let us take a renewed interest in the Torchbearer groups. Let us inaugurate a campaign in our own community. Invite the parents to visit the groups. Let them observe a lesson. Let the children prepare programs illustrating what they learn. Let them have their own choirs, and let them arrange their own social events.

Children trained in Rosicrucian principles would be proof against all propaganda, would be uninfluenced by vicious newspapers or moving pictures, and would hold their own in the conflicting currents of thought in the world. They would not lose years in haphazard and aimless drifting. They would not go astray because of wrong philosophies and worthless viewpoints. They would know the reason for their existence in the world, and they would go about their tasks energetically. We teach them the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. We teach them the basic similarities in all religions. We teach them that all the religious teachers and leaders in the world are fellow workers in the Lord's vineyard. We teach them the constructive life and the habit of positive thought. We teach them the beauty of peace and kindness and gentleness. We teach them high ideals of citizenship and the highest standards of friendship. We would create the dream that the youthful AKHNATON had more than five thousand years ago—a state dedicated to the service of God and Man.

Better than time spent in acquiring psychic powers is winning a child.

Better than exercises awakening prematurely powers that we cannot control is training a child. Superior to over-rapid advancement for ourselves is helping the new generation to be better than the last.

We have pointed out several fields of service for the carrying out of Cosmic plans. At the Convention we spoke of music, both studying music and spreading the love of music. Now comes another great task—winning our youth. Let us all cooperate with the brothers and sisters who are already engaged in the beautiful task. Let us show an intense interest in what they have already accomplished.

Think of the joy of training our young folks to grow straight, unwarped mentally or emotionally. Think of the miracle of a generation untouched by prejudice or the slime of a corrupt environment. Think of evil destroyed at the root. Think of prejudice and discrimination cut off at the source. Encourage our youth groups in every way. Let them use the books in our chapter libraries. Prepare little treats or surprises for them. Take them in groups to see inspiring plays and pictures and to hear inspiring concerts. Give them opportunities to make life-long friends. Give them opportunity to express themselves. They can help spread Rosicrucian ideas effectively, both in and out of the school room. They can set a high standard of speech and conduct wherever they go.

Let us see what every chapter can accomplish between now and the Annual Convention. Let us see if the membership of children can be doubled. Since the meetings are held only once in two weeks, attendance will in no way interfere with other activities. Let us pool the fruits of our experiences so that we can build up the finest child-training program in the world. If America is destined to lead the way, then the children of today must be trained to be the type of citizen that America needs for tomorrow.



Our whole social life is in essence but a long, slow striving for the victory of justice over force.—*John Galsworthy.*

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The Saving Gift of Humor

By ADJUTRIX



A YOUNG friend of mine in a university class is working on a term paper in which she is setting forth the theory that a philosopher is never a humorist. She believes that humor is based on a sense of balance or proportion and that to become a great philosopher one must, or at least usually does, accept a lop-sided viewpoint of life and the universe, and becomes more and more set and serious in defending one's stance. She says she just can't picture Schopenhauer, Wordsworth, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Hegel, Descartes, the Stoics, Locke, Plato, Carlyle, or John Dewey, all "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought" as they are, ever going into conniptions of mirth. But in spite of all her amazing array of factual data, I still have some, unacademic perhaps but none the less sincere, doubts about the truth of her thesis.

In the first place, I am not sure that humor has anything to do with "conniptions." It is rather a chronic attitude of mind, gentle, droll, but not necessarily explosive. Thackeray in his "Great English Humorists" wrote, "I should call humor a mixture of love and wit." And there, mark you, we have the exact meaning of the two Greek words that

make up our English word philosophy, "love" and "wit" or wisdom.

In the second place, I am sure that regardless of whether a philosopher is ever a humorist, a true humorist must of necessity be a philosopher. Were not Artemus Ward, Bill Nye, Mark Twain, and our beloved Will Rogers gifted with fine homespun philosophy, each with his own peculiar flavor?

My young friend had, however, I believe, hit upon two of the dangers that may beset deep thinkers—lack of proportion and overseriousness. Our age, shot through as it is with conflicting political philosophies, has tremendous need of the gift of laughter. One could heartily recommend to the overwrought governmental heads of Europe and our own sputtering political firebrands in America a daily dose of:

"Sport that wrinkled Care derides
And Laughter holding both his sides."
For egotism and greed and fear and intolerance and prejudice and superstition are tensions which cry loudly for the relaxation of mirth. Mars, whether he set up his headquarters in a family or a nation, would perish in an atmosphere of gentle, well-balanced drollery. This ancient, hairy-chested giant takes himself seriously and would pass out with chagrin if laughed at as did decadent Chivalry when Cervantes set all Europe roaring over Don Quixote.

Metaphysicians and mystics are perhaps farthest from their goal when they are overserious. St. Francis of Assisi laughed with his little brothers, the

birds. It is not written, to be sure, that the great Master laughed, but rather that he wept. Perhaps, however, it is merely the fault of the recorders, sons of a serious race and age, that we have no scripture verse telling us that he also laughed. Certainly a welcome guest at wedding feasts and in circles of little children was capable of gentle merriment. How different religion, and hence all of life today, might be if medieval painters of Jesus of Nazareth had not portrayed spirituality as cadaverous despair. The latent expression of gentle humor in the picture of Jesus handled by the Rosicrucian Supply Bureau and the same quality in H. B. Warner's face at times in the movie, "King of Kings," have always appealed to me greatly.

One of Webster's definitions of humor is "the mental faculty of discovering, expressing or appreciating kindly sympathy with human nature, often blended with pathos." Surely this faculty of savoring understandingly the interplay of colors in the picture called life was part of the spiritual equipment of the great Mystic. The "love that knoweth of no fear, a love that sheds a joyous tear," as our Rosicrucian Chant says, has also in it the lovely rainbow glints of humor. I like the old proverb, "God dwells where two roads cross," and believe there is true mysticism and divinity in mood or utterance which balances gently between tender smiles and joyous tears.

Let us go still further with the exploration of the mystic side of humor. A laugh is usually based on a sense of incongruity in thought, situation, events or acts. Since a sense of the incongruous cannot exist unless two things are brought into juxtaposition, the laugh that comes at the juxtaposition of the two is a third element which results from two opposites. Hence laughter born of our mystic triangle!

As the race progresses, it becomes more humorous. Primitive society was not capable mentally of sensing incongruity, one of the first steps in abstract thinking, nor spirituality of deducing kindly laughter from it. The more highly advanced the individual becomes the more capable he is of true humor. Picture Lincoln reading Artemus Ward to his Cabinet the morning of the signing

of the Emancipation Proclamation and Stanton sulking in heavy uncomprehending disgust.

One of the last of all the graces to be acquired by the soul is the ability to laugh at oneself, and one's own mistakes and blunders. How we all adored Robin Hood, portrayed by Erol Flynn, bursting into hearty guffaws when Little John worsts him in the quarter-stave battle and knocks him into the stream. Let us test our own spiritual advancement by whether we could see in the same situation how funny we looked dripping wet and worsted by a stranger foe. Robin Hood sees the incongruity of his own boasts at the beginning of the fray and his sorry plight at the end and presto! he bursts into Olympian laughter. Here is an application of the sacred triangle indeed most difficult to attain. Is it not one of the last feats of Mastership to pass beyond the limitations of one's physical ego and look down on one's own puny mundane efforts with droll amusement?

It is known that in the beginning there was a Joker. Not a heartless, primitive joker, but a great Wise One who mingled depths of mirth with depths of mercy. And today, one of America's greatest assets is that back of the mask-like American face there is native drollery. Evidence of this we have hourly in our pithy and vivid American idiom. And too, while there may be individuals who fall short of the mark, there exists in our unconscious group thinking a keen sense of amusement at disproportion, an innate distrust of giving to "any unproportioned thought his act." Thus far have we come collectively on the path! It is this quality which may, in the difficult days ahead, serve as a balance wheel to the American machine, and through us to the rest of the world.

Perhaps Lemurians, in spite of their brilliant scientific achievements born of the intellect, had not learned humor, which is born of the heart. And because Lemuria had not learned the divine secret of true laughter, she sleeps forever beneath the great salt seas. It has been a long, hard journey up again. But if we have gained real humor, it has been, oh fratres and sorores, worth all the trouble and all the toil!





The Secret of Rosicrucian Healing

SOME FACTS EVERY MEMBER SHOULD KNOW

By THE EMPEROR



FOR many years there has been a question in the minds of our members as to whether the Rosicrucian Order of AMORC was giving sufficient emphasis to that feature or factor of Rosicrucianism that deals with therapeutics. Every member

who has carefully studied or read the history of ancient Rosicrucianism has been impressed with the fact that at various periods in the past centuries Rosicrucians were most eminently known for their therapeutic activities; and, in fact, in certain periods of the past various sections of the Rosicrucian Order in different countries were known under different names as far as the public was concerned, simply because of their very active interest in all forms of therapeutics. For that reason one branch of them at one time was known as "Therapeuti" and of course there was another branch of their membership that was known almost exclusively as the "Essenes," and again those that were known more or less secretly as the "Vibrationists" seemed to represent a school of therapeutics rather than a school of philosophy.

The Rosicrucians themselves never were very greatly concerned as to what terminology was applied to them by the

public and gave little thought to what opinion was expressed of them in pamphlets or books. Of course, during the very early centuries printing was not a popular nor feasible proposition, and there was very little printed matter that did concern them, and when printing did become a possibility the Rosicrucians themselves were the first to take advantage of it, and that is why there were so many Rosicrucian pamphlets printed for more or less private circulation during the early part of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries. And the same thing has been true in the recent Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries when we, as representatives of the modern activities of the Rosicrucian Order, concerned ourselves very little as to what the popular encyclopedias or dictionaries said about the ancient Rosicrucians or the present day Rosicrucians. I have often thought that perhaps the Rosicrucians of the Middle Ages even encouraged or enjoyed the misrepresentation about their organization that appeared in many encyclopedias, because the more the public was misinformed about them and the more mystery there appeared to be about their origin and early history, the more appealing became the organization to thinking men and women. At the present time much of this has been changed, because the largest and most widely circulated encyclopedias and dictionaries of today found it necessary to get at the real truths and present a more accurate story.

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But to go back to the ancients again, let me call your attention to the fact that at one time nearly all of the scientific experimentation on the part of Rosicrucians was generally classified under the term "alchemy." But, very unfortunately for the intelligence of the lay mind, all alchemists, whether they were Rosicrucians or not, were classified as individuals who were seeking easy means of transmuting the baser metals into gold, and of course along with this misunderstanding was the idea that these alchemists, therefore, were seeking for an easy and royal road to riches and fortunes. This became the widespread universal opinion, although it was never pointed out that any individual or group of alchemists, whether they were Rosicrucians or not, ever accumulated any riches or any wealth, and therefore if the accumulation of material things, especially gold, was the real purpose of the alchemical experiments, they were undoubtedly a total failure in that regard. But the alchemists, like their precursors and master teachers and the leaders long before them, were seeking something more than the transmutation of metals. It just so happened that in the alchemist's crucible, and in the process of using fire and water for transmutation purposes, the most simple tests were made with zinc and other primary elements which could be easily transmuted into something different. But, these experiments or tests, if you choose to call them so, were simply to prove and demonstrate the law involved in what they were attempting to do, and were not for the purpose of *accumulating the results therefrom.*

For instance, Cagliostro, with all of his ill-repute, chose to specialize in working with carbon and it just happened that he was able through the alchemical processes to make diamonds and, later, pearls, and he became known as the richest possessor of pearls and diamonds in Europe, despite the fact that he gave away all the pearls and diamonds and never attempted to accumulate them. Other alchemists worked along other lines, but nearly all of them did at one time or another successfully *transmute some baser metals into gold.* Whatever happened to the gold was never known, but certainly it was not accumulated, and cost more to produce

than it was worth; therefore, the idea of building up a personal fortune through the application of Cosmic or mystical laws was absolutely wrong and was far from their minds.

Perhaps it was because no real alchemist or mystic wanted to use the laws in such a sense that it became an unwritten law finally in the Rosicrucian Order, which law is prevalent today, that each Imperator or Grand Master of each jurisdiction can make a transmutation demonstration of zinc into gold only once during his lifetime and that solely for the purpose of illustrating the basic laws involved and never for public demonstration or exhibit—except that he is permitted to have some outside scientists present to record the fact properly. This is what occurred in the New York Grand Lodge many years ago when the Imperator did transmute a piece of zinc into gold under the most severe test conditions and in the presence of metallurgists and scientists from a number of universities.

But the real purpose back of all the alchemical, scientific and mystical experiments on the part of the leaders in the Rosicrucian movement was to find what has become popularly known as the "Philosopher's Stone." There are members today, reading of this in some of our monographs, who want to know whether the "Philosopher's Stone" was a materialistic thing or was symbolical, or something else, and we have always said it was purely symbolical. Perhaps this article at this time will help to reveal the real nature of this symbolism.

The early Rosicrucians who took it upon themselves to do healing work in a humanitarian spirit, and as one of the necessary reformations to take place in the world, came to the conclusion—or else reached the conclusion through earlier experiments — that there was some secret involved in connection with the vital force of life in the human body, or in all animal and plant bodies, that was still unknown. Strange to say, the earliest Rosicrucians did not interest themselves very greatly in the rapidly evolving school of "medicine" that then held the world's attention, because such school of medicine was merely a step beyond a school of biology with which the early Rosicrucians had long been familiar. If you understand rightly the



first principle of the Rosicrucian ontology which says, "God formed man out of the dust of the earth and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul" you will understand that the Rosicrucians looked upon the physical body as merely a secondary part of man, made out of the primary elements of the earth, and not so essential to his existence as the "breath of life." Arguing then as we argue now, that the Scriptural statement, and all mystical statements of other periods of time before the so-called Christian Bible was written, refer to the fact that after the breath of life entered the physical form made out of the elements of the earth, man became a "living soul" instead of a "living body" you will see that the emphasis there is given to the Divine or ethereal or psychical part of man and not to the material part of man.

So the Rosicrucians argued that whatever might become wrong in the normal functioning and condition of the human body should not be viewed from the viewpoint of its material composition alone or essentially, but from both viewpoints. Or if any emphasis was to be given, it was to be given to the so-called breath of life, or the vital life force that animated the body and kept it in its proper functioning and harmonious form, after it had been completely formed of the material elements of the earth. For this reason botany and all biological principles were studied carefully in their relationship to the chemical, physical, material composition of man's life and all of the early Rosicrucians were quite expert in the preparation and administration of so-called herbal extracts which later evolved into forms of "medicine" and "drugs."

It is strange but true that the more primitive or "fundamental" is a man's thinking, the more does he give emphasis to the biological side of man's nature as being more or less secondary to the Divine and essentially spiritual part of his being. For that reason, we find that even the earliest American Indians—who most certainly did not have either the Christian Bible or other textbooks of science or religion to read—became very expert in the raising of herbs and in the study of botany, not for the preparation of "medicines" but for the

preparation of such extracts as would give man the necessary or missing mineral and earthly elements and fluids to make his physical body normal, to hold and maintain the spiritual part of his body. We find that the earliest "medicine men" among the American Indian tribes, and the so-called pagan or heathen medicine men of the South Sea Islands and all primitive tribes, practiced an art of therapeutics that involved or applied more of mystical principles and intangible ethereal powers than herbal extracts, because they argued that the real secret key to health, and therefore to disease also, lay in this secret power that was so intangible that it could not be administered through minerals or extracted juices or anything of an earthly nature.

The presumption among all of these early thinkers was that if man ate more or less properly and drank the proper things, he would have a physical body that met all the necessities and requirements of the physical laws and Divine laws for that matter, inasmuch as man's body was first formed of the "dust of the earth." They argued, as we Rosicrucians argue today, that disease and ill health do not start in the physical body unless forsooth the individual neglected the proper diet or neglected to eat and drink properly for a long period of time, or deliberately took into his system such material elements as were poisonous or inharmonious.

Everyone who has made a careful study of the matter knows that the physical body in its physical composition, or let us say in its chemical, biological and physiological composition, has to be neglected and badly treated for a considerable period of time before any real disease begins to manifest. But the greater and more frequent cause of ill-health and disease is the neglect or mistreatment of the essential spiritual or *vital forces* in the body representing the other part of man, the intangible, esoteric, ethereal part that is so little understood. Such neglect need exist only for a few hours or a day to produce long-standing chronic conditions or illnesses and diseases that may take years to correct and may eventually lead to an early and unnecessary transition.

But what was this secret power or energy that so vitalized all of the body

and that was more important than the material part of man's body? Many men besides the alchemists in their laboratories attempted to find this secret, and if we turn to even the history of Galileo we find that he, not as a Rosicrucian but as one who was inspired like many have been inspired before, attempted to answer this question. He was born at Pisa in 1564, and was the son of a Florentine physician and scientist who had retired as a physician, but kept up his active interest in mystical work; in fact his father came in contact with the Rosicrucian activities and alchemists' activities very frequently, and he planned, as a nobleman and a man of wealth, to have Galileo, his very beloved son, become a physician. But Galileo seemed to turn his attention more toward science and especially toward mathematics than he did toward the then popular school of metaphysics. But strange to say, he, like many other Rosicrucians and mystics (such as Roger Bacon, Sir Francis Bacon, and a large number of others whom I could mention) became interested in the peculiar optical effects of curved glasses.

Of course there is hardly a Rosicrucian or mystic who has any sort of laboratory of his own who does not become interested sooner or later in optics and especially in the magnificent beauties that are revealed by the prism in connection with the sun's rays and the colors contained in what is called "white sunlight." And so he turned his attention to the effects of the glass and soon discovered, as others discovered ahead of him, that the glass revealed the *microcosmic world* and could be inverted in its application to reveal the *macrocosmic world*. While Roger Bacon and other Rosicrucian mystics long before his time applied the glass to the microcosmic world and were responsible for the creation of what we have today in the form of microscopes, Galileo turned his attention heavenward, and took a great interest in the things of the universe that surrounded him. But he was not merely fascinated by the unknown world in its material form but in what he might learn of this secret power that came from somewhere in the universe and entered man's soul with the first breath and continued to remain as long as man breathed. In this regard he

was perhaps no different from other mystics, nor even from the mystery schools of Egypt under Amenhotep and others who learned to reverence and respect the sun disk, not as a "God" but as a symbol of the Divine forces that radiated throughout nature.

In fact, we find some of the earlier mystics definitely stating that in the solar spectrum—or in other words in the different rates of vibrations emanating from the sun, which rates of vibrations segregated themselves through a prism into different colors—we would find therapeutic values, and today we know that the application of color is very definitely indicated in the cure of many forms of physical and spiritual conditions that are called illnesses or disease. *Color therapy* today has not advanced to what it should have advanced in the scientific world, simply because there is more or less prejudice connected with it among scientists, but among Rosicrucians the application of color principles or light is more important than the application of anything of a botanical or biological nature. And so Galileo, while he astounded the world with his astronomical discoveries and contentions and suffered humiliation at the hands of churchmen and others for daring to postulate ideas that were contrary to the vague statements in the Bible, really did more for healing work in his secret experiments among the Rosicrucians than he did for present-day astronomy and science.

And then we can turn also to the wonderful Rosicrucian, Michael Faraday. Now, he cannot be considered just as a Rosicrucian, an advanced Rosicrucian, or an experimenter along purely Rosicrucian lines. He was the son of a blacksmith with limited education, and he employed his time as a young man as a bookbinder merely because of the remuneration it gave him. Certainly this combination would not suggest that he would ever become an eminent scientist, but he did become interested in chemistry and finally he, too, turned his attention toward optics as did Galileo, but he, on the other hand, began his investigation of the *microcosmic world*, that is, a small world that might exist on the point of a needle instead of the world that might exist in the universe above him. In his search for this secret



of vital power, he began to look for a representation of the power in those peculiar elements of the earth that seemed to have an intangible and esoteric influence upon various things and especially upon one another.

This led him into his famous experiments with a magnet and his plan of revolving a copper disk between the ends of a magnet and noticing that when the magnetic field affected the copper disk it was more difficult to revolve the disk than when the disk was outside of the magnetic field. He then finally went into the matter so deeply as to become a member of the earliest "invisible college" composed of men who were seeking the invisible and intangible secrets of life. They were not trying to find some drug preparation or something "to put on the market," or to sell anything or build up a reputation for themselves as healers.

Later some men did attempt to open institutions of healing—in which matter they were greatly misunderstood—such as Franz Mesmer, who tried to apply some of the principles discovered by Faraday. But the principal conclusion of Faraday was that all energy in the human body and all energy in all plant life and all energy in mineral life was due to a form of electricity that was more or less static and at rest under certain conditions, and which exerted itself in a large field without material contact. This large field was called the "magnetic field," and in "magnetism" he found part of the secret of life. But, Faraday was also just a beginner and despite the fact that in electricity today and in the science of electricity there are many things bearing Faraday's name in honor of his discoveries, he did not find the real secret that some of the early alchemists found, although he did widen the field of the application of the power.

But to keep our members from guessing as to what this power may be, let me state it is the "vibratory energy" that is referred to in our earliest monographs under various names, and which constitutes the real key to the healing processes in the Rosicrucian system. While scientists have sought to discover serums and have recommended one form of serum or another for this or that condition, and while others have tried to

find various salts and herbal extracts that would counteract or create various conditions in the body that would be of a healing nature, the Rosicrucians soon found that instead of these medicines or drugs acting upon the physical body of man, the physical body of man acted upon them, inasmuch as the physical body had to expel these things immediately because they were abnormal, foreign matter, taken into the body and not required by nature's healing processes. Therefore, whatever action and reaction took place from the use of medicines or drugs was the reverse of what these scientists thought it would be, for instead of the drugs acting upon the body, the body had to act upon the drugs and expel them. In the meantime, a warfare or battle was set up in which the natural healing forces of the body attempted, and very often succeeded, in making the necessary cure.

But it is a fact that when the vital powers or Divine Cosmic powers within man's body and within normal range are functioning to the proper extent, there is no necessity for either herbal extracts, medicines, drugs or any of the remedial things that are limited strictly to the physical, material composition of man's body. While we speak of the white corpuscles or cells in the blood stream that fight and destroy bacilli or germs of various kinds, the truth of the matter is that it is not chemistry or the earthly matter that man eats or drinks that creates and builds up the so-called white cells to carry on their work of purging, expurging, extirpating, or cleansing the body of undesirable and abnormal conditions. It is the vital force, the vital energy in the human body, taken in through the breath and otherwise, that creates these white cells and *maintains their integrity*.

These white cells have to do more than the ordinary red blood cells which merely nourish and take a certain amount of energy through the capillaries to all parts of the body. They have to maintain their own integrity, their own existence, and they have to maintain a consciousness and condition that is typical of an individual living body, inasmuch as they must be able to function as independent living bodies, and in addition to this they must be able to analyze definitely all that they come in

contact with and decide what is destructive, what is dangerous, what is unnecessary and what should be destroyed, and then get rid of the destroyed and remaining refuse. All of this requires a supreme, Divine intelligence that is not possessed by all of the cells of the body.

But, nevertheless, the energy that is functioning in these white cells and in the red blood cells and in every other cell of bone and tissue of the body is a Divine Cosmic energy that the Rosicrucians alone know how to apply and how to introduce into the body.

In the first place, in a *normal, healthy body* such additional vibratory vital Cosmic Divine energy is not needed. It is there in abundance, there in reserve, and there in constant use and application. When you realize that each hour of the day, whether we are awake or asleep, laboring, exercising, working or resting, a certain number of thousands of cells throughout the body break down, disintegrate, and become cast into the refuse, and that an equivalent number must be rebuilt to take their place, you will see that the human body is a vast chemical machine creating and recreating new matter from what we eat and drink, and that there is an intelligence directing this chemistry that is not very well understood by the average person. Scientists may talk about metabolism and the testing of your metabolism to see whether what you eat and drink and the manner in which you breathe is assisting in the chemistry of your body, and they may speak of blood counts, respiration, pulse beats and all that sort of thing, but that is nothing more than testing a piece of machinery to see that it is operating rightly without testing to find out about the electrical current that is running into the machine to make it operate.

This electrical current, if I may use a simile, is a Divine current that the Rosicrucians alone have discovered, and to them it is just as vital and important—and shall I say just as secret—as was Faraday's discovery of the magnetic field or as was Galileo's discovery of a larger world of which the earth was not the sole center.

And so in the Rosicrucian healing methods, whether they are applied Cosmically or at a distance, or more espec-

ially in their *clinics and laboratories*, this vital energy that becomes lacking is strengthened and increased, and applied most directly to where it is needed.

I speak of *clinics and laboratories* because it has been the custom among the Rosicrucians in all ages to maintain certain "*houses*" for the alleviation of suffering individuals, the cure of diseases, and the creation of inspirational methods of living. Just as the early Frates and the "Knights Templars" established places in the mountains for the lost travelers and called them "*hospices*," from which our word "*hospitals*" comes, so the early Rosicrucians and mystics established *laboratories and clinics* or sanitariums as we would call them today, where those suffering from chronic or long-standing or complicated conditions could be carefully examined, carefully diagnosed and given careful treatments. The principal form of treatment in such cases is *to raise the vibratory rate of the entire body*. This means to instil into the human body an additional amount of this vibratory Divine Cosmic energy so that all of the cells become functioning units in a normal harmonious manner in the direction of *creation* rather than in the creation of *destruction* and, this is not done by the use of electric or "electronic machines."

It is a known fact, and easily discernible under the microscope, that after a living cell taken from any part of the body becomes lowered in its vitality or *rate of vibration*, it begins to die, so to speak, or disintegrate. It seems to destroy itself and to reduce itself to the most fundamental, elementary elements of the earth's dust. In the absence of the right vibratory rate or the right Divine energy, it ceases to carry on its constructive mission and therefore ceases to be upbuilding and retrogresses. So, in these clinics and sanitariums the Rosicrucians apply directly to the sick body not chemical elements alone, that may be absent in the diet and which are readily corrected, but that vital energy and rate of vibrations that cannot be applied either with medicines, herbal extracts, drugs and natural electricity or any of the other inventions of man's scientific laboratory. This represents the "*Cosmic-key*" of the Rosicrucian secret healing methods.



Sometimes in mild cases or temporary conditions, or transitory conditions, these vibratory rates and this vibratory energy can be directed toward a patient by absent treatment. This is what is being done daily and nightly, weekly and monthly throughout the year by our Council of Solace and its many members and workers. And that is what can be done also by a great many of our members who have passed through the Sixth and Seventh Degrees. On the other hand, in many cases this matter of correcting the vibratory energy in the human body can be accomplished more quickly and more definitely through what we call a three or six-minute contact treatment, such as is outlined in our Sixth Degree.

But on the other hand, there are many cases where malignant growths and destructive processes in the body have existed for days, weeks, months, and perhaps years, and have become chronic and are continuing to increase rather than decrease, when the patient must come or go to a Rosicrucian Clinic or sanitarium and receive contact treatments and special vibratory treatments hourly, or three or four times daily, at the hands of highly developed and experienced Rosicrucian doctors. When this is done, and these so-called patients or sufferers are taken within the confines of a definite clinic or sanitarium and are under the careful observation of specializing Rosicrucians who know how to apply this golden key and give it efficiently and definitely, not only is the diseased condition in the physical body eliminated but the whole psychic, spiritual and Cosmic entity of the body is raised to such a degree that further disease cannot attack it, nor any form of disease continue to exist in it. This makes for the great difference between

the Rosicrucian system of healing and those other systems which merely cleanse the body chemically and leave it to change back again in the next day, week or month, or bring about merely an alleviation of the pain rather than a cure of the cause. The cause of all disease, lying in the vibratory nature of the psychic body, must be remedied before any permanent cure can be established.

But, every person who suffers from some form of disease or illness does not require the personal attention at a clinic or sanitarium, and for that reason everyone who suffers is neither urged to nor expected to go to a clinic, and they should not arbitrarily decide for themselves that they need clinical treatment and take themselves away from their home environment or natural environment to some strange place.

All sufferers who may feel that their condition has lasted too long and has not been adequately met or overcome by any other system of therapeutics should first of all have their condition properly diagnosed by a Rosicrucian physician in some city, or by writing or addressing the Council of Solace and learning at first hand whether they require the assistance that can be given to them at a clinic or sanitarium, or whether they can be assisted in the privacy of their own home by the operation of the Cosmic laws through the channel of the Council of Solace.

But, in all cases the "golden key" to therapeutic treatment of an efficient, harmonious, natural nature is to change the rate of *vibratory energy functioning through the physical body*, so that it becomes what was first decreed by God when He said that man would become a "living soul" because He had the "breath of life" within his physical body.

REGARDING THE ROSE-CROIX CLINIC

I wish to advise our members of the Esoteric Hierarchy and all the higher degrees that the beautiful and wonderfully equipped Rose-Croix Research Institute and Clinic is making excellent progress toward completion and it will be ready to carry on its work early in January. Some further announcement regarding this research and clinical activity will be sent to the members of the higher degrees very shortly. In the meantime I assure them of the hearty appreciation of their wonderful support and sponsorship.

—THE IMPERATOR.



Each month a paramount question of the day which engages the thoughts of millions of intelligent people throughout the world will be considered in this department. Each question will be answered by two different Rosicrucian members. The answers to the questions are not to be regarded as official statements of opinion of the editor of this publication, or of the officers of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

"IS THE AMASSING OF PERSONAL FORTUNES A MENACE TO SOCIETY?"

Mr. John T. O'Mara, associated with one of the large insurance companies of America, is in a position to make valuable comment on this question from the financial point of view.

Judge Herman N. Harcourt, for years a Superior Court Judge in an eastern city of the United States, and now prominent in private practice, considers this question both from its social and legal aspects.

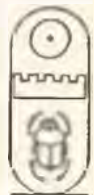
IN THE writer's opinion, the above question cannot be answered with a dogmatic "Yes" or "No." All of us know of instances where personal fortunes have been used for both the good and the detriment of the common-weal. However, there is no gainsaying the fact that any individual in amassing a fortune does so at the expense of each and every person whose labors, efforts or thoughts were in any manner connected with that which produced this fortune. It is true that these persons may be reimbursed for the parts played by them but it is the limiting of said reimbursement, by the individual, to what the individual calls "fair value" that enables the individual to amass his personal fortune.

To the writer's mind, it would be much better for all were a limit placed on the wealth that any individual should amass. When an individual possesses enough to provide for the material needs of both self and loved ones with an excess to guarantee them all security, all
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IT IS the successful combination of brawn and brain which produces wealth. The organizing genius is peculiarly capable of accomplishing this union. All risk is assumed by the organizer. If the enterprise fails, he must stand the losses. It is only fair that if the enterprise is successful, he should gain the largest profit. If the opportunity to reap this reward is taken from him, he will not be tempted or inclined to risk the losses. No limit should be placed upon the profits which such an organizer may eventually enjoy, except to see to it that his employed labor, either physical or mental, receives a fair return. This return can not be based entirely upon the amount of profits earned, but should be established with reference to the actual amount of work performed. In other words, results should not control wages. Certainly, results do not control wages in the case of an unsuccessful enterprise.

There is hardly a great industrialist who has succeeded in amassing an enormous fortune who has not there-
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Rosicrucians and World Affairs

By RAYMUND ANDREA, Grand Master of Great Britain



THE Emperor's timely and courageous article on "Is America neutral?" in the October issue, struck a deep note of response in me. It was an article which could only emanate from a fearless mind, for it was a scathing rebuke of Ameri-

can big business and a placement of guilt upon the heads of those who deserve no concealment. And if big business in America, or elsewhere, has a conscience, it must have felt very guilty upon reading the article.

It also deeply impressed me because it was in accordance with the Rosicrucian tradition of fearless public utterance. There are not many men living in America who would have had the temerity to face up to a national stronghold and point to the rottenness of its glittering superstructure. I say it was in accordance with Rosicrucian tradition because some of the most fearless and revolutionary pronouncements upon nations, men and society have come from the pens of Rosicrucians. The pronouncements have not been the professional diatribes of common politicians; they have been destructive and constructive in their influence, at one and the same time exposing corruption and misdemeanor and enforcing upon attention the antidote to these. That is be-

cause the men who made them have been bound by no creed or party, church or platform of political thought, but have turned the clear light of intellectual and spiritual truth upon the matter at issue and, without bias or prejudice, have spoken the plain and unvarnished truth about it. And the Emperor's plain words to America on the subject of its boasted and one-sided neutrality, are in line with the Rosicrucian tradition and what we who follow it stand for.

If there is anything that we on the path of higher culture must be jealous of, and resolve that nothing and no one shall deprive us of, it is the fearless declaration of the truth of things as we see them, no matter how powerful the institution it antagonizes or how influential the individuals who oppose that truth. And it is preeminently for us Rosicrucians to set a resounding example in this respect; the more so because on looking around us at one cult and another we observe how little is accomplished by them in the name of world truth. They may consist of devoted students, good and blameless in their lives, but for any practical application of what they believe in to world advancement or amelioration, they might as well be safe and saved within the four walls of a monastery. The trouble with most of these cults is, that their followers are spiritually inebriated and completely out of hearing of their fellowmen. They would be scared beyond reason to indulge in a little plain speaking upon world affairs as they are and the maladjustment of most of us in

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them. They have got it into their heads that even wholesome and constructive criticism is a sin and the highest they can do is to preserve a dignified silence and pray for their own salvation and trust God to save the rest.

My opinion is, that God waits for messengers and truth speakers, virile opponents of governments, authorities and business magnates, if need be, to expose the questionable methods, the dishonest legislation and the materialistic thinking to be found in all of them, which foster the very evil which we are in trust to curtail and stamp out and which has made the world almost a hell to live in.

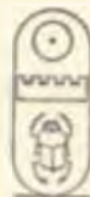
In Great Britain we are tired to the soul of the sound of armaments and the oppression of the people to pay for them. This Christian country is obsessed with the thought of war and the preparation for war. And when we have read of the so-called neutrality of America, we have thought much but said little, because we love America. It is our blood brother, and we respect it. The Emperor, in his article, has said all that needed saying; and well it would be if it were read from every pulpit in the land. It is true. America is arming the world for warfare because it is a paying proposition. If war materializes, it will share the guilt of war.

That is the objective aspect of neutrality. What of the esoteric aspect? A member in this country wrote me recently that he could not believe the Cosmic powers would permit the precipitation of such a frightful catastrophe as then threatened the nations. I asked, is the responsibility that of the Cosmic powers, or ours? Our minds are at cross purposes. We pray for peace, and arm for war. What we plan for and work towards will materialize. And at the moment the tide of armaments runs stronger and stronger. The major portion of our thought and the money we need are concentrated upon it, and unless the course of it is altered, what can the law of cause and effect do? Why is it not altered, members ask: why do not the Masters exert their supreme authority in world affairs and destroy this evil of national and international hatred and suspicion once for all?

The Masters inspire, but do not compel. Their voices have been sounding in this old world through their teachings from east and west for a long time now. How much have we profited of it! Increasing numbers profess allegiance to these teachings, for their own good. How many are using them for their fellowmen? How many voices, in the rank and file of aspirants, are raised in inspired utterance and direct challenge against the menacing forces of modern life? I am ashamed to confess it: they are as rare as the voice of genius. One would think that the labourers in these enlightened days would be many. They are so few that they have not a present hope of making their influence felt in dominating and directing public opinion. That is how much our higher sciences have done for us, or how little we have done with them. Doubtful as we stand, I think we must say that the Cosmic powers have done their part: it is for us to do ours.

There was a time when men, and they were of the Rosicrucian ideal, wholly possessed with a passion for the Christ life, declared themselves in the written or spoken word before the world, with imminent peril to their lives, and arraigned error and ungodliness in tones that stirred multitudes to action. It is for us to resurrect that noble fire and direct it against those powers and dominations which are a present curse to culture and Christendom and which only maintain their boasted supremacy through intrigue and traitorous design in subjugating the individuality and liberty of their peoples. If we have evolved thought forces of unusual influence, it is time we used them to some purpose. I verily believe that if the united thought forces of the aspirants of the world had been directed, with full intent and purpose, against the malignant excrescence of dictatorship and its damnable influence, the inhuman perverts that gave birth to it would have been ostracized long since and for the remainder of their wretched lives. But this zeal is too much to expect of aspirants today. They have not the spirit of their predecessors, but have become sentimentalists and effeminate.

Politicians cannot save the world. They are far too interested and time-serving. They are party men and can-



not see things whole. They are controversial experimenters at the expense of the people. The true leaders of nations are among the people of the nations, without portfolio or office. They are spiritual men, not yet recognized for what they are or can do. I prophesy that events of the immediate future will compel their recognition and put the reins of leadership in their hands. It is to this end that we in the Rosicrucian Order are working, or should be working. It is not enough to be loyal members of the Great Brotherhood of the centuries: there should be a deep and earnest *purpose* in membership. There is a tendency in aspirants to keep apart in an eclectic circle of refined self-occupation for their own good. They stand aloof from world affairs and regard them as something alien to themselves and for which they should have no voice. That attitude may be quite compatible with some cults and societies: it is not in accordance with the tradition of the Rosicrucian Order. We only need look back through its history to note the sterling characters that stand out all along the line and who have played a prominent part in the affairs of men and nations. They were men who had raised themselves to notability and power by the same august teachings which are in our hands. But they *applied* them. Directly they entered into a realization of the truth of life and the soul, they demanded and found a place in the circumstances of their time in which they resolved that their influence should be felt. They not only taught what they knew: they were not merely concerned to defend what they knew: they took the offensive against the abuses and errors and malpractices of their day, in church, state and society, and if they suffered for so doing, they did leave their mark and make the way easier for good men and very hard for those who oppressed them.

We have the example of the Emperor, in his article, arraigning the flourishing neutral culprits of America and exposing their guilt to the whole world. Not every member in the Order, far from it, has a voice for public appeal and challenge; but many have, and they are holding back. Let them remember that Christ spoke the truth in plain terms. Many good things have come out of

America. The united voices of enlightened Rosicrucians in it could achieve much, but it will not be on the side of neutrality. It can be by uniting their *thought forces* with the aspirants of Europe through a profound feeling of responsibility for cooperating with them in an unremitting *esoteric* attack upon the enemies of free and democratic states and their avowed hatred of those states and their traditions, and their secret machinations to overthrow them. If to some this sounds a revolutionary doctrine, let them remember that we are facing an unprecedented emergency which calls for decisive action. The liberty of the individual which we Rosicrucians cherish above all things else in our daily life, is at stake. There is a gigantic shadow lowering upon it, and we shall prove false to our trust if we spare any pains towards dissipating it.

The statement of "Secret pacts" made by the Emperor in the booklet "1938 and Fate" has proved true to the letter. An optimistic minority in Great Britain regard the recent Munich agreement as a prelude to world peace. The majority think otherwise. Those who have flouted agreements and torn up treaties with scorn and levity in the past, none but fools would trust in the present or the future. If we in Great Britain really believed in the sincerity of the present agreement and regarded it as a pledge for the future, would the government have secured an overwhelming vote to proceed to the most drastic measures of further armament? The fact is, that the crisis of the Munich agreement and the aftermath of it have brought an increased sense of insecurity and greater fear for the future. And what has been the effect of it all upon students of the path in this country? They have had before their eyes the spectacle of thousands of fellow human beings being blown to pieces, or lying in agony, or waiting for a merciful oblivion from starvation and exile, of tyrannical persecution and barefaced robbery committed upon good and harmless citizens who are driven like cattle into the lands of strangers on the flimsy pretext of alien blood and hostile belief, and their indignation is full and their resolution inflexible against these monstrous crimes. It is a satanic blow to the lofty ideals they have cherished in mind and

heart through years of study and aspiration and unselfish service. Not only this: they are part of a national system dedicated to the construction of a war implement of vaster and more deadly proportions than ever dreamed of in the history of the world; and if not their hands, then the proceeds of their hands under a cruel taxation, are requisitioned for the purpose. They are compelled to be participators in building for destruction and suffering in flagrant breach of the ideal of peace and goodwill to which they have pledged themselves.

The aspirant in Great Britain today, is raising one hand in entreaty to the Christ of peace, and lowering the other, under the compulsion of the law, to grasp, or contribute to the shaping of, the sword of war. It is a grievous thing. It is an unparalleled sin which cuts to the very heart of all culture, civilization and righteousness. Dare we say that the responsibility lies with the Cosmic powers who should never permit such a tragic impasse in this enlightened twentieth century? We hesitate to say so. If we had no knowledge of the law of cause and effect, we might say so. But civilized man, not enlightened man, is responsible. With all his civilization he still has an animal and bloody mind. He thinks, fore-pictures and plans bloodshed and devastation. His culture includes hatred, suspicion

and ignoble pride. A Master once said: "As for human nature in general, it is the same now as it was a million years ago." I never realized how true that was until these latter years. Human nature is still in the ascendant, not the soul. And where the soul is ascendant in the aspirants of our time, the world atmosphere drags it back to share in its own sordid bent.

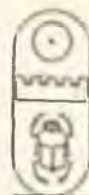
And I say to the Rosicrucians and aspirants of America, they cannot be neutral in their attitude towards their brother aspirants in Europe. They should feel the same righteous indignation and the same inflexible resolution to stand for truth and right against this evil thing. They should cooperate in thought and will, in love and sympathy, with those who like themselves have pledged themselves to the noblest and best. Let them assemble themselves in one united influence of compelling *thought force* against all that would weaken the structure of the Rosicrucian ideal in the world. The odds are great: so much the stronger shall be our will; and the Cosmic powers are with us. It is for us to give utterance to the Cosmic will. Not in thought alone, but in voiced indignation and concerted action through every avenue open to us, should we register our abhorrence of this violent usurpation of the rights of man and its growing menace to our democratic life.

FOR PARENTS—AND PARENTS-TO-BE

A child has two heritages—the intelligence and character of its parents and the environment in which it is placed. The former can be greatly enhanced by the latter if the parents know how. The home and play environment can be made to have a tremendous influence for good on the future of the child. Learn to direct the child's creative impulses, awaken his dormant faculties, and stimulate his imagination. Come to know the inspiring truths of *prenatal culture*, one of the achievements of the ancient Grecian civilization, which accounted for their esthetic tastes and great culture. Address a letter to Child Culture Institute, College Heights, San Jose, California, and the book entitled "Child Culture" will be sent to you without cost or obligation.

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The "Cathedral of the Soul" is a Cosmic meeting place for all minds of the most highly developed and spiritually advanced members and workers of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. It is a focal point of Cosmic radiations and thought waves from which radiate vibrations of health, peace, happiness, and inner awakening. Various periods of the day are set aside when many thousands of minds are attuned with the Cathedral of the Soul, and others attuning with the Cathedral at this time will receive the benefit of the vibrations. Those who are not members of the organization may share in the unusual benefits as well as those who are members. The book called "Liber 777" describes the periods for various contacts with the Cathedral. Copies will be sent to persons who are not members by addressing their request for this book to Friar S. P. C., care of AMORC Temple, San Jose, California, enclosing three cents in postage stamps. *(Please state whether member or not—this is important.)*

WHERE PEACE ALWAYS DWELLS



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THIS time in our progress of civilization it would seem that one of the very great factors making for the advancement of civilization in every respect and for the progress and happiness of individuals has been set aside or destroyed, or possibly only forgotten. At least it does seem that the great element and factor of "peace" is wholly neglected and in many places deliberately negated. Yet there is nothing so essential to good health, spiritual development, real happiness and advancement as the tran-

quillity of mind and peace of the body. Fortunately, however, in the midst of the most disturbing and upset material worldly conditions, one can take one's self apart from worldly affairs and go into absolute silence in the privacy of one's home or on a mountainside and there let the consciousness rise above all of the things that are disturbing the world, and in the Cosmic realm and in a sanctum and sanctuary of the mind and soul one can find that which is not so easily found on the surface of the earth. Where can man find that tranquil peace that soothes the human mind, that gives instruction on the way, and helps those who are seeking to find? We would say, "Arise! And seek no more, for that place abides within." So draw apart the veil at once and softly enter in.

There you can commune with those

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from that celestial clime and understand the message brought to the sons of earth throughout all time. The initiate, the adept or the master of the goal realizes the trysting place is the Temple of the Soul. We also seek to tread the path the masters once have trod, but we must enter through the Temple ere we reach the path to God.

In the foregoing words the mystic contemplates the advantages and the possibilities of the Cathedral of the Soul. If you have not learned the ecstasy and joy and spiritual unfoldment that comes through such meditation, send for our little book, *Liber 777*, and find in it the ways and means and

the hours of the day when you can meet with millions of other souls in such peaceful attunement and divine realization.

This is the surer, better way to rise above the troubles of the day and separate yourself from all that annoys and all that disturbs. Regardless of your religious creed or doctrine, regardless of your race or color, you can meet on an equal basis in the presence of God and in the sanctuary of the soul. May we urge you at this holiday time and at this period of worldly unrest, to find the tranquillity that your soul and heart desire.



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INVESTIGATE THESE MYSTERIES

If things do not happen by accident what constitutes their causes? What are the causes that give our world and the things in it the forms which they appear to have? What are the distinctions between energy and substance? What is the relationship between color, sound, and the human emotions? Can thoughts be recorded? Has the human aura a quality that is measurable? What laws do we find expressed in man, mind and matter alike? Think of adventuring into a world of strange phenomena, surrounded by the unseen laws of the universe and yet being under the direction of a competent instructor of the Rose-Croix University. Think of having the use of fully equipped laboratories, with their intriguing and intricate devices and instruments! Think of listening to personal lectures on the mystical significance of the music of the great composers, and the significance of the form expressed in the great art works of the masters! These are but some of the interesting topics that are included in the curriculum of the Rose-Croix University students. To learn more about the University and its facilities and what it offers you, write today for the free prospectus entitled, "The Story of Learning." Address, Rose-Croix University, Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California.



1939—WHAT IT WILL BRING FORTH

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Introspection

SELF-ANALYSIS, RUN WILD, HOLDS MANY IN CHAINS
OF THEIR OWN FORGING

By V. MAY COTTRELL



THE habit of introspection, to which most of us are victims at various times, is exceedingly harmful to persons of an intensely sensitive mental and emotional make-up because of their swift reaction to any given thought or idea, and its

immediate effect upon their bodily organisms.

Introspection, for such people, invariably means self-depreciation and self-condemnation carried to such excess that it robs them completely of that necessary measure of self-confidence and self-esteem which makes for happiness and successful living.

This faulty attitude of mind towards themselves is a result of a deeply-rooted self-distrust born of a fixed belief in their own lack of all those fine qualities and special abilities that so largely contribute towards success in life. This destructive mental condition owes its origin to false and harmful ideas and suggestions accepted as truth during childhood and early youth. Harsh and ignorant treatment of children and young people is responsible for more mental inhibitions, emotional instability and nervous disorders in later life, than is generally realized.

The constant condemnatory attitude of their elders towards them finds its echo later in unfailingly harsh self-judgments and their inability to believe any good of themselves or to take proper credit for good intentions, and successful and admirable accomplishments, even where credit for these is readily accorded and honestly proclaimed by those about them.

This negative attitude of mind towards themselves is so strong in some of the victims of an inverted ego that though they may glow to praise of this kind, temporarily, their whole-hearted enjoyment of it is soon spoiled by doubts and fears concerning it which crowd into their conscious minds from the dark depths of their subconscious selves. Because of their decided tendency towards self-analysis, accompanied as it is by a very definite bias towards self-depreciation, many very real and worthwhile personal achievements become as nothing in their sight.

On the other hand, mistakes, failures and personal shortcomings of character, disposition and ability (both real and imaginary), take on, through self-magnification, immense proportions and ever-darkening hues, as their warped minds contemplate them.

This lack of a proper sense of proportion in self-analysis renders many peoples' ideas about themselves false and misleading. But, because they accept their own mistaken findings as

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Many famous philosophers and thinkers have been presented in this department through excerpts from their writings. Every civilized land in the world may be represented by innumerable teachers and writers; yet, back of the individuals may be found other colorful Pages from the Past—the rich heritage of folklore and legend preserved by the people of each country.

From time to time we shall present one of these legends, chosen or related by some foreign member who is well versed in the folklore of his country or his people. This month Frater Michael J. Kelly of Dublin has sent us the outline of a legend which, in varied forms, runs through Irish folklore and literature. Frater Kelly says that his version is a most matter-of-fact one, for "the story of Hy Brasil is told in many fantastic versions."

HY BRASIL (The Isle of the Blest)



FROM the Isles of Aran and off the rocky coast of northwest Ireland, in the floating mists, far away on the western horizon, with the setting sun as a background, one may see for a fleeting moment, the enchanted isle of Hy Brasil.

"On the Ocean that hollows the rocks
where ye dwell
A shadowy land has appeared, as they
tell;
Men thought it a region of sunshine and
rest,
And they called it Hy Brasil, the Isle of
the Blest;
From year unto year, on the ocean's
blue rim,
The beautiful spectre showed lovely and
dim;
The golden clouds curtained the deep
where it lay,
And it looked like an Eden, away, far
away."

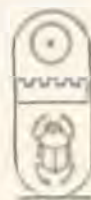
—Gerald Griffin.

According to Bardic tradition many great chieftains sought this sunken city. The story has been handed down from father to son, or through the old Irish story teller, and the Donegal fishermen tell you still when they return from the fishing grounds, of the beautiful roofed palaces and brazen walls, the amphitheatre like structure, the river of milk, the beautiful trees, and the scent of the wild flowers, buried beneath the clear green waters.

This was the Valhalla of Eire for, long ages ago, men set out in their small currocks, never to return! To the fabled land where there is no time and man never ages, where dwells neither death nor treachery, where man attains mystical unfoldment and wisdom, and life remains ever serene and tranquil.

How differently we interpret our realization of that famous isle!

Gazing out from peaceful Ara towards the Skira rocks one sees a city, full of houses, castles, towers, chimneys, the other sees cyclopean buildings and ships with sails and riggings set. Another sees dark towers springing up and down in the water, on a winter's evening, when the sky is dull and grey and



the only piece of colouring is the blossoms on the sea. Again, at night, standing on Teeling Head in the cold, with only the Banshee's mournful wail to break the stillness, one watches intently, with the help of a refulgent old moon, for its silvery towers sparkling through the waters.

Even in these skeptical times our faith has not been shaken, for not only do we see it on fair sun-shining days, when it might be thought that the reflection of the sun-beams on the vapours arising from the sea had been the cause, but to us it also is visible on dark and cloudy days.

St. Brendan, with his monks, set out to find this isle, but sailed beyond, and in his "log" is written the discovery of "limitless land that lies several weeks west of Connaght, with a great river flowing from it."

We firmly believe — here — that this was the discovery of America hundreds

of years before Columbus. Then in later times the recorded discovery of America—the present Brazil takes its name from the lost one — did not shake our faith in the Isle of the Blest.

Would this sunken city—which rises once in seven years, the story of which was told a thousand years before the coming of the Lord and over which there has been so much contention regarding its existence—have a connection with the Lost Continent of Atlantis, mentioned by Plato, which at some remote time was overwhelmed and sunk under the Atlantic Ocean?

The Greek Philosopher says that Atlantis was as great as Asia Minor and North Africa combined and lay west of the Straits of Gibraltar. So maybe there were really some strange lands out west from the coasts of Mayo and Donegal, and the rock of Brasil was the last trace of them that stood above water.



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truth, these remain a powerfully destructive force in their lives.

Much of the harmful, negative thought (to which even the most well-balanced among us is subject at times) which robs life of so much joy and gladness, is the outcome of bad habits of mind formed very early in life and intensified by later unhappy experiences. In those suffering from an inverted ego this has become such a chronic state of mind that their whole mental outlook is darkened by it, giving rise to false suppositions and futile imaginings which in turn induce dangerous mental and emotional states that are sadly detrimental to health and happiness.

An intense and over-mastering desire for adequate self-expression and personal success is often due to a feeling of failure caused by an inability to achieve self-approbation by any other means. Such people fail to realize, how-

ever, that not even the full measure of material success which they so ardently desire could release them from the crushing sense of inferiority engendered in them during childhood and youth. Only a mental regeneration can do that.

A determined effort of will, and much perseverance, is required for the conquest of this enemy within one's own mind which exacts such severe toll in the shape of acute mental suffering, distressing emotional upheavals and physical disabilities of various kinds and degrees.

The most rational method of effecting a lasting cure for this mental malady is to replace all negative suggestions and futile regrets with positive, creative thoughts and ideas, until the sufferer gradually achieves that "I can and will," attitude of mind towards life which paves the way for successful accomplishment along all lines of endeavor.

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Transcendent Science

MAGIC IS BUT THE FULFILLMENT OF NATURAL LAW

By MARIE HARLOWE



MAN is a gullible animal, and he has long accepted a corruption of true Magic, in place of the real; he has long confounded Magic with fakery, or at best hallucinations. And he has made a religion of this falsity, for it is the nature of man to

worship what he does not understand. The terms of Magic have come to be improperly and indiscriminately linked with Sorcery, although Magic is a normal phase of the human mind action.

Blind believers on the one hand, and sceptics on the other are both wrong about Magic and its uses. It is said that Magic is that which is "sought by the foolish, and found by the wise." It is found alike in the minds of primitive peasants, and in the highly educated, civilized minds.

Magic is based upon the Principle that God—Intelligence, Power and Substance—manifests everywhere. Its faith is of the largest order, for faith is the opposite of the negation or indefiniteness of life. Its faith therefore demonstrates immortality through this omnipresence of the God or Soul qualities. In reality, Magic deals with the Universal Equilibrium which is maintained through the Cosmos.

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Magic reveals the utmost powers of man in mastership, for its use confers super-human powers upon man. It has been perceived that even blind faith can accomplish wonders; how much more can man do with magical knowledge, for knowledge is always power. Magic is much more than the evoking of elementals and spirits; it is much more than an explanation of physical phenomena (though a form of Magic underlies most phenomena). Magic is the basis of Absolute Science, as it pertains to the basic three-fold nature of man—material, astral and spiritual — and its use and development into God-consciousness in the individual.

Eliphas Levi declared *all* occult sciences to be dangerous, the charge so often made against magical practices. Magic is by its own nature secret, for it is an inner or invisible operation. Magic is also dangerous to certain personalities who cannot stand up under the mathematical exactitude and rigors of the spiritual laws involved. As a small electric wire cannot hold a great charge of electricity, so the unprepared mind and body of man cannot handle, without danger, the tremendous forces generated through magical practices. The Biblical statement that only the pure in heart shall be blessed by seeing God is a scientific statement of the necessity of this purification and preparation.

Magic deals primarily with the working of higher laws in and through man,



to the subjection of nature by man in what is called Miracles.

Christians are often asked if they believe Jesus actually performed the miracles. Emerson said of the word "miracle" that "as pronounced by Christian churches, gives a false impression; it is Monster. It is one with the blowing clover and the falling rain."

To those who question the performance of miracles, a miracle is a violation of natural law, a thing which could never exist in God's universe.

A miracle is never a broken natural law, but a fulfillment of a higher law than the world is conscious of in the known natural laws. Ice is a miracle to a native of the tropics, while to us it is simply the result of a natural law. The mystic or metaphysician moves matter after the laws of spirit, but he cannot see these laws as more unnatural than the laws which pertain alone to matter. The miracles of Jesus were only the fulfillment of higher, divine laws. He fulfilled the law of his Christ-nature, and that law was eternal life, though the law of the flesh, or Adam man, remains that of death. Jesus said, "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill," and he filled full the natural law with spiritual consciousness, and was transmuted according to its higher laws. Every Adamic man can so spiritualize his consciousness as to be able to transcend the bondage of the natural laws of his being.

Luther Burbank saw the action of this miracle-working power of the spirit, and he said, "I can compel nature to do in three generations what it would have taken her a thousand generations to accomplish unaided." But that is only a faint part of the working of this power. Jesus called it into use and produced loaves and fishes without the slow natural process of vegetation and generation.

Many miracles are recorded in the Bible, but the method of working the law is recorded in no great detail except in the instance of multiplying the loaves and fishes. First, after going direct to the place where he was needed, he went into an exalted state of mind, a high consciousness. (No healing, blessing, or prospering has ever resulted from a low state of consciousness. The reason for so many unanswered prayers

is that people often forget that we are taught the power of the word only as we abide in a high consciousness. "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatsoever you will and it shall be done unto you.") Jesus was definite and to the point in his prayer. He knew what was wanted, what was needed. After he had spoken his word, he did not run around trying to make the demonstration himself. Jesus again sat down on the mountain, after giving thanks for the answer to his prayer, but upon seeing the distress of Phillip, who declared that it would take the equivalent of \$34.00 to buy bread alone for all the people, Jesus became active and bade the people sit in groups on the grass, where he fed them.

An important thing to remember in demonstrating the divine miracle-working law, is that the Father-consciousness invariably takes whatever resources we already possess and increases them. Five loaves and two fishes were the basis of this manifestation of the working of divine law. Before Elisha increased the widow's "pot of oil" he asked of her "What has thou in the house?" No consciousness is so barren of possessions that it has nothing to be grateful for — a gratitude upon which can be built abundant prosperity. A million times nothing remains nothing. Faith might be the only invisible resource upon which a visible resource can be manifested, but "According to your Faith, then, be it unto you."

Hermes taught "As above, so below; as without, so within." Everything in nature is in man, and everything in man is in nature. Verily, we are indeed "all one in spirit." When the Mohammedan declares "There is no God but Allah"—there is no god but God, he is stating the Truth that there is but one Being in the universe. A universal, omnipresent agent was the secret of alchemy, by which substance and form could be changed at will. Natural magic therefore deals with the hidden but universal potencies in nature. It is the method by which these natural (or God) forces are concentrated by Will to the production of definite results. Magic deals with, nay, is,—the process by which the mind and body of man is made the receptacle and channel for a fluidic force which operates back of,

and in the production of, physical form. Whatever the differing forms of magic, the basis of all Magic is the existence and use of this Divine Force to definite, physical ends and purposes.

If all Intelligence, Force and Substance are One, and of God, whence comes Evil, and so-called Black Magic? In occultism the "devil" as personified evil, is a symbol of the great Magical Principles employed for perverse purposes. There is a science of the darkness of life, as well as of the light. The notion of evil may easily be reconciled to the omnipresent good when evil is understood as the shadow of Good. In the absence of this shadow, light would manifest an over-powering brilliance which man, in his present stage of development, could not bear. Evil is the polarity of Good, necessary on certain planes of activity.

Real Magic is the magic of thought. Thought is the creative power of the universe, acting upon the Universal all-pervading Substance. People little realize the truth of the statement "Thoughts are things." When "Jesus sent his word and healed," it was the thought energy incorporated in the spoken word, which accomplished the adjustment. Clairvoyants often see the thought forms about a person and mistake them for physical conditions, so real are they. Thought forms are mental entities, and magic is the deliberate and intentional use of those thought forms in the performance of certain actions on the physical plane.

It may here be argued that a great deal of thinking does not create the form desired. Abstract thinking done in the realm where form does not exist, does not create thought forms. The chief cause of the individual not getting results from his thinking is, however, due more to another reason than that of abstract thinking (which few ever do). Man does not consciously associate his ideas of form and thought; he does not fully recognize that every form is merely a crystallized thought.

Also, man does not generally add to the Thought action the necessary Will or motive action. A vivid imagination (to pattern the form), and an intense concentration to mold the form, are necessary but above all a powerful will

is required in the working of mental magic.

The law of attraction works through the action of the mind as it is intensified by the emotions of love and hate. That which we love and that which we fear (hate) "come upon us." For emotion is an added power to the demonstration of physical form.

Although thought is the first process in creation, all mental magic is produced by willing, and not thinking, for while thought is formative, it is not wholly creative. The powers of nature may be controlled by the directed will of man. Jesus said, "The Father worketh, and I work also." Good is produced in the world not alone because God wills it so, but because man also wills it, for man is the highest channel for the expression of Good in the world, and unless he fully expresses the good, there is a limitation of its expression in the world.

Spirit and Matter are of the same Substance. Matter is the densest, most crystallized form and spirit is the most essence-like form of the One Universal Substance. The Supreme power of the Will over matter is seen, therefore, as a power *inherent* in matter itself, for the truth of Being must never be overlooked that powers and forces are but phases of use and expression of the One Power of the Universe. Magic therefore is not merely an activity of the human will; for behind the thinker there is always the knower.

Man may drift with the sluggish current of Time, but Spiritual Science teaches that while this is true, man may also choose a faster development; that man may indeed take an active hand in superintending his own evolution. "Yesterday this day's madness did prepare— Tomorrow's silence, triumph or despair." Spiritual Science teaches that of the base metal of man may be fashioned the key which will unlock the door of his spirit.

Granting certain conditions of preparedness on the part of persons still on the ordinary level of evolution, well-directed efforts to that end will awaken interior faculties resulting in an expanded consciousness which is Spirituality.



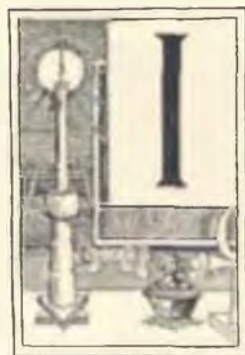


SANCTUM MUSINGS

SERENELY IT SPOKE TO ME

By IL CAVALIERE BIANCO

Translated by Soror Dolores M. Baumstark



IN MY Immortality, imprisoned here below in human form, I have incessantly desired that which is Beautiful . . . because from whence I come all is infinitely beautiful . . . always, incessantly through the streets of my many existences,

I sought and still seek for that exquisite, elevated beauty which will finally call truce to my interminable wanderings."

And so, It passed again the streets of many existences, seeking from the beautiful—the Sublime!

It migrated, paused, and scrutinized again to discern Beauty—but it was so beautiful, that Beauty for which It sought here below, that it was arduous to find . . . and, in Its disconsolateness for Its failure, over It radiated that Light—more vivid than finite beauty—which is of the WHOLE . . . and so, re-inforced, as wanderer, It took up again Its way of expiation.

So it was that this rare creature came to me as I crossed the path of an exist-

ence (of the world). This Soul—coming from the WHOLE—descended into me that it might bring Its particle of Beauty back to the WHOLE, and that in Its expiation It might elevate from Itself the affined Essence on the Magnificent Urn ever burning for the Great, Effulgent God of Infinite Creation.

In the form of LIFE, by favor of redemption, It came, as Exile, to this—my body — from the Zenith of the Eastern Horizon.

It was so effulgent and beautiful, that my mortal body oscillated in Its Light, and trembled, fearing to soil It in the sins of its shame. And—It was so effulgent that It radiated on me a Light which I reverently adore—a Light more vivid than perfect beauty.

. . . This elevated form of eternal substance came to traverse life with me; relating, and teaching me the Path which leads to Truth. . .

. . . It was in a morning hour that—in the valley of valleys—It revealed Itself to me. In full consciousness I saw It midst the fertile beauty of Nature, before the majesty of Creation. There—nearest to the WHOLE — It revealed Itself to me . . . and it was so beautiful that my mortal self trembled to be pos-

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sessed by It, for it felt itself unworthy in its imperfections.

Serenely, in an unforgettable whisper It said to me: "Go, again. Take me with you. Your destiny is mine. In you I must go into exile. Through the medium of your fragile body I must regain the expression of the Beautiful—that Beauty which is still lacking, that I may remain near the Light which penetrates, and can never be extinguished. Little human form, go! Take me with you. Your destiny is mine. Let us attain the Light which we need in order that we may be made WHOLE. Do not fail! Woe!"

It vanished . . . the wind—the tumult—the hurricane—shook me—the word

of Truth had been spoken to me. I knew the struggle. I had to struggle to win. If not? Woe! Perdition!

But It was so beautiful, that for the Love I bore It, and guided by that Love which It had for the WHOLE, I felt ready for the combat. . .

. . . I have struggled. I still struggle. I shall continue to struggle. And so, O Soul of mine, some future day, in the color of Mystery, you will then tell me on your departure, if with you I sought for that which I had to seek — that which you desired for God!

Thus It spoke . . . spoken by That which is beyond me . . . within me It spoke . . . to my self.

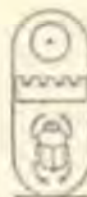


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The Cosmic Urge

MAY LEAD US TO OCTAVES BEYOND OUR PRESENT RANGE

By MARIAN G. HETHERINGTON



YOU say, "How does one desire what is unknown?" The answer is: "By being dissatisfied with what is known." Some call this the Cosmic Urge.

Within the scope of what is commonly known we feel there is much to stir us. With many it becomes philosophy that happiness is a feast which lies before them, and can be absorbed at one grand sitting here on earth. "Eat, drink, and be merry" they say, for behold, "Tomorrow we die." Yet it is themselves, after such epicurian delights, who frankly admit the remaining misery to be endured. A true philosopher does not find realization in any such manner. But the subconscious mind as well can err through fear, or other similar causes. We cannot reach cosmic attunement when errors rule the mind.

Our house cat, this summer, made a fair analogy of the type which goes to another extreme. For her, it was a new and strange undertaking to rear a family. Nature brought it upon her, and being a conscientious cat, she made every effort to perform her duties in the best manner. Instinct plays a great part in leading animals through new and strange undertakings. Instinct told our

cat to be afraid of the enemy so she crept under the house, through a small opening in a foundation wall underneath the building, and there the kittens were born. After a month the boys heard kittens mewing one day, and by much struggle and squirming in the dirt they located the sound, dislocated some more foundation wall, and withdrew three, trembling small kittens. Their eyes were swollen shut, and they were all sticky with the dirt they encountered in that dark corner underneath the house. We washed the kittens' eyes until they came open, and taught each one to lap its milk from a saucer. But No! that mother (being exceedingly afraid) returned them, when night came, to that dark corner underneath the house. Now we cannot hear the little fellows. Each day the mother grows thinner, for her body must sustain those who are now old enough to sustain themselves. Today she was ill. She ate no food, only drinking water from a bowl. The boys must again crawl through the dirt to save those kittens from the kind of fear that inevitably destroys.

There lies before me at the present time a chart printed on a comparatively small piece of paper. On this is portrayed the keyboard of a piano, with various lines and marks extending across the paper. Why should this chart make me feel small and incompetent; filling me with longing for things which I am incapable of understanding or

comprehending? It is as if the chart were imbued with magic power! With but a glance across it (less vigorous than Aladdin's rub across the surface of his lamp), in airy form before me a vast power arises. It is not phantastical, but real, for science itself has given it the breath of life. It lifts me up, possesses, and compels me, although I am still left unafraid.

On this keyboard chart somewhat over nine octaves have been marked off and explained. With our ears we hear above nine octaves of sound vibrations, while with our eyes we see only two octaves of color. Like an iridescent soap bubble my conception of color expanded at the first glance. True, during my lifetime many pleasant sensations have come to me from the study of light, shadow, and color; but, how much beauty have I failed to see? With my last breath could I now say "I am satisfied, having lived I have seen all, and am content?"

Besides ideas of sound and color this chart bears an intriguing scale of numbers, the largest of which I defy any scientist to pronounce, (although they tell us this infinite increase in vibrations actually occurs among electrons). Here is MOTION, of which the wisest man cannot give adequate description. The sociability of electrons too, and their antipathies, are even more remarkable than speed rate records. They have "cliques" which learned men call "atoms," and atoms form "molecules." To build a living man these tiny, pulsing electrons must have system, a mechanical drafting by a Master Mind, so to speak, which everyone of them understands better than the best of trained mechanics. How they pull together to build for us — the things as they are! And here again, we have the same idea only turned around another direction, and viewed from another angle. There is this law which draws together, and the other that lifts apart — all deep, high, vast, and innumerable. And to represent ALL some man simply draws a piano keyboard on a sheet of paper! There you are, a stirring of multiple mind, and heart behind; with immeasurable time and distance reaching out before.

I pity the man who accepts everything for just what he thinks it is!

Should we awaken him? Centuries ago, in ancient China, sages shook their heads over just such questions as this, saying, "He shall always sleep. It is the sleep of the just. He shall never know."

Someday stories about such men as Lincoln, Franklin, Jefferson, will all be ancient history out of ancient America, and what will you and I have done about the words of these old psychic philosophers of America? For men are born to seek, delve, hope, believe, see, and find. Perhaps, and it is possible, we will have absorbed nothing from them but will have eaten so much, and so indiscriminately, from the table of life that we will have been merely obliged to quit, surfeited, and in disgust.

On the other hand, if I consider that, when transition occurs, a busy horde of tiny lightning workers are about to be discharged from one job that is finished, and are eagerly watchful to begin again at some modern factory, while I put the old shingle out myself somewhere else, with business increased, surroundings fresh and attractive — why the whole thing may happen just like the wink of your eye! I may scarcely realize until I am excited and busy again.

Few learn to act when the cosmic urge is really upon them. Perhaps they are not listening for that Inner Voice. Several years ago we lived in the country. One day, as I walked behind the barn picking up odd scraps of wood to build a fire I suddenly noticed the noisy chatter which birds create when they are anxiously teaching the young to fly. Evidently it had worried them to see me walking about, so I went to a large rock nearby, expecting to enjoy the entertainment. There were two good sized robins with feathers full grown. The parent birds circled around low to intimate the process of flying. The young robins stood and watched keenly for a while, and then hopped a little. At last with a great chirping and flutter of wings they started to fly a little. The parents became quite excited. At last I saw one, the female, make a dart toward the open eaves around the covered drive entrance to the barn. She flew to a nest I saw sheltered up there, and I saw a head come popping up as she chirped. There was a bird that had not ventured out of the nest. I saw it stand, and move a little while the mother went



flying back to the more energetic ones hopping around in the sunshine. I wondered why the other bird seemed so submissive, and without ambition.

Finally I could stand it no longer so I climbed and reached for that bird, and carried it down to the others. It just stood there on the ground watching, as I watched and hoped for it to make an attempt the way the others were doing. As it was now growing time for me to prepare supper I caught the bird again, without much difficulty, and soon had it replaced in the nest away from the danger of cats. Next day I forgot my family of birds, but the following morning I went behind the barn expecting to find they had all flown away; and they had, all but the timid one of the nest, for I could still see her head above the nest's horizon. A premonition came upon me. Once more, I climbed to the rescue, and descended to earth again with the small lifeless body in my hand, and dozens of tiny crawling insects were swarming across my fingers, and starting up my arm. Pushing the feathers apart I found the bird was infested with lice! Probably it had been the smallest, and had not quite the strength of the others when the knowing parents urged a plunge from that nest above. This one held back. Being the only one left an insidious attack was re-doubled, tripled! One moment's hesitation had overwhelmed the poor little creature. . . . It is so difficult for people to realize such facts of life. A crucial moment often arrives, and is gone in the "Twinkling of an eye." Life, time, and motion are things never the same again.

That reminds me of a young lady trying to learn the violin. She was unable to get the idea of time, and rythmn. Finally I tried to explain by pretending to cross a stream of water. Rocks were placed at intervals across the fording

place. "You lift one foot and PRESS with the other just before you leap, then reaching the first stone you lift the other foot and PRESS with the other foot just before you leap. Always press and leap, until you look back and know you are across. She did not get my idea at all, but went ahead working it all out mathematically.

Many interesting ideas can start one pondering; for instance Mendel's discovery of the X chromosome. They (the X chromosomes) are leaders in the majestic evolutionary struggle that carries on wherever a continent or leaf is born—on land, bush, tree or vine. They are Masters of destiny, Odd Fellows, created to invent, play scout and pioneer. Monotony would soon grind us down into an army like ants covering the earth if it were not for tiny intangible mysteries—X chromosomes of life! Recently I read an article published in a science magazine which would lead me to believe perhaps there may be something comparable to this in electrons that experiment and continually discard old ideas. Perhaps there is an "X electron." Does it sound ridiculous? I don't think it does.

People have believed a race once lived on earth with eyes developed in the top of their craniums. Such might be convenient these days while we crane to watch aeronautic plane maneuvers! Once, I heard a man proclaim fossil remains had been found in the Dakotas and Idaho, that would indicate men have lived who had on their pedal extremities, not five digits each, but only one large one with a big nail bearing resemblance to a hoof! Mayhap too, these strange gentlemen made musical instruments from the swaying grasses of the prairies, and went about piping for all the world like mythological PAN. Who knows? It is a fascinating idea.



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By John J. O'Mara

beyond that is just so much unnecessary surplus. It is this "unnecessary surplus" which constitutes a menace to society by instigating either fear, envy or hate—all of them negative emotions.

By Herman N. Harcourt

after devoted large sums of money to the advancement of society and to the amelioration of the conditions under which men live. The great philanthropists have first been great industrialists.

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DEVIL DANCERS OF CEYLON

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What Will The Future Reveal?

What lies behind the veil? What will the morrow bring forth? Men have brought burnt offerings to the gods, shared their worldly possessions, traversed mountains and plains to visit oracles, all in the hope of having revealed to them the unknown future, little realizing that it rested unshapen in their own hands. The minds of men have labored for ages with various devices and methods to fashion a key that would unlock the door that conceals the moment just beyond the present.

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SO CLOSE and yet so far from the source of *all* is man. Are we allowed but a fleeting glance at the universe—just a conscious interim on the stage of life—a brief look at the setting, the stage, and our fellow players? *Must* each minute be lived regardless of what it affords, or can life be an *intelligent choice*—a time well used to gain a desired end? Not alone in the vapors of test tubes, or the misty voids of the telescope, will man find the answer to the riddle of life and that course of living which brings mastery of self and happiness. *but* in the depths of his own being.

The surges of self which the emotions well up within you, the flashes of intuition which break through your consciousness in spite of superfluous interests are the signs which point a way to contact with infinity—the primary cause of all. Certainly you are not—nor are men generally—averse to brilliance of mind, to creative ideas which make for accomplishment, and have their worldly counterpart in demands for your personal services and success in any enterprise.

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