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THE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH IS THE WORLD DOOMED?

By THE EMPEROR



THE FUTURE of the world has often been a subject for sober reflection. Man's interest in and his affection for the earth has been motivated principally by the fact that it is his habitat. It is doubtful, except as a matter of astronomical curiosity, whether the future of the earth would be of much concern to man if it were just another speck in the heavens at which he could gaze. From the most remote times man has been searching for some assurance of the permanency of human existence. That individual life is transient is all too evident in the sheer realities of disease, old age and death.

Fortunately, the dual functioning of man's nature has given rise to the concept of *another* self. The belief that this self is indestructible and immaterial has ascribed to it an *immortality*—a continuous existence elsewhere. Although mythology, religion, and many philosophies have idealized this immortal state, the life of the soul—the future of mortal mankind—has continued to trouble humanity.

The problem has always resolved down to whether man is here by special decree or as a descent from a series of natural causes. If human life is a spontaneous creation, that is, if it is ordained by supernatural or divine intelligence, it would seem plausible that the earth was created as the stage for man's operations. This conception makes a strong appeal to many minds. It subordinates all of man's require-

ments to a presumed purpose for him. Each thing which man uses, as well as the earth, it is conceived, was designed to fill a need for him. Superficially, this seems reasonable. Suppose I am a creator. I make an intricate device to accomplish a certain thing which I consider important. It would be consistent and essential that I place that device where its purpose would be more easily fulfilled. I certainly would not defeat whatever end I had in mind by placing it where it would be unnecessarily exposed to destructive elements.

Spontaneous existence has been a pleasing thought to man. It has gratified his vanity; it has given him a sense of superiority. He has found various satisfactions in the belief that the human was created as he is, singled out from all other living things. Instead of evolving to his present members and functions, it is thought that they were preconceived—from the ten fingers of his hands to his exceptional reasoning powers. This conceived unique origin of *Homo sapiens* likewise necessitated the earth having a place of importance in the Cosmic scheme. Consequently, in many cosmologies the earth is declared to have been created shortly preceding man himself, or to have had a concomitant existence. The *Book of Genesis* is an example of this former conception. One has only to turn to the first chapter of the *Book of Genesis* to find in the margin the date 4004 B. C. recorded with confidence that it was the beginning of creation, and that man's origin, if literally interpreted,

was not long thereafter. It is only a little over a half-century ago that persons in a great portion of our globe accepted that date.

It must have become apparent at rather an early date that the earth was quite unreliable insofar as its effects upon man were concerned. Along with the fertility of the soil, the warmth of the sun, and the abundance of easily utilized resources, there were catastrophes which mercilessly destroyed man. Tidal waves, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and glacial descents gave no indication of earth's submission to man. For those, therefore, who conceived man as a spontaneous creation, as a creature designed to be superior in the universe, there could be only two explanations for this hostility of earth toward mankind. Either it was an indication of divine displeasure, the consequent of man's nonconformity to spiritual edicts; or it was an indication that the earth was to be destroyed because of the dereliction of humanity, as had often been predicted. The more severe the calamity, the greater the despair and resignation to the belief that the end of the world, especially premeditated by a deity, was about to come. Cyprian, one of the early Christian fathers, said at a time when the Roman Empire was toppling and the social, economic, and political world was particularly chaotic: "You must know that the world has grown old, and does not remain in its former vigor. It bears witness to its decline. The rainfall and sun's warmth are both diminishing; the metals are nearly exhausted; the husbandman is failing in the fields, the sailor on the seas, the soldier in camp, honesty in the market, justice in the courts, concord in friendships, skill in the arts, discipline in morals. This is a sentence passed upon the world, that everything which had a beginning should perish, that things which have reached maturity should grow old, the strong weak, the great small, and that after weakness and shrinkage should come dissolution."

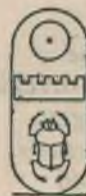
We are told that many of the ancients, as Dion, Lampridius, and Censorinus all lamented the "rapid" decline of the world. The Emperor Julian in the fourth century A. D. exclaimed that the world seemed to be "at its last gasp." Still others, apparent-

ly likewise convinced of the indifference of nature to man, whether because of the withdrawal of divine aegis or otherwise, exhorted their fellows to live only for each fleeting moment. Epicurus said, "And even then sometimes when things earned with great toil now put forth their leaves over the lands and all are in blossom, either the ethereal sun burns them up with excess of heat, or sudden rains and cold frosts cut them off, and the blasts of winds waste them by a furious hurricane. Again, why does nature give food and increase to the frightful race of wild beasts, dangerous to mankind both by sea and land? why do the seasons of the year bring diseases in their train?"

Notwithstanding these forceful examples of at least an unsympathetic earth, man sought to cling to the belief that, since he resided here, earth was so selected for him. Not to give the earth a place of prominence in the universe and not make man a special object of God's attention, it seemed, would be to detract from the eminence of man. Copernicus, renowned astronomer, dared venture that the earth was not the center of our universe and was in comparison to other Cosmic bodies quite minute. He was declared a heretic. Subsequently, Galileo, who proved Copernicus' theories by use of the telescope, was tried for his "heresy."

Origin of Earth

Astronomy and geology have set forth plausible theories for the origin of our world and solar universe based upon the observation of natural phenomena. These theories do not attack the conception of a divine intelligence or a *mind cause* of the Cosmos. They do oppose, however, a blind faith in a special providential decree creating earth for man, as many of the cosmologies and ancient religions expounded. Such scientific explanations may strike at the vanity of man and the importance of his earth, but they are realistic. They better prepare him to orient himself to his true nature and its relation to the Cosmic. Some pairs of stars in rapid motion approach so closely as to nearly collide, we are told. If collision actually occurred, the tremendous catastrophe which would result would be almost inconceivable. The close prox-



imity of these stars even if collision would not occur would produce such tremendous mutual tides that their substances would flow out into space in rope-like streams. Such material, after the passing of the stars, would gradually collect into planets and form around a central body. Such is believed to be the origin of our solar system.

Upon the same premise, it is supposed that the earth was formed by the flowing of matter out of the sun ages ago, when some star approached too close. The fragment which is earth was held in position by the gravitational attraction of the sun and it rapidly revolved in space. This caused it to have its spherical shape. Like other magnetic cells, it conformed to the laws of magnetism having poles of opposing polarity. Gradually, over eons of time, the surface cooled and congealed. The center, it is contended, is still a nucleus of gaseous matter having a tremendously high temperature, due to the weight and consequent pressure of the exterior. Experimentation has shown that the interior of the earth, at a distance of sixty miles, has a flexible or viscous substance. This inner substance shifts and tilts with the ever-changing weight of the detritus materials carried by the rivers. To better visualize this, think of a semi-liquid substance in a bowl, shifting under the pressure of your finger as you probe it in different places.

When the earth was formed is, of course, a matter of scientific conjecture. What happened once to the sun, if we accept the origin of our earth and the explanation given above, can occur again. Such another catastrophe might cause fragments as large or larger than the earth to be thrown violently against it. The collision would mean instant destruction of the earth. If actual collision did not occur, the tide of substance caused to leave the earth by the attraction of the passing body would decimate the earth. There is also the possibility that new large bodies introduced into our solar system because of such a catastrophe would alter our relation to the sun and the other planets, changing the axis or rotation of the earth so as to destroy life immediately.

Few persons realize the precarious position of human existence on earth, even if peace were to reign perpetually.

Slight modification of the physical characteristics of the earth and its spatial environment would make it untenable by humans. Water in liquid form is, as we know, indispensable to earth. The large oceans and rivers are necessary for rainfall. Small changes in the earth's temperature would congeal this water to solid ice, or vaporize it. A fall of but 10 per cent in the temperature of the globe would drive all life to the tropics. Further, high above the earth is an atmospheric filter that keeps all life from being frightfully and chemically burned. This atmospheric layer is that form of oxygen known as ozone. There is so little of it, if brought to the earth's surface, that it would make a layer little thicker than the cover of an ordinary book. However, if this constituent of the atmosphere were to be destroyed, it would permit the entrance of a stream of ultraviolet rays which would blind humans or cause them to be terribly burned.

The Glacial Threat

We live in what is known geologically as the *Fourth Warm Interval*. There is geological evidence that the great glaciers, sheets of ice from the North polar cap, have advanced four times and retreated four times over large portions of the earth. The earliest descent of the ice began, it is estimated, in the early Stone Age, known to geologists as the Paleolithic Age. This occurred approximately 500,000 years ago. Men lived during that ice age! Human bones have been found at a depth of eighty feet in strata of the early Stone Age. These early men must have gradually become aware of the increasing cold in their forests. Eventually they must have heard the crashing of great trees as the terrain was being pushed up as if by a gigantic plow and at the same time mountains were being ground down, and new valleys formed by the billions of tons of blue ice glistening in the sun and slowly moving southward. At some time men must have fled in terror from the encroachment of these masses of ice. They fled from northern Europe to the more southerly regions. Then after a lapse of thousands of years, the ice retreated and the climate again became

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Now it May be Told

By RALPH M. LEWIS, F. R. C.

PART II

The intelligent application of Rosicrucian principles played an important part in the recent European crisis. We continue quoting the manuscript transmitted by Jan Coops, Grand Master of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, in Holland.



I AM very grateful to say that our healing work, absent and contact, has been signally blessed in many cases, some of which were on my list for a long time, and in cases where our work was not blessed with a cure and transition proved inevitable, we had been able to alleviate much pain and suffering, physical and mental. This fills me with an unspeakable feeling of gratitude. Besides myself, there are two other fratres who regularly help with the healing work and who have had remarkable results, and there are undoubtedly others who have taken part in this service without reporting about it.

A thorough check-up on my physical condition showed that I was not only in excellent health, but the doctor was amazed at the results of the examination of a man of sixty-five years. The blood test showed a surplus of 20 per cent of red blood-corpuscles. This was in a time when the food situation was already very precarious and the medical men of Holland in an open letter to the German Commissioner in Holland, Seyss Inquart, had already denounced the German Government for breaking down the health of the people. And, although we were at times blessed

above many thousands by receiving some extra food through friends in the country, yet we went to bed hungry every night. Even in September 1944, when I went in search of potatoes with my two sons, we walked thirty-five miles with no other food than a bit of cold rye-porridge. This we had eaten before leaving at half past five in the morning. We returned at seven in the evening without getting potatoes. This exertion did not affect me in any way.

Although there has been much physical suffering for most, if not all, members, as a result of the food and fuel famine, I may say that, speaking in general and as far as I have been able to ascertain, our suffering has not been the worst and, with one exception, none of our members has ever been in danger of his life. Frater van Veen, our former class master at The Hague, who was evacuated, suffered entire collapse and a stroke at a time when Soror van Veen was seriously ill with bronchitis. Frater van Veen, who is past seventy, has physically recuperated against the expectation of his physician, but his mental faculties have suffered so much that it will be impossible for him to resume the class mastership, he being unable to say what he means, or sometimes saying something entirely different from what he means. Unfortunately, Frater and Soror van Veen had been



evacuated to a place far from where any of the other members lived. There being no mail service for many months, we were unaware of their plight; however, had we known, we would have been unable to help in a material way because of absolute lack of transportation or any means of communication.

To Submit or Starve

From September on, conditions became much worse. The Germans, aroused by the order of the Netherlands' Government at London for all railway men to strike, now decided to starve the people into submission. There was still enough food in the Eastern part, so the country was divided in two, the East and the West, by the German lines along the IJssel. The farming country in the West was, to a great extent, inundated. Much valuable food was lost, and the roads from the East were watched to prevent food from filtering through to the West. In the Western part, hundreds of people died of starvation on the country roads while in search of food. Gradually, also, the public utilities stopped—no street-cars, no electricity, no gas, and no fuel distribution. Lamps or oil were not to be had. No leather to repair shoes. No fuel to cook our food, such as it was. If it was not freezing weather I walked with wet feet all day. At night after coming home from visiting some patients who were being helped with contact treatment, I moved about in the dark in my overcoat, the only light being a tiny open oil-flame from an old-fashioned oil wick. Our hands were numb with the cold; circulation became so poor through lack of food that our fingers became white, bloodless, and insensible. But no matter how cold it was, how great our misery, I never missed going to my Sanctum before retiring, holding a short convocation and lighting the candle on the Altar in the East. BLESSED LIGHT SYMBOLICAL OF THE GREATER LIGHT!!

Under the Sacred Word

I could not afford two candles; I could use but one candle, and that for only a few moments. In these short convocations I sent thoughts to all our members individually and to all Rosicrucians, and in spirit I was at San

Jose and in our Temple at Vancouver, Canada. Under the Sacred Word, I appealed to the Cosmic, morning and evening, for those among our members who were in distress, as was also done by a number of the brothers and sisters—and not in vain. There was, for instance, the family van Stokkum. Soror van Stokkum has one son and three daughters. All except one daughter are members of the Order. They are the children of Dr. van Stokkum, Grand Master at Semarang, Netherlands East Indies. Dick van Stokkum was arrested for "underground" activities. He helped many Jews to escape and did other things, each one sufficient to deserve a death sentence in the German Courts. He was in prison for eight months. Then, suddenly and unexpectedly one evening, he was put outside without any explanation. His sister, Susanne van Stokkum, took over her brother's work as soon as he was arrested. She, too, was arrested two weeks before she was to be married, and was given a sentence of life imprisonment and was sent to one of the terrible prison camps in Germany. We now have word that she is safe and being cared for in Sweden. After Susanne was arrested, Doris, a young nurse of about twenty years, at once took up the work for which her brother and sister had been sent to prison. After a while she, too, and her other sister were arrested. They were freed after two weeks. The mother had given refuge to a great number of fugitives and had to go into hiding herself, at last.

Then, there was Br. van Gastel, who has in the past very greatly helped me, and who was taken in a razzia at Rotterdam where he lived; he escaped from the slave-labor camp after some time and had no further trouble.

Our own sons were eighteen and twenty-one years at that time. They were getting thinner and weaker every day. In the middle of December 1944, they left home to make their way through the German lines to go to friends in the East, where plenty of food awaited them. They were arrested and sent to a slave-labor camp, and, while the guards seemed to have a particular grudge against them because they were Canadians, yet they were undoubtedly protected. When the young-

est openly denounced the guards for maltreating a fellow prisoner, they seemed not to dare to touch him, though many a prisoner had been clubbed to death for less than that. His leg was saved as by a wonder, after it had been thought necessary to amputate because of neglect after freezing—gangrene and severe infection having set in. When Arthur could walk again, the boys escaped together. They reported at the nearest Canadian Army Headquarters, where Parzival asked to be permitted to enlist. He was engaged at Army Headquarters as an interpreter, and Arthur was taken to his original destination.

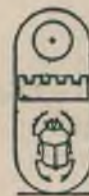
Came Christmas, 1944. A sad Christmas. Our boys were in prison. No fuel to warm ourselves. Very little food and of very poor quality. On the Sunday morning, the day before Christmas, our hearts were gladdened. We stayed in bed late, trying to keep warm and to forget that we were hungry. Then there was an unexpected ring of the doorbell. Dinie, Parzival's fiancée, had come all the way from the most Eastern part of Holland to the extreme West to bring us food for Christmas. This courageous girl of nineteen rode a heavily loaded bicycle for fifteen hours, making her way through the German lines, making detours, spurring through towns and villages, evading German sentries posted everywhere to intercept food filtering through; at every turn she feared she would lose her precious load. There was meat and butter; there were rye bread, rye meal, powdered milk, and eggs—things we had not seen for many months. What we enjoyed most was the kind and splendid gesture of this girl. It was an awful blow for her to hear that her loved one had fallen into the claws of the beasts, for enough verified tales of atrocities committed in the prison camps had come through to make us know that the boys were in great danger. However, she kept a brave front; this girl's attitude was heartening. Next morning at half past five she was off again in the dark, in bitter cold winter weather, to ride the bicycle again for fifteen hours, so she might be home with her folks on the evening of Christmas day.

"Before the Sign of the Cross..."

It was on December 30, 1936, that, in my Sanctum, the first Temple Convocation of the new cycle of activity in Holland had been held; and it was on December 30, 1943, after three and a half years of war that I called as many of the Fratres and Sorores together as were in, or could come to Amsterdam, for a convocation in my Sanctum. It was the closing of the first period of seven years of preparation. Although during one-half of this time our work had been suspended, we had kept in contact with one another; the New Year's Celebration had been secretly held in my Sanctum every year. On this notable occasion I spoke in part, about as follows:

"Brothers and Sisters! We have come together for an important event. It is today seven years since the first Temple Convocation was held in this Sanctum and we actually started the Sacred Work of our beloved Order. We have come here to commemorate this day, but, lo, the Sacred Flame does not burn on the Altar in the East. On Saturday, May 11, 1940, the last true Rosicrucian Convocation was held in this Sacred place and the Sacred Flame was extinguished for an indefinite period. Three and a half years of darkness has reigned, because the Light from the East was obscured.

"For three and a half years the Altar of our God on which used to burn the three lights, symbols of Light, Life, and Love, has been hidden. Our Masters have not spoken the Sacred Words. The Neophytes have not been instructed. The Greater Light has been veiled. Night had come over the Earth. We will now not only commemorate the beginning of our work in a new cycle and the closing of the seven years of preparation, but we will highly resolve this day, and indicate by this convocation, that we will henceforth prepare ourselves for the great task that awaits us. When you were inducted into the work of the Order, you took a pledge of service. I want to remind you of this pledge: 'Before the sign of the Cross, I promise...' Symbolizing that we will resume our task and meet as true Rosicrucians for work and worship, we will now again light the Sacred Flame on the Altar in the East.



"These seven years of preparation have passed and we must now prepare to take up our work again with renewed faith in its ultimate success. We must now work with ambition and energy at the raising of a great and grand edifice which has its conception in the spiritual creation, which is to be manifested on the material plane as our material organization. And let us not forget that the material manifestation cannot be grander, cannot be more beautiful than the spiritual conception. Let us therefore raise our conception to the highest ideal, and let us so perfect it that nothing shall ever damage the material manifestation, our physical organization.

"Have we made the best of our opportunities in the three and a half years that we were forced to curtail our activities? We may well ask ourselves if we used all we had so far learned to the best advantage. I am very grateful that I have had the co-operation and help of so many who extended their love to their fellow men in this most trying time. I am happy that nearly all who were with us in May 1940 are ready and anxious to resume the work, and to carry on as soon as the signal is given. And we have not been idle. Secretly the seed has been sown; there are many whose interest in the work of the Order has been awakened and who are ready to fill the ranks of the Neophytes.

"It is well here to remember that, so far, we as Fratres and Sorores of the Order Rosae Crucis, have experienced few real great difficulties. How very different it was with our predecessors! How many gave their lives for their Rosicrucian faith in the persecutions which took place in all times. In Spain during the Middle Ages, our movement was smothered in blood. In Germany some Rosicrucians were hanged; others were sent to the galleys. In Holland, Coppens was banished and Torrentius

was tortured on the rack. Francis Bacon, Emperor, secretly sought refuge in a monastery in Holland because his life had been attempted. Paracelsus was thwarted on all sides for publishing his books in the interest of mankind. Pythagoras perished with forty of his closest disciples when their meeting place was surrounded by the enemies of the Light, and put on fire. Socrates drank the hemlock. Even in the remotest ages our Order passed through times of persecution. Ikhnoton's tomb was desecrated by his enemies. On June 8, 1202 B. C., more than thirty-one centuries ago, a brother of the Order spoke at the Council meeting at El Amarna as follows:

"The stars shew naught but trial and test by air, fire, and water, which we hold to be the elements of the crucible from which the precious stone will bring forth its own; and again: 'Who among us will rise and predict defeat for that for which our Masters have labored over twenty-nine cycles (two hundred years)? Is not this Truth? Are we not assembled in Truth? Are we not living Truth? And, can Truth ever die? Is not transition the gateway to progress? And can the Crucible do more than bring about a physical and spiritual transition, a transmutation of the principles, for which we have pledged our lives?'

"Here spoke the true Rosicrucian spirit; we shall have to make many sacrifices to be worthy of such predecessors.

"Fratres and Sorores, there are undoubtedly trying times in store for us still, but we possess a great and glorious heritage that no one can deny us or take away from us and that is at our disposal everywhere, even in prison or in a dungeon. May we ever be truly worthy of this heritage, and may it be said of us at our transition—'Well done, faithful servant!'

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We are in a period of great change that demands of us courage, foresight, and resourcefulness. We have to keep our feet even more firmly on the path than in normal times, or be submerged into chaos.—Hubert J. Turner, Jr.



Faith, the Wonder Worker

By PERCY PIGOTT, F. R. C.



HAVE you ever tried to walk through a brick wall? Have you ever wondered why it is you cannot? Are you quite sure that it is what you think it to be, namely impassable?

You have never genuinely tried. You are always so sure that you cannot pass through the wall that you simply meet your own thoughts. Nobody ever has walked through a solid wall. Everyone says, and thinks, that it is impossible. Indeed only the mentally defective would attempt so silly a feat. Therefore you think of the wall as being solid and impassable and for you it is what you think it to be.

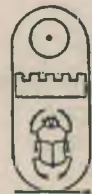
Actually, the solidity of the wall exists only in your own mind. The wall itself is built up of electrons, atoms, and molecules. The largest of these is many times smaller than the smallest particle of dust dancing in a sunbeam. You never doubt your power to pass through a sunbeam. Why should you doubt in the case of a brick wall? You have perfect faith, confidence, and certainty that you can pass through a sunbeam. Thus you succeed. The inert electrons, atoms, molecules, and dust particles obey your desires and make a passage for you. You have no faith in your authority over the lifeless electrons which you call a brick wall; therefore they bar your path.

It is by faith that you walk down the street. You have perfect faith in your power to reach your destination. Ac-

cording to your faith, so is your achievement. If you had the same confidence, or faith, in your ability to obtain vigorous health, to bring harmony and beauty into your home, to build up a prosperous business, to add to your nation's literature, to erect buildings which will inspire during the centuries to come, even to win great battles or guide the affairs of a nation, you would find your achievement would be according to your faith. For faith, or confidence, is the pathbreaker to the heights.

It is in this sense that Jesus extolled the virtue of faith. When he told the sick to take up their bed and walk, they did so. They had faith in Him. He, they felt assured, would never tell them to do something they could not do. Therefore, and this is the important thing, they believed they could get up and walk. Thus they were healed. Had they shaken their heads and told Jesus that some special treatment or operation was necessary, even He could not have healed them. On one occasion we are distinctly told that He could do no great work because of the people's unbelief.

When the disciple tried to walk on the water and failed, he was reproofed for his want of faith. He had no faith—that is, confidence—in his own ability. Nobody before had ever walked on water. Everybody believed that one would sink if one tried. Actually no one had properly tested the matter. All, except Jesus, were so sure, before their foot soles ever touched the water surface, that they would sink that their



fears became objectivized as failure; for fear is the opposite of faith. Nothing is possible if you think it impossible, and nothing is impossible if you think it possible.

Faith Is Not Belief

The word faith is often used as meaning *belief*. This is a perversion. Consider the word *faithful*. If faith means belief, to be faithful should mean to be full of belief, or to be credulous. The word faithful, however, has retained its correct meaning. It implies loyalty, constancy, and steadfastness. All these are rooted in confidence. Anyone who is loyal to a chief has confidence in him. Anyone who is loyal to a principle has confidence in that principle. When we praise a Christian, because he holds fast to the faith, we ought not to mean that he continues to believe certain stories to be historical rather than allegorical, even though the evidence against this is strong. This would be dishonest and would be hiding, instead of using, the talent of reasoning and judgment. To believe in a doctrine without reason, or to believe a story to be historical without any historical evidence, is merely guessing, even wishing. A religion founded on guessing and wishing is built upon sand. Founded upon faith, or confidence in principles, it becomes the rock of centuries. The only merit in belief is when an inquirer honestly admits something to be true which, perhaps, he had hoped to find untrue, as for instance reincarnation. This would be an act of faith, faith in truth. Truth is ever ready to enter when welcomed. Those who hold obstinately to their own beliefs and miscall it *faith*, and regard themselves as strong and loyal, are *slamming the door against truth*. And truth is the Light of the world.

If believers regard others as apostates and label their faith *heresy*, they are revealing not only a lack of confidence in their own creed but even a lack of conviction in its truth. They would never trouble about anyone who held the opinion that two plus two equalled five. Yet this would be a more serious error than any heresy that has ever riven christendom. If widely believed it would invalidate all calculations. It could reduce even civilization to chaos.

Belief is a snare. Faith is the great miracle worker. Faith is the intelligence of heaven. Faith is nature's oracle. Faith is the pearl of great price. Faith is born of the intuition. Courage, decision, perseverance, industry, endurance and energy are all born of faith.

The Miracles of Achievement

Faith wins great battles. Cromwell at Dunbar was surrounded by his foes, who greatly outnumbered him and occupied all the heights. When Cromwell saw this he cried in a moment of exaltation, "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered." They were scattered. For faith is the invisible weapon of the warrior.

Faith writes great dramas. When Carlyle wrote *Sartor Resartus*, the editor of the magazine in which it was published had to discontinue it, such was the clamor from his readers. Did Carlyle lose faith? No, instead he wrote the *French Revolution*. When he had finished the first volume of the manuscript it was accidentally burned. He rewrote it while possessed of hardly sufficient funds to meet his household expenses. He had faith in his message and faith in his power to deliver it. To-day both works rank among the pillars of English literature—for faith is the Lord of Fate.

Faith navigates uncharted seas and discovers unknown lands. Henry the Navigator spent whole days and nights in his study among maps and charts and mathematical books. He interviewed pilots and sea captains and ship-builders. He gave them faith and sent them forth into unexplored seas. Subsequently, Portuguese navigators rounded the Cape of Good Hope. They reached Abyssinia, explored the northeast coast of America, and discovered Labrador, Newfoundland, and Greenland, as well as Brazil and Ceylon. They discovered California in 1542. Thus did Henry's tireless industry, born of his faith, triumph; for faith herself is tireless.

Faith can transform desolate wastes into regions rich in corn and fruit. It can conjure up highways gay with gorgeous colored flowers. When Brigham Young, at the head of his tired and disease-stricken pilgrims, reached the Salt Lake valley, from horizon to horizon a

barren expanse, deserted even by bears and buffaloes, with but one solitary tree in the wide expanse, was revealed to them. Was this the promised land? "This is the place," quietly remarked Brigham Young, "I have seen it in my vision." Today that region is perhaps the most fertile on the continent; for faith is the seeing of the saint.

Faith can protect a whole nation in the hour of great peril. It was during the Seven Years' War that the elder Pitt said of England, "I believe I can save this nation and I believe I am the only one who can." He also achieved according to his faith; for faith is the vision of the statesman.

As the Rev. W. E. Channing of Boston lay on his sick bed, he remarked very simply, "Tonight will be very quiet and peaceful for me." He knew he would not see the morrow's sun. Thus was faith the mystic understanding which comes with the decline of life; for faith herself is deathless.

Though hope is the gleam of light which dispels the bleak clouds of grief, hope herself is faith that the good will prevail in the end. Faith is therefore the solvent of sorrow. Faith, mutual faith, is the cement that binds the marriage bond and is the foundation of all friendships.

How Faith May Be Acquired

How then can we acquire this faith that enables us to pass through solid walls? that builds up a prosperous business? that heals the sick? that commands the waves to remain firm while we walk on their surface? that wins great battles? that writes great dramas? that sails in uncharted seas? that builds beautiful cities? that guards a nation in peril? that brings peace to the dying? that makes happy marriages and enduring friendships?

Do not, when first you embark on this all absorbing quest, try to walk through your house wall into the street, nor on the waves of the ocean. At the beginning you probably have not faith for these feats. Your failure would confirm your negative attitude. But you can do much with your health. Realize that in actuality your body is whole and incorruptible. Like the solidity of the brick wall, the illness and defects,

which you think are so real, exist in your own mind. Be what you are. Banish all fear. Wet feet will not necessarily give you a cold, and the elements, no matter how uninviting, are generally health-giving.

You can do much with your domestic and business problems. If the cruise of oil will not last, it will be replenished. You have plenty for today, do not build barns to store up for tomorrow. The Hebrews in the wilderness always had sufficient manna. When they stored it, it spoiled. It does not take a great deal of faith to put into practice the maxim, "take no thought for the morrow." Do you fear that principle? It is less likely, by far, to harm you than are your worries and fears and anxieties. A mother was once distressed over her little one, sick unto death. She consulted doctors and nurses and specialists; she tried drugs and treatments and special cures. No avail. At length she laid the little thing in its cot saying she could only leave it to God. Then the child got better.

Perhaps you have business perplexities and discords and difficult problems. The faith to deal with these is quite within your reach. There is a solution. There is the wisest way possible to handle the affair. The solution does not want forcing, but finding. The perplexities and difficulties, like the solidity of the wall, exist only in your own thought-world. Continue this process of working by faith, and you will find undreamed of avenues of opportunity opening before you. For, as to Brigham Young and William Pitt, it will be done unto you according to your faith.

With each effective application, your faith will increase. When you are really faithful, or full of faith. You will be able to win battles, write great dramas, explore distant lands or build a beautiful city. Ultimately you will be able to create a universe, your own universe; for faith, which is the kingdom of heaven, is within you.

God, indeed, created the universe by faith. He could never have produced it had He lacked faith in his own power. He could not even exist without faith in his own being; such is the power of Faith, the great Wonder Worker.





SANCTUM MUSINGS

WHAT IS A LOG OF WOOD?

By ELOISE LAVRISCHEFF, F. R. C.



THE night was cold and still. Shivering slightly I dropped another log on the fire and curled up in a chair in front of the fireplace, looking contentedly into the flames. After a few minutes the new log started to burn. Flames danced brightly across its length; smoke curled slowly up the chimney; a soft dust of ashes settled down imperceptibly on the hearth. As I continued to watch, it seemed that suddenly I was seeing right into the very being of the log.

The *very being* of the log! I "came to" with a start to find thoughts racing through my mind. The log was changing. Soon it would actually cease to exist. The flames and the smoke were passing away. Tomorrow there would be only cold ashes left on the hearth. What was really happening? What of the log itself? What of this *being* of the log that I had almost glimpsed as I sat half dreaming in my chair!

Being! Existence! Existence versus Being! My head began to whirl. What was *being*? What was *existence*? I turned to the dictionary on the stand at my side.

BEING: to exist or have reality

EXIST: to have actual or real being

That was no help. The words were being used interchangeably. I could not help feeling that that was wrong. Was there any clue in the roots of the words?

From the Latin:

BEING: (see *is*) [*IS: est* — is (fr. *esse*, to be)]

EXIST: *ex*—out; *sistere*—to cause to stand (fr. *stare*, to stand)

Esse: to stand out from. To stand out from *esse*. ESSE! The ancient name for God!

Of course, 'to stand out from God.' *Being* extending itself into existence. Is not that the way creation was brought about? In His mind, God formed patterns of the things He wished to create. This was reality. By His Will to create, His own spirit energy was set in motion, vibrating at definite rates. This was actuality.

Through its movement, His energy condensed into particles—these we now call *electrons*; the particles differ only in their speed or rate of vibration. Groups of the electrons together formed the atoms which we call *matter*. Varying combinations of the atoms as molecules have built up our universe.

But where did my log of wood fit into this picture of creation? First, of course, there had been the tree, as the Creator had planned it with His Or-

iginal primary pattern. Atoms of hydrogen and oxygen as moisture in the soil had been drawn by osmosis through the root walls into the sprouting seedling. More oxygen and atoms of carbon as carbon dioxide from the air had been breathed through the stomata of the new little leaves. There the green chlorophyll of the plant, in the presence of the radiant energy it absorbed from the sunlight, by the process called photosynthesis changed these combinations to carbohydrate, returning the remaining oxygen to the air. As cellulose, the carbohydrate became the cell walls of the growing tree. Mixed with other atoms of nitrogen, sulphur, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and so forth, drawn in as soluble salts with the moisture through the roots, it became the protoplasm or tissue of the cells themselves. Converted into more complex forms the rest of the carbohydrate was stored as sugar or starch or oil. And all these patterns working together under the Law manifested the primary pattern called *tree*.

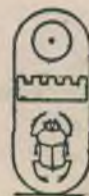
Then man had come into the forest and cut down the tree. Part of it, perhaps, he had used to make lumber, a secondary man-imposed pattern. Other parts he had cut into lengths to burn. So my log of wood had arrived, another secondary pattern, at my fireplace. But what had become of the primary pattern *tree*? This was still in the mind of the Creator. It had not changed. It had simply been withdrawn from the atomic energy that made up the tree when other laws were put into operation as the man put the force of his axe into the mass of the tree. The atoms were then no longer the composite primary pattern *tree* with its leaves and roots and running sap; they were the secondary pattern man had formed and known to us simply as *wood*.

Now what was happening to my log of wood as it burned? The new law of oxidation in the fire was overcoming the laws of cohesion and other laws that had formed the log and was rearranging the molecules of its cellular structure. Gases were being released which glowed as flames; more of the gases together with tiny particles of carbon were rising as smoke; the rest of the carbon and other heavier atoms would remain as ashes. The electrons and

atoms themselves were not being changed. They were only being acted upon by new laws and so were grouping themselves into the new primary patterns of flame and smoke and ashes.

As I watched it burn, gradually the pattern I knew as *wood* was being withdrawn and new patterns were being manifested. Again I lost myself in meditation upon this change. In the first place, how was I conscious of it at all? Light from the flames and the glowing coals reached my eyes and stimulated the retina so that the corresponding nerve vibrations were carried to my brain. There, superimposed upon the natural vibration of my brain cells, they created, by the Law of the Triangle, a third vibration which was my consciousness of seeing the log burning. Heat vibrations reached the nerve endings in my skin; smoke vibrations stimulated my nostrils; sound waves from the crackling flames hit against my eardrums. And each separate sense organ sent to my brain its own set of nerve vibrations which created in my brain conscious sensations of feeling the warmth, smelling the smoke, and hearing the fire crackle. I had no actual contact with the burning log. All I could ever experience of it, or of anything, was the reflection in my brain brought through the patterns created by stimulation of my sense organs or other centers of reception. Then I realized that in truth we can never contact directly any actuality. We can only have a realization, or a pattern in our mind, of its reflection.

It follows then, of course, that we may interpret our impressions wrongly and so experience an incorrect reflection or realization. However, it is possible for the Divine mind within us to recognize the archetype, the true reality of a thing. For the real nature of anything is not in its actuality—not in the electrons and atoms which compose it. Its reality is the original *mind pattern* into which the energy has fitted itself according to law. When another law takes precedence over the one that is operating, the energy is reshaped to fit a new pattern in accordance with the new law. The electrons and atoms themselves are not changed. It is only the new pattern that brings a different



manifestation, just as the tree had become wood and my log of wood had been changed to flame and smoke and ashes.

So I came into the realization of the true duality of the great creative force. Matter (God's vibrating energy with its negative polarity and limited finite nature) is always changing, passing

from manifestation to manifestation, from *existence* to *existence*, where it 'stands out' from Being—Esse—God, whose mind power (Mind pattern with its positive polarity and unlimited infinite nature) forever *IS*. It was the combination of these two which had manifested the tree which had made my Log of Wood. So mote it be!



Can Life be Extended?

By W. E. SULLIVAN



IF THE cell theory, as first pronounced by Schwann and now almost universally accepted, is true, then all life and growth and development of physical bodies, as well as their maintenance, is dependent upon the periodic and synchronized cyclic separation and multiplication of these cells.

Maintenance of our physical bodies in status quo, or perhaps even the rejuvenation thereof, can conceivably be attained, if the spirit energy working in us can be directed to that end.

Once we learn the Cosmic law governing this function of spirit energy and how to apply it, we may then, at will, keep up a continuous production of new cells to replace the worn out ones, and thus maintain the physical body in any condition that we may choose and discard it only when the

Soul has no more need of it. That need may be determined by the soul-personality development, and it is entirely conceivable that such need may never present itself. If the Soul should find the necessity of a change, It could as easily adapt the present body, as indicated, as It now so easily discards it.

Many generations of study, much meditation and constant research, and above all complete Cosmic attunement may be necessary before this basic Cosmic law may be revealed to some fortunate being.

The reasonable conclusion seems to be that we who call ourselves mystics or philosophers should devote much time, thought and prayer to this task. Devotion to Cosmic attunement brings many strange and sometimes terrifying revelations. Who knows when this law may be revealed? What a stupendous field of study this one thought opens for our united efforts.

AMORC BOOKS AVAILABLE IN BRAILLE

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is happy to announce that four books written by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, late Imperator, have been translated in Braille characters, and may now be obtained from the California State Library, Sacramento, California. These books are being loaned not only to residents of California but to those of other states.

The books, which are available upon request and the compliance with the usual library rules, are:

Mansions of the Soul

Rosicrucian Principles for Home and Business

Rosicrucian Questions and Answers—Complete history of AMORC

Mental Poisoning, grade 2 Braille

The first three books listed are in grade 1½ Braille.

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Life after Death

By DR. HORNELL HART

(From *The Woman's Annual Digest*, 1944 edition)



CAPTAIN Eldred Bowyer-Bower was a British aviator in France in World War I. On March 19, 1917, three different women had strange experiences about him. The first was his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Spearman, who was living in India. She was very fond of her brother—she'd had him on her mind. Late in the afternoon of March 19, she was playing with her baby on the floor, when she felt a strong impulse to look around. There stood Eldred, with that "dear mischievous look" of his. "Fancy your coming out here to India!" she exclaimed! Hastily she put the baby out of harm's way on the bed and turned to embrace her brother. But he was gone.

The second woman in the case was very young—three years old, in fact. She was Captain Eldred's niece in England. On the morning of this same March 19, this child came to her mother and insisted, "Uncle Eldred is downstairs." Later that same day the child's mother wrote Eldred's mother about the incident.

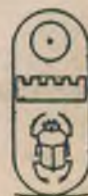
The third woman was old Mrs. Watson—long-time friend of the Captain's mother. For quite eighteen months she had not written Mrs. Bowyer-Bower, but on March 19, 1917, she wrote as follows: "Something tells me you are having great anxiety, about Eldred. Will you let me know?"

An hour after dawn on March 19, Captain Eldred was reconnoitering over German lines in France. He was pounced on from the clouds by an overwhelming number of enemy planes. It was not until March 23 that the War Office reported him missing in action. It was not until May 10 that his body was found, beside his riddled plane.

Such are the sober facts, painstakingly investigated by the London Society for Psychical Research. "Nothing but ghost stories!" perhaps you exclaim—"nothing but hallucinations and delusions!" Well, if such experiences are hallucinations they at least occur with amazing frequency. Some years ago a group of British scientists conducted a kind of Gallup Poll in which 17,000 persons were interviewed on the subject. Among these, 163 reported that they had at one time or another seen realistic apparitions of the dead. Through all the centuries of history, from all the nations of the world, apparitions of the dead have been reported.

Even stranger are the facts about apparitions of the living. Among the 17,000 persons who were "Gallup Polled" on the subject, 352 reported that they had seen realistic apparitions of persons still alive.

But what do apparitions of the living have to do with whether soldiers survive beyond death? Just this: the whole problem resolves about the question of whether the human soul really exists. For tens of thousands of years almost all mankind has believed in the reality



of the soul. Today, in our age of science, many psychologists scoff at the idea. But suppose that we could turn science itself upon the problem, and suppose that when we did we found convincing evidence that souls do exist, and that they may survive the death of the body. That is exactly what many careful investigators are doing.

By the "soul" we mean that aspect of a personality, which can be conscious and active apart from the physical body. To illustrate, let us consider a case collected in one of the scientific censuses of this sort of thing, conducted some years ago in England. The following account is abridged from a statement written by Rev. P. H. Newnham:

"In March 1854 (he reported) I was up at Oxford, keeping my last term. One evening about 9 P. M. I flung myself, without undressing, on the bed, and soon fell asleep.

"I then had a singular and vivid dream, all the incidents of which are still as clear to my memory, as ever. I dreamed that I was stopping with the family of the lady who subsequently became my wife. On arriving in the hall (on my way to bed) I perceived that my fiancée was only then near the top of the staircase. I rushed upstairs, overtook her at the top step, and passed my two arms around her waist, under her arms, from behind.

"On this I woke, and a clock in the house struck 10 almost immediately afterwards.

"So strong was the impression of the dream that I wrote a detailed account of it next morning to my fiancée.

"Crossing my letter, not in answer to it, I received a letter from the lady in question (saying): 'Were you thinking about me, very specially, last night, just about 10 o'clock? For as I was going upstairs to bed, I distinctly heard your footsteps on the stairs, and felt you put your arms around my waist.'"

Cases like this, in which something that can be best called the soul does leave the physical body and do things at a distance, are reported by a good many trustworthy people. For example, Mrs. Caroline D. Larsen, author of a book of Danish short stories, and wife of Alfred Larsen (whose biography will be found in *Who's Who in America*) has published a little book recounting

her own travels away from her physical body. Sylvan Muldoon, in a similar book, *The Projection of the Astral Body*, tells how he made a very practical use of this:

"I seemed under the spell of some indescribable loneliness. I entered my room, locked the door, and flung myself across the bed. I had lain there but a short time when my astral body moved up into the air, and then outside and into the street. I found that I was in a strange house. I knew not where. Four people were in the room, one of them a girl of about seventeen, who was sewing upon a black dress. I went about the room, taking visual notes of various objects. I took one last look about the place, outside and in, and saw that it was a farmhouse. Instantly I was back in my own room again, looking down at my physical body which lay upon the bed.

"Six weeks passed. Then, one afternoon, as I was coming home, I saw a girl get out of a car. Immediately I recognized her as the young lady I had seen that night, in the farmhouse. One thing led to another. I began to like her. She is at the present time, in fact, a very close friend of mine."

"Fantastic!" you say? Well, maybe so. But just try out a little experiment before you reach any final conclusions. First, place both your feet flat on the floor. Let your hands fall loosely on your thighs. Take as comfortable a position as you can. Now close your eyes and begin to relax. Let your hands grow heavier and heavier—utterly limp. Let the muscles of your face grow heavier and heavier, completely at rest. Now, while your whole body grows heavier and heavier, and sinks into deeper and deeper peace, I want you to turn your attention to some distant place where there is someone you care about—perhaps some lad who is in military service. Imagine that loved person as vividly as you can. Imagine his surroundings vividly. Imagine yourself as standing in front of him, talking with him. Ask him questions and listen for him to answer.

When you have finished this little experiment, open your eyes, and let's discuss it a bit. Your imagined form was standing in front of the imagined form of your friend, far away. So far

we are dealing merely with ordinary imagination. But suppose that that imagination were combined with what Dr. J. B. Rhine at Duke University calls "extra-sensory perception"—that is to say, with telepathy and clairvoyance. Suppose that both you and your friend had had telepathic and clairvoyant power in high degrees. In that case, when you thought of your loved one, he would have been aware of your thought. You would each have been able to catch to some extent what was in the mind of the other. Your two imaginations would have combined into one shared vision in which you would have been able to see each other in the inner world and to hear each other speak and reply. If your loved one projected this inner-world image into his physical surroundings, he would perceive you as an apparition.

Some scientists, of course, do not believe in telepathy. As recently as 1940 the *Scientific Monthly* published an article by Professor Sumner Boyer Ely which concluded as follows:

"There has never been any evidence produced which would warrant the belief that there is such a thing as telepathy. . . . We can positively say that no mind has ever yet communicated with another mind other than through ordinary sensory channels."

Professor Ely was apparently unaware that the results of over 3,600,000 tests of telepathy and other kinds of extra-sensory perception have been published, including researches by forty-eight different psychologists in twenty-seven college and university laboratories. Their findings point overwhelmingly to the reality of telepathy and clairvoyance. The real test of the existence of the soul is whether the consciousness of given persons can actually bring back correct information about distant events not known through ordinary sight, sound, and touch, and whether that consciousness can make its presence and its ideas and images known apart from the physical body. *The evidence for the reality of the human soul, thus defined, has become so strong that the burden of proof lies upon those who deny its existence.*

But what about survival after death? Suppose it is true that consciousness can sometimes travel afar from its physical

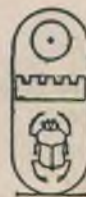
body, appear to distant loved ones, and bring back memories of what occurred and of what was said—does that prove that the soul lives on when the body is destroyed by shrapnel or drowned in the sea?

Actually, the fact that the soul can travel away from the living body does point strongly toward belief that it can also survive the dead body. Apparitions of the living shade off into apparitions of the dead without a break. Various reliable witnesses have told how, when their bodies came near to physical death, they experienced a temporary excursion of their own astral body. Apparitions of persons shortly before their death have been seen in a number of cases. Apparitions seen at the very time when the physical body was dying far away are reported frequently. But after the body has been dead for days, months, or even years, apparitions of the same sort are still seen, sometimes by several people at the same time, each of whom corroborates the others.

Not only do apparitions of the living shade off without a break into apparitions of the dead, but the two kinds of apparitions are practically identical in character. The apparitions of the dead almost always appear in ordinary clothing, not in ghostly winding sheets. So also do apparitions of the living appear in ordinary clothing. Apparitions of the dead usually adjust themselves to the physical surroundings in which they appear, as by passing through doorways, sitting in chairs, walking up stairways, looking at pictures on the wall, and the like. So also do apparitions of the living.

Apparitions of the dead most often appear to people with whom they have strong emotional bonds, such as to sweetheart, husband or wife, to parent or child, or to close friend or bitter enemy. So too do conscious apparitions of the living. Apparitions of the dead are not only seen but are sometimes heard to speak and are sometimes felt to touch the one who perceives them. So also are apparitions of the living. In all these ways, therefore, the apparitions of the dead are found to be the same sort of thing as are the conscious apparitions of the living.

Taking all the facts together, the simplest and soundest working theory



seems to be that the apparitions of the dead also are conscious, and that the soul, therefore, does survive the death of the body. If the dead are still alive, what a blunder it is to mourn for them as if death ended all!

But if one begins to accept the possibility of survival one runs into another danger. Life beyond death is of such passionate interest to so many people that there have grown up multitudes of fake mediums and occultists who seek to grow rich by imposing on the credulity of those who are bereaved. Wherever something precious exists, fraudulent imitations are likely to be offered. Counterfeit money, forged checks, imitation furs, fake diamonds, worthless mining stock, spurious works of art, hypocritical religion, pretended love, charlatan methods for healing diseases—all these testify to the tendency to try to get money or power by

offering false imitations of precious things.

Beware of frauds. "Spirit" photographs, and "spirit" messages, appearing incredibly on slates, can be faked in scores of ways. Mediumistic seances are very often sleight-of-hand performances, in which trickery is protected by darkness, cabinets, and religious hypocrisy. Many mediums pass on from one to another information which they have extracted from their sitters, so that each can dish up as spirit messages what the others have found out from their customers' careless give-aways. If one wants the truth there is no way to get it except by open-minded but skeptical study and investigation.

A clear-headed, scientific approach reinforced by study and the advice of reliable psychical researchers is the best protection against fakes.



Let our age be the age of improvement. In a day of peace, let us advance the arts of peace and the works of peace. Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered. Let us cultivate a true spirit of union and harmony. . . . Let our conceptions be enlarged to the circle of our duties. Let us extend our ideas over the whole of the vast field in which we are called to act.

—Daniel Webster.

CHICAGO ANNUAL ROSICRUCIAN RALLY

The Nefertiti Minor Lodge of Chicago will sponsor the annual Rosicrucian Rally, to be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 1st to 3rd.

Each year the attendance at this rally has grown and the Lodge officials are now preparing the 1946 rally to be the largest yet sponsored in Chicago. The program is now being organized. Make your plans to attend. All AMORC members are cordially invited. The address of the Nefertiti Minor Lodge in Chicago is 116 South Michigan Avenue, Room 410.

DEGREE INITIATION IN SEATTLE

The Michael Maier Minor Lodge of Seattle will present a Ninth Degree Initiation on January 27; and the Fourth Degree on February 24, both initiations at 6:30 P. M. Eligible members interested in taking these initiations should communicate with the Secretary:

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Temple Echoes

By PLATONICUS, F. R. C.



INEVITABLY the student of psychology, mysticism, and philosophy must come to grips with the phenomena yielded by the investigations of psychic research. Some years ago, in exploring the standard literature of the field, I came across the voluminous writings of Dr. Hereward Carrington, and found them sane, scholarly, and decidedly worth while. It was a real pleasure, then, recently in Los Angeles to meet Dr. Carrington personally, and to present him as a platform guest during one of our public assemblies.

With the readers of this column in mind, an interview was obtained later with Dr. Carrington at his studio in Hollywood, from which the following facts were gained, describing his life-work and point of view.

Dr. Hereward Carrington was born on the Island of Jersey, one of the Channel Islands off the coast of England, on October 17, 1880. His father was for many years a cartographer and hydrographer with the British Admiralty. After an educational beginning in England, young Carrington came to America, at the age of nineteen, and pursued further studies in the Minnesota and Iowa universities. Some years later he received an honorary Doctorate from the University of Iowa.

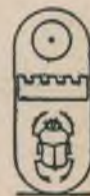
In 1899 he joined the Boston branch of the British Society for Psychical Research—some forty-six years ago! He be-

came closely associated with Dr. Richard Hodgson and Dr. J. H. Hyslop, and helped the latter found the American Society for Psychical Research in 1907. For two years he worked as a professional associate with Dr. Hyslop, admiring the profound scholarship of the erstwhile Columbia professor.

In the long years between then and now Dr. Carrington has achieved a notable career as free-lance writer, lecturer, and independent psychical investigator. In 1933 he founded the American Psychical Institute, designed for the investigation, study, classification, and the literary reporting of all types of psychic phenomena. He is trained in laboratory techniques and equipment and seeks to apply the precise methods and measurements of science to the supernatural manifestations of human life.

During these years he has written and published more than one hundred books, large and small, the latest of which, *The Invisible World*, will be published in New York next year. He has contributed more than one thousand articles to the literature of psychology and psychic research, and has written many "Reports" and "Proceedings" for dissemination among scholars.

In response to a question as to the most remarkable phenomena which he has seen, Dr. Carrington unhesitatingly mentioned the experiments and sittings with the famed Eusapia Palladino as the most unusual of his experiences. Along with other scientists and dis-



tinguished laymen, he observed the phenomena of Palladino in Naples, England, New York, and even on ship-board! He recalls many startling instances of telekinesis—the movement of objects without ordinary physical contact, levitations, or supernormal raising of objects, lights, raps, and odd materializations. On several different occasions he witnessed the materialization of bits of bodies, as he describes them—and had the peculiar sensation of shaking and holding a hand which dematerialized within two seconds while firmly held in his grasp!

He has been present at fifty-one sittings with the celebrated *mental medium*, Margery, and also with Mrs. Piper. He has investigated hundreds of *sensitives*, *mediums*, and *clairvoyants*, and has carefully studied their phenomena.

As to the ultimate interpretation of the unusual and mysterious phenomena which he has witnessed, Dr. Carrington is still officially *on the fence*. He states that there is quite a body of respectable scientific evidence in favor of the survival of human personality, but *evidence is not proof*. Spiritualism, with its doctrines and communications, is for him still a hypothesis. According to his view (shared by the Rosicrucians) 90 to 95 per cent of all psychic phenomena are explicable in terms of the telepathic and other known and unknown powers of the subjective mind. Thus, the great majority of such happenings are *certainly not spiritistic*, as commonly believed.

The small *residuum* of about 5 per cent is, naturally, of supreme interest to psychic scientists and all inquirers into the higher faculties of the human organism. At sixty-five, Dr. Carrington is vigorous and clear-minded, and ardently proposes to devote the remaining years of his long career to the continued study and elucidation of the most mysterious, and in some respects the most important, phenomena occurring in the world of nature and of man.

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As our interview neared its close the psychic scientist brought forth a volume on the psychology and technique of fasting, which he had written many years ago. He contends that almost

everyone eats too much, and that an occasional fast purifies the blood stream and removes the causes of many of the illnesses which afflict mankind.

Fasting, states Dr. Carrington, means to eat no food at all and drink nothing but water for a period of time, usually about a week. For the first two days *habit hunger* assails one, but beginning about the third day there is no particular desire for food. Weight is lost at the rate of approximately a pound a day. A *crisis* in the fast comes, he says, at the end of seven to ten days, when the tongue becomes coated, the breath offensive, and the whole body seems to be throwing off its poisons. Following this crisis comes a clearing up of the tongue, a sweetening of the breath, and the inner self says, "Eat!" Then is the time to break the fast, for the purification has been accomplished and the body is ready, slowly, to resume a normal ingestion of food. Naturally, great care should be taken in fasting so as not to harm oneself, and preferably it should be done under the care of a physician and after studying some of the reliable literature on the subject.

Mystics and philosophers have written for centuries of the curious and occasionally enthralling states of consciousness attendant upon a fast. The brief subjugation of the body's desire for food seems to release a flood of impressions from the higher centers. Perhaps in a later issue your correspondent will be able to report upon mystical insights and other reflections gained while fasting!

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Many months ago we wrote of the positive virtues of Stoicism, and particularly of the Stoical doctrine of *imperturbability*. This doctrine advocates a *serenity of mind* even under the most distressing and adverse circumstances. It is not a question of *coldness*, or lack of *heart*, but an ability to stand up to the adversities and bludgeonings of life, come what may.

Without the calm possession of one's faculties, much is lost. There can be no attunement when one is emotionally disorganized, tense, or extremely anxious and worried. Jesus gave to the world a wonderful example of calm self-possession when confronted with all

manner of evils, including the prospect of his own crucifixion!

We all need such spiritual calmness for the rigors which lie ahead. The dark night of the soul comes to us all, individually and collectively. No one can escape the *cross* of life, but many have sought and failed to unfold the sweetness of the *rose*. Without the beauty and spiritual peace of the unfoldment of the rose of our soul-personality, the cross of life and its adversities is but a bitter experience, a hateful passage through an alien and hostile world. With the symbolic, unfolding rose of spirituality and true serenity before us, we can and will overcome the world!

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THE MYSTERY OF AMERICA'S FUTURE AND PROSPECTS FOR 1946: The clash of opposites resounds throughout the world, as symbolized by the Two Columns of the ancient mystery initiations. Right and Left, Management and Labor, Business and Government, Fascism and Communism, et al—how their struggles loom large over the horizons of the New Year! In America, destiny declares, this conflict will ultimately shape the future of the world. At long last the Third or equilibrating and mediating term will be found, the reconciling of the two opposing powers.

When will this occur? Not in 1946, we fear, for there is to be much clearing of the ground, much burning and destruction of deadwood, before the foundations for the New World Order can be laid securely. Ultimately, even if hundreds of years hence, this world society, in which we will play an active part, must consciously rest upon spiritual foundations. It will assert the dominion of wisdom and intelligence in the social order, and of good will and cooperation as primary motivating factors in economic and social life.

The coming year will unfortunately see much chaos in Europe. The old order of life is dying, if not already dead, and no one is wise enough to proclaim the new! The emotional backlash of war shrouds people with suspicions and hatreds, while greedy and power-lov-

ing interests, both east and west, maneuver for strategic advantage. The colossus of Russia eyes warily the colossus of America and her perplexed allies. America knows not her own soul, and flounders in the mire of indecision, the lack of definite aim and coherent policy. Our Government tries to mount several horses and ride off in different directions simultaneously, and the result is grotesque.

This year will illustrate very poignantly the fact that there is no stable materialistic solution for the collective problems of mankind. Until men respect wisdom, and listen to its judgments—and further, consciously aspire to true wisdom themselves—there will be no lasting peace and harmony. Societies, national and international, based inherently upon laws of the jungle, contain with them their own seeds of destruction and transformation.

Our institutions of religion, along with our socio-economic and political patterns, will sooner or later be weighed in the balance and found wanting. H. G. Wells and other courageous souls, speaking from a nonmystical point of view, declare that the greatest bar to the realization of Christ's ideal among men consists in the attitude and mistaken dogma of most organized religion—collective Churchianity! Granting the splendid work of many individuals within and without the Church, and of some congregations, it is difficult to deny the contention that religion, taken as a whole, is a negative social influence in our times! Watch closely in 1946, and observe the actual and attempted misuse of *ecclesiastical* power.

Withal, humanity rises phoenixlike, from each defeat and harsh discouragement, and will never abate its quest until the final spiritual goal is reached. The coming year will be favorable for spiritual progress, friends, so never cease your aspirations and studies, and from us all, a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

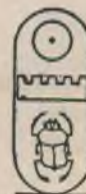
FOR A WORLD OF CHAOS

By Pamela Vaull Starr

The whole wide magnitude of heaven tonight, is deep with silence:

For every star has gone away . . .

To pray!



IS THE WORLD DOOMED?

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temperate. Four times this has occurred. The destruction of human life must have been tremendous during these glaciations of the Pleistocene period.

The most recent descent of the ice was during the middle Stone Age—less than 50,000 years ago! What assurances have we that our present warm interval will not again be followed by another glacial descent? These descents are apparently cyclical, driving all living things before them or destroying them. The last descent covered all of northern England and as far south as the Ohio Valley in North America. The cause of this glaciation is not known with certainty, although several hypotheses have been advanced.

All of these facts indicate that natural phenomena, having a persistence which we call *law*, eventually produced a condition which came to be conducive to what we know as mankind. There is no indication that the earth was selected arbitrarily as the special theatre for man. If it had been, it most certainly would be more conducive than it is, to his permanent existence. That the earth must follow the course of many other Cosmic bodies and eventually become a *dead* world as, for example, the moon, is inevitable and logical to presume. Man himself with his rapidly advancing technical knowledge and his retarded moral restraint may destroy his own kind long before the earth itself becomes *no longer habitable*. Further, it is not beyond the realm of probability that man may hasten the destruction of the earth as a habitat for that mysterious phenomenon, *Life*. Could large atomic explosions rupture the ozone filter and admit the burning ultraviolet rays, scorching great areas of the earth? Could the transmutation by atomic means of great areas of the earth's substance change its mass and affect its rotation, causing the seas to move outward into space?

What of Man?

What of man? He would cease to be—at least on earth. So far as we know, the phenomenon of life as we know it, does not exist elsewhere in our solar

system. As we know life, intelligence is an attribute of it. In man this intelligence equals not just an unconscious response to an environment, but an appraisal of existence itself. If such an intelligence, equal or superior to ours, exists on any of the planets, it would have made itself manifest to us by now, through some means. If the other planets are far older, and if life existed there, then it would have developed far beyond ours, and its intelligence would perhaps exceed ours. Our universe is but one of an infinite number of other universes in the reaches of space. These other universes are so distant that they appear as little islands of light. They have their suns and their planets. It is hardly conceivable that, of the billions of stars and planets beyond our range of astronomical vision, on one the phenomenon of life should not exist in some form. Our earth in its chemical structure, as has been spectroscopically revealed, has a unity with the other stars and planets. Their elements, at least when incandescent, give off the same color in the spectrum as do the earth's elements. Therefore, it is difficult to believe that nowhere in the universe does life exist except on earth and that it is a condition unique to our globe. If we conceive life as an expression of a great Cosmic scale of phenomena, then elsewhere this manifestation must have occurred or must now exist.

It matters not whether man ceases to be on earth in either a near or remote future. What is of consequence is that Being becomes *self-conscious* in us. What a privilege it is to be human! We not only are, just as the stars and seas are, but we can realize our existence and in addition at least a portion of all Being. This state of awareness of existence and of our own being is the most exalted state of which we have knowledge in the universe. This *sensitivity* or evolved consciousness is the greatest asset that humanity has. Without it we could still be, that is, we could be a collection of electrons and atoms. The essence of our material substance could never be destroyed. We would continue physically so far as the elements of our being are concerned, perhaps either as a gas, a liquid, or some new solid. *What is important* to us is the

conscious interlude — the momentary realization, which life affords, that we are.

With the enlargement of consciousness, the unfoldment of self, and greater perception and reflection, the span of human existence increases. I do not mean that man will necessarily live much longer as a physical expression, with greater understanding, than he does now, or that he will be able to check the eventual end of the globe as a habitable place. Understanding, however, does condense time. It makes it possible for the human to experience realities far beyond the span of his personal earthly existence. Time is the duration of the periods of human con-

sciousness. These periods of human consciousness are composed of experiences. We might say that time is *measured experience*. Consequently, if our understanding permits us by means of science and mystical insight to experience a past of a billion years ago and a future of a billion years, we have greatly increased our conscious existence.

It is not how long man may have his eyes open, but what he shall learn to see when they are that is important. After all, only those who apply themselves to the solution of the Cosmic mysteries insofar as their understanding is concerned are truly living. The distinction of life is consciousness, and in man that is understanding.



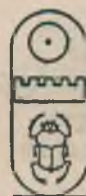
No Greater Gift

Truth is stranger than fiction. Often, also, truth is far more dramatic than fiction. During the battle of Warsaw in 1944, there was a Rosicrucian by the name of Jerzy Szatalow living in a small house in that city. His house was continually under artillery fire. During a momentary lull, he decided to take measures to protect the manuscripts of the Order in his possession. These he had laboriously translated from other languages into Polish. He desired to hide them in a safe place in the cellar. There was nothing more *precious* to him. On his way to the cellar, while crossing an open courtyard, he was hit by a bullet and instantly killed. The blood from his heart was spilled all over the Rosicrucian manuscripts. Another frater of the Order, who was with him, tried to recover the manuscripts, but they were so covered with blood that it was useless to take them. So he left them with the body of Jerzy Szatalow. Drenched with his blood, these Rosicrucian manuscripts were finally buried with him. The dried blood on the pages symbolized Jerzy Szatalow's pouring forth of devotion. He was loyal to the Order, and the cause for which it stood, until his last conscious moment.



What is this Truth that we all are seeking? It is the kingdom of God within and then the bringing to earth of this kingdom of heaven. This Truth will aid us to help our fellow men to rise to the heights of Divine mastership and spiritual perfection. The requirements are sincerity of purpose, a humbleness of spirit, and a freedom from selfish desires.

—Albert Erengwa Iyeh.





The Philosophy of Life

By THOR KIIMALEHTO, Sovereign Grand Master



IF PEOPLE ask you what Rosicrucianism is, tell them that it is a philosophy of life. It is mysticism applied to daily living. It is the true mysticism, not the spurious imitation promulgated by sleight-of-hand artists.

Mysticism is the oldest system of philosophy in the world, and it is also the most widespread. It has had its adherents in every age and among all people. In China it is known as *Taoism*. In India it is known as *Buddhism*. In western countries it is known as *theosophy*. Among the Jews it is known as *Kabbalistic Judaism* or *Chassidic Judaism*.

Every religion has its inner circle and its secret teachings. A study of all the great religions of the world reveals the fact that the inner teachings of all the great religions are practically identical. The different religions are like the many mansions in our father's house. The inner teaching in each one is the Divine Wisdom, the Truth that God revealed to each people through His prepared and chosen ministers, the Avatars—such men were Zarathustra, Buddha, Moses, and Jesus. Each was a living exponent of the Truth. Each was a teacher of his people. Each presented the truths in a form suitable for the time and the level of development of the people.

All these teachers were members of the Great White Brotherhood. All of them were illuminated souls. All in-

carnated for the purpose of bringing the divine truth to the members of their race. The very fact that the message of each one, though in widely differing times and places, was practically the same is proof of the existence of universal Truth and of a universal brotherhood. If there is a divine plan, if men are privileged to cooperate with it, there must be leaders and teachers. If there is a divine plan, there must be a divine power; creation must have a goal, and life must have a purpose. The very presence of these teachers, the very existence of divine Truth are proofs then of all that we teach.

The Test of Time

The mystic philosophy is the only one that has stood the test of time. It is the only one that appeals to both head and heart. It is the only one that answers every question that may arise in the mind of man. It is the only one that satisfies every human need. It is the only one that explains adequately the world as it is and life as we know it. It is the most inspiring of philosophies in the grand vistas unrolled before our vision and the glorious consummation of illumination and divine union open to every member of the human family. Other philosophies, such as the Stoic, the Epicurean, Scientific Pessimism, and Scientific Materialism, are limited in scope and are unappealing to the many temperaments. Besides, with greater knowledge they become invalidated. Stoicism, for

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example, lacks joy, warmth and enthusiasm. Epicureanism ignores the discipline of grief and suffering. Pessimism sees only the dark cloud. Scientific materialism, based upon nineteenth-century science, collapsed with the new trend of scientific thought in the present age. Radium, radio, and relativity completely exploded the fundamentals of nineteenth-century science. Some philosophies are purely personal expressions, like those of Fichte, von Schelling, and von Herder of the romantic period in Germany.

The mystic philosophy, however, has completely satisfied the most diverse types of mind and temperament. It has stood the test of time. It has appealed to the noblest intellects of the human race. It has been a life-long inspiration to more geniuses than any other philosophy. The roll call of the mystic philosophers is the grandest in the world. There is Ikhnaton in ancient Egypt, called by Breasted "the first personality in history." There is Omar Khayyam, the gentle poet of ancient Persia. There are Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle in ancient Greece. There is Cicero in ancient Rome. There is Leonardo da Vinci of Renaissance Italy. There is Goethe, the great genius whom Germany produced. There is Roger Bacon of Medieval England, and Sir Francis Bacon of Elizabethan England. There is Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton among novelists, Tennyson among poets, Emerson among essayists, and Debussy among musicians. There is Nicholas Roerich among artists and explorers. Not all of them have been active members of the Rosicrucian Order, but they have all been students of mysticism, and exemplars of the mystic life.

The Road to Illumination

A man of a devotional nature and contemplative cast of mind, with leisure for study and travel, and with money to buy books can study by himself and go far in occult knowledge and in the practice of the mystic life. He can even achieve illumination. He can enter the ranks of the Great White Brotherhood unaided by material affiliation. No organization has a monopoly on Truth. Truth is divine and universal. If we have eyes to see and ears that hear, if we are still and listen to

the intuitions of our soul, we can absorb Truth from the very atmosphere and from the world about us. Every event in nature, every incident in the life of man, every personal experience is a lesson in Truth. As Shakespeare said:

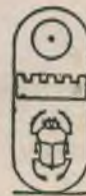
*And this our life, exempt from
public haunt,
Finds tongue in trees, books in
running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good
in everything.*

No fixed abode is necessary for the pursuit of Truth. God may be approached anywhere and everywhere. Moses received divine illumination in the Median hills while he was tending the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro. Mohammed meditated in the deserts of Arabia. Every human child may draw near to God. Moses was born in slavery. Joan of Arc was a peasant maid. Jacob Boehme was a cobbler. Buddha was a prince. The father of Jesus was a carpenter. Roger Bacon was a monk. Sir Francis Bacon was Chief Justice of England. Shelley was a poet, and Madame Blavatsky was a daughter of the Russian nobility.

Color, race, creed, nationality, and social class are meaningless in the eyes of God. Every human being is a soul on the path of evolution. Differences of race, creed, color, and social class are merely forms through which the soul functions. They are like the exercise-ground on which the body is trained. Any soul, however, instead of patiently waiting for time to sweep him very gently and gradually to the foot of the mountain that leads to illumination can take the steeper road to the summit and finish the required course for this period of evolution centuries before.

Freedom and Service

What is his reward? Freedom, glorious freedom. Freedom to serve God and Man in the way most congenial and inspiring to him. He is like a prince returned to his kingly father. He is like the heir who comes into his own. He is like the bride who has found her groom. The soul of every human being is to God as a bride is to the groom. The hour of illumination is the hour of union of the individual soul with the God within. It is the hour when the



child of God becomes the son of God. It is the hour when man enters upon his divine heritage. Until the hour of illumination, he gropes and blunders. He does not possess discrimination. He has not completely mastered the lower self. With illumination comes greater mastery of the lower self, surer knowledge of things divine, a greater degree of self-consciousness and awareness and power for achievement and service. The illuminated soul knows his place in the world. He knows his place in the divine scheme of things. Since his mission is divine, God is with him. Since he is an accepted member of the Brotherhood, he has the cooperation of the Brotherhood. He works with unerring sureness of aim and purpose because intuition guides him. He throws the whole force of his personality into his task because he knows that his task is part of the divine plan. He knows that there must be results even though he sees them not.

The Outstanding Personality

Since he is working in harmony with the universe, all the forces of the universe flow into him, giving him youth, strength, and power and inspiration. An illuminated soul is an outstanding personality among men. He has the power of appeal. He enters readily into the lives of all who need him. He interprets readily the inspiration of God through his chosen medium of expres-

sion. He is a pen in the hand of God. And yet he is not a mere echo nor a passive instrument. The average human being is like opaque glass. Little of the divine can express through him. The illuminated human being is like clear glass. The divine light shines brilliantly through him. The divine flame burns steadily in his heart. He becomes a distinct and gifted personality.

From Centuries of Experience

Our aim is to help you achieve illumination. You need not go far afield for instruction and guidance. The work is carefully graded. We teach you one principle at a time. Our system of instruction is based upon the experience of centuries and a thorough understanding of human nature, human needs and problems, and the conditions of modern life. We in no way interfere with a man's duties in life. A man need not sacrifice one moment of the time needed by his business or profession. A woman can devote herself full-heartedly to husband and children. Our course of study will fit into the life of the busiest man or woman. In fact, the knowledge we give you will make your work all the easier, because it will illumine your life with understanding. You need buy no other books. You need not travel to distant lands. You need seek no personal teachers. You need not take one step out of your home. God places His gifts at your very door.

We Thank You

The officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of A.M.O.R.C. take this occasion to thank our many members and friends everywhere who have literally flooded us with Christmas and New Year's greetings. We wish we could take the time and have the personnel available with which to acknowledge each one separately. That is not possible. We hope you will accept this acknowledgement as a deep appreciation of your thoughtfulness.

THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF AMORC.



The Divinity of Man

By H. SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C.

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WE, AS human beings, should not develop—either consciously or unconsciously—that strange attitude and that strange mental idea that we are superior to all other beings on the face of the earth. There is nothing that will interfere with the progress in life of the average individual so much as a degree of the superiority complex, unless perhaps it is the development of a degree of the inferiority complex.

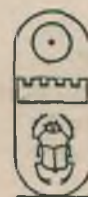
But there is no reason why we should not understand, frankly and honestly, the real facts. Man is the highest form and highest development of the creative forces of the universe. Man was gradually evolved and created to be “the living image of God.” This does not mean the image of a personal God, and it does not mean having the form and figure and body of a God, but having the spiritual image, the spiritual qualities, the spiritual properties of the God Consciousness in our own physical organisms and in our minds and souls.

Man possesses by birth and by divine right and divine gift, more highly evolved abilities and powers than any other of God’s creatures on earth. The fact that he can talk, think, and analyze, and that he can do things with his fingers and hands and with his body that other animal creatures cannot do, easily demonstrates man’s highest development. But there are many other qualities that man possesses that are lying dormant, that are not fully awakened,

and that are not often used, so that the average individual is not more than forty-five per cent efficient as compared with what he could be if he wanted to be.

All of us are surprised at times with the strange abilities, powers, and antics of my little pet dog. We casually remark, sometimes, that the things he does and the way in which he does them would indicate that he is “almost human.” And yet that is not a fair statement because that dog, with all of his wonderful abilities, or the best trained dog and the most developed dog or cat or horse or other animal that ever lived, could not begin to approach a human being in the special faculties and special abilities which human beings possess.

It is true that all animals, all living creatures, have some degree of an unevolved soul. Man is not the only living creature that has a soul, but he is the only living creature that has a fully developed soul, and with the utmost of divine wisdom and intelligence associated with that soul. My little dog has learned to do things which a child might do, with the same understanding and the same joy of doing them, and with the same good motives and purposes. And he has some faculties that the average human being has not even tried to develop. My little dog senses very quickly and very efficiently when anyone in the home is worried or deeply concerned about something or perplexed or tired, and he can quickly show his sympathy and reveal that he senses a strange condition. I know that if anyone



in my home were to be stricken with some illness and would be lying in bed, with transition very close at hand, that that little dog would quickly sense the approach of transition and would begin to cry and wail. He would sense a gradual reduction in the aura of the sick person and he would know instinctively and intuitively that a strange Cosmic and physical condition was manifesting. Very few human beings have developed that degree of sensitivity. And of course the dog can sense many other things which we might sense also if we took the time or the trouble to develop the faculties with which we were born. But with all of his intellect, and with all of his cooperation in being trained and developed by me, he still is far from possessing even the slightest degree of the divine intelligence and understanding that a human being possesses.

It is just as though every human being owned and possessed one of the largest libraries of knowledge and wisdom in the world but kept this library of books and information closed in a vault beneath the cellar of his home, and never entered it, never allowed anyone to look at it, never consulted it in any way. Each one of us is born with such a library, with such a storehouse of divine wisdom, and each one of us is born with certain abilities and powers that are like sparks waiting to be fanned into flames. But we go on our way through life without developing these abilities, or awakening these qualities, and without consulting the great storehouse of wisdom, until some day we find a necessity for doing so. Then we have to join with some movement or come under some instructor and start an intense campaign of serious study and practice. We try to do in eight or ten years what we should have been doing for twenty or twenty-five years previously. We try to crowd into a few years of life all of the development and study that should have been gradual, and which should have been helping us in our progress.

It is this divine quality, this God consciousness in us, that distinguishes human beings from all other creatures of the animal kingdom. It is what God intended in the beginning, when after He created all the other things in the universe and all the living crea-

tures, He decided that man should be created in His own divine image. Man was the last, the highest product of the creative consciousness of God, and throughout all the ages man has continued to be the special concern of God in His processes of evolution. No matter what else God may do, and what else He may create in the universe, whatever is good and helpful and powerful, He has reserved for man and continues to confer upon man His most beneficent and most bountiful blessings. That is why man has evolved and brought about what we call civilization. Man may attribute to himself and to his thinking and to his mental capacity many of the great improvements in his life, but back of his own ability lies the divine inspiration which God has placed there, and continues to place there.

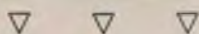
Man today has attained only a small degree of what he will become through the passage of eons of time. But, right now, our highly evolved race of man represents the most learned, the most powerful, the most developed qualities of the God consciousness. Yet, it requires man's cooperation, man's understanding, man's willingness, to complete what God has started.

As long as man continues to ignore the divine side of himself and the divine wisdom and highly specialized faculties and abilities he has, as long as he refuses to use them or exercise them, he remains in all of his mental and worldly affairs nothing more than a creature of the animal kingdom. Man can raise himself consciously to the degree of development that he has inwardly. He must strive to do so, and he must understand and comprehend his own being. With all the worlds that man is trying to explore, in the heavens and throughout the universe, with all of the unknown lands of the sea that man seeks to explore and excavate, with all of the planets and starry clusters that man wants to investigate and become familiar with, he continues to ignore the greatest field, the greatest world of exploration that exists, and that is the inner self and the divine self.

Throughout the world today the changing conditions in the material world are forcing upon men and women the necessity of finding relief and protection, of finding salvation and strength

and power in something that is not of the earthly element. More and more the advanced and evolved human being is turning his thoughts inwardly and as he develops his divine consciousness he becomes a better master of his own affairs and of his life. For too many centuries man has pinned his faith in the material things of life. The religion of the churches says that man should put faith in God, but we as Rosicrucians say that man should put his faith in the God Consciousness and the God wisdom and the God-given powers that he

possesses and which remain more or less undeveloped in all human beings. We have seen the worldly elements and the worldly qualities and worldly valuations depleted and ruined and destroyed and made of no value. But the one thing that survives and comes to the rescue of man is his spiritual and mental powers and abilities. Until man comes to recognize this to a greater degree and makes himself in every sense "a living image of God" he will be a slave to the worldly elements and a victim of worldly circumstances.



Occult Explanation of the Biblical Flood

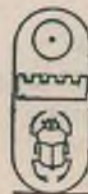
Archaeologists have found legends and stories of the flood in the old records of all early and remote races. The strange thing is that each of these stories is similar. Therefore, it could have been the flood that took place in Palestine or China, or in South America; in other words, it was not limited to one particular locality. Rather, it was a reference among all the older races to the great flood of Atlantis.

The great continent of Atlantis did not sink all at once. According to occultism, there were three great cataclysms. Prior to each of these three cataclysms, or earthquakes, and the partial sinking of Atlantis, a large number of the wiser people, those who listened to the voice of the sages, migrated or left that part of the continent which was to sink. Each of these groups took with them various of the sacred books of the Atlanteans. From the first group which migrated we have, it is related, remnants of their teachings in the primitive magic even of today. From the second great migration, due to the second flood and further sinking of the continent, we have the Wisdom, which is a remnant of Atlantean lore, forming the great center of the Himalayan and Tibetan teachings. The final submersion of the continent of Atlantis caused those who really were on the positive side of evolution to emigrate from Atlantis to the ancient countries of Egypt and India. This third group naturally brought with them the higher wisdom of Atlantis, and, as we know today, the teachings of the ancient Egyptians and the Hindoos are the greatest sources of our occultism and mysticism.

From the above, one can understand how stories of the flood, or of the sinking of Atlantis, were carried down from generation to generation by those who originally descended from the Atlanteans.



There is great satisfaction in instilling in the minds of children the beauty and grace of God as portrayed by nature—the joy of solitude, the blessings of meditation, and the knowledge that we are the channel through which God's love manifests.—*Maude Taylor*





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 the time will receive the benefits 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 if they address their requests 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.)

A NEW YEAR'S REFLECTION



WITH the completion of the holiday season, all mankind is in a spirit of kinship. The incentive for one to share with another is prevalent and there is a general feeling of thankfulness for the many blessings received.

Once again there exists a spiritual oneness among all. It is a time for man to express gratitude and to become aware of the *Light* which he carries.

The Light is reflected the more from within the soul of man as he learns to conquer his inhibitions, passions, and selfishness; and as man learns to master these things, he gains a new understanding of his true self, God, and his

relationship to the universe as a whole. As his perspective broadens, he seeks to fit to the Cosmic scheme everything that he comes in contact with. He begins to realize that if man is to master the things of the earth, he must first master himself.

Such disciplinary action gives man strength and he finds new forces at his disposal which can be utilized for constructive measures, forces which are for the common good of all and will not only create for the individual but for the entire community as well a harmonious environment. He also finds that to attain this condition he must learn to control multitudinous negative elements of a material nature. Man now knows that he must control these

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forces and turn them into proper, useful channels or they may destroy him and his fellow men.

At no time in history has the realization been as strong in the consciousness of mankind as it is in the present period which follows the most costly war of all time. At no time have the collective, concentrated efforts of so many minds been united in the endeavor to master the self so that the whole may survive as a civilized nation with new desires and ideals. Man knows now that all that exists is in a state of change and that these variable phases can be directed to bring about a new and better way of life which will ultimately bring stable international relationship for the common good. It is good that this feeling predominates, for the many may accomplish what the few could only hope to do.

Mankind in general is thinking, contemplating, meditating. This is the very thing which shows that he is progressing instead of retrogressing, and as he meditates it becomes possible for him to commune with the Source of All Knowledge, since he has thereby made himself receptive to guidance from the God of all, from the voice within. With the combined intelligence, energy, and scientific research of men and women of so many different races, religions, and nationalities, there is a reassuring proof of the lasting virtues of collective and democratic methods of solving complex problems. Many long years need not elapse before mankind can exist in international harmony as he continues to strive to be worthy of the inheritance of the earth, for man is now conscious of his tremendous responsibility.

As man builds on the sands of time he gains experience. The knowledge gathered from the years of the past has created a very material world and man is now in need of spiritual vision and foresight more than ever before. There is need for action and the use of "reality" in our ever-changing world. With this realization man is now turning his

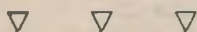
attention away from himself, away from self-pity, self-aggrandizement, avarice, and animosity. He is seeking to share the work which must be undertaken by all, and he is also seeking for higher guidance and direction.

Two thousand years ago, a livable spiritual doctrine was given to the world by the Master Jesus, but it is only today that man has begun to see the practicability of the universal adoption and adaptation of the doctrine. The time has come to advance spiritual understanding to attain divine consciousness, for much must be done to bring this development apace with the march of physical, material science. Mankind must now cultivate the science of human relationship, for citizenship and social and political economics lag far behind the progress of material science. The Creator makes no choice for selected places or people on earth. God is no respecter of persons. In every human being He lives. He perpetually blesses and never turns His back on any of His children. Each individual must awaken within to the glory of raising himself from the apparent evils and obstacles which beset him. Every trial is a cross to be borne. It is also an education and an experience. Each must be borne with confidence and fortitude. As man rises above each trial he gains strength, and as he masters these things he finds that he is becoming acquainted with the wonders of the universe wherein he has the special privilege to live.

Not only with the birth of a New Year, but with the dawn of each day, let man in reverence and contemplation raise his eyes to the East from whence cometh the Greater Light.

While seeking better understanding, which must not have just a seasonal manifestation, may man's consciousness be raised to atonement with the Supreme Divine Mind so that He may reflect the Light, and may it never be dimmed by weakness and self-made vicissitudes.

Perhaps such a New Year spirit may influence the destiny of all.



It is with the Soul that we love Him whose light we reflect, and in loving Him love one another.

—Demeter Patsko.





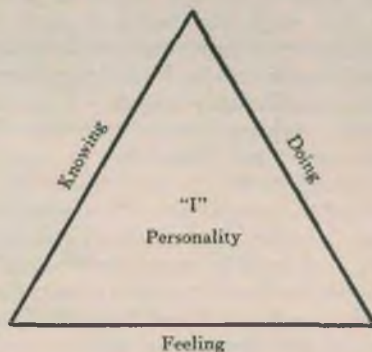
Lighting the Mind

By PHILO T. FARNSWORTH, PH. D.

*When the light of the mind goes out,
the shadow of the beast is not far away.*

WHEN persons are born into the world they have *forgotten all* and are now receptive to myriads of stimuli and the new experiences of life. From the moment that the *breath of life* enters the body of the newborn baby it *becomes a living soul* and the processes of education begin for its present earth-life.

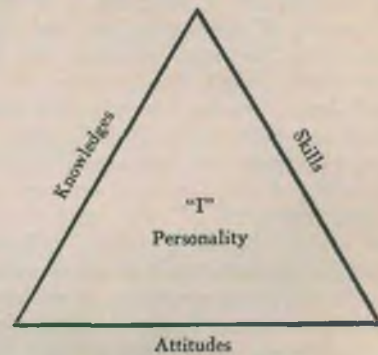
As you review this earth experience you can see that it is made up largely of feeling, knowing, and doing. What people will make of their lives is fairly dependent upon how they feel, what they know, and what they can do. This idea can be schematically diagrammed as follows:



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Now, as to the place of education in the scheme of growth—education gives light to the mind and new impetus to life's purpose. Education has many definitions, but in a simple straightforward

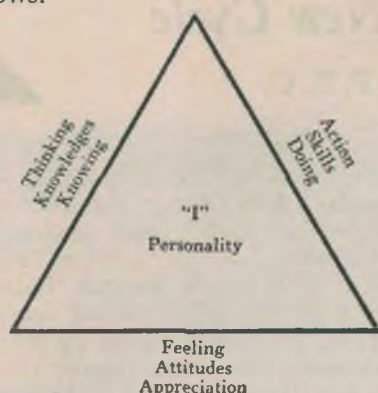
language, education means *change* and when we educate people we change their knowledge, skills, or attitudes. Diagrammatically this notion may be shown as follows:



This is further illustrated by the charge given Dr. Karl G. Maeser to plan a school and teach people to think, act, and appreciate.



Combined, these diagrams appear as follows:



So, education becomes the primary process by way of which we change people as concerns their knowledges, their skills, and their attitudes. The new individual comes into life and gains new experiences which give meanings to it. These meanings create attitudes and these attitudes lead to conduct.

This may be diagrammed as follows:



Education is the process whereby the newborn receives experiences from myriad of stimuli, preserves these experiences in memory, and later is able to integrate them into social relationships.

Education becomes the standard bearer for the enlightenment and instruction of all people. It takes the basic heredity, or endowment, and schools it. It teaches people how to use their environment and opportunities. It gives impetus and motivation to life's purposes. It is the hope of the world in doing away with selfishness, greed, and bestiality.

Proper education will balance a life so that its feelings, knowings, doings, and its thinking, acting, and appreciations are in harmony with the infinite purposes of God.

Education is the process of lighting the mind and providing the content for the consciousness, reason, and for thinking.

Reason and wisdom make us men. Take this away, what are we then? Mere animals, for just as well the beasts could think of heaven or hell.

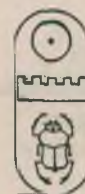
Education is indeed a light of the mind and a necessary part of our experience, if we are to fulfill the measure of our creation.

OUTWARD BOUND

Is travel to the distant planets possible? Could man, with all the advantages of modern science, sustain himself on the moon? Do the giant telescopes give us a true picture of these Cosmic bodies in space?

For centuries imaginative writers have conceived human beings as *outward bound* in some fantastic vehicle or projectile, leaving the earth to explore interstellar space and the Cosmic bodies of our solar universe. Today these ideas are being removed from the realm of fancy and put within the realm of probability. *Space ships* may be possible even within our lifetime.

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Approaching a New Cycle

By ELSA F. ANGLE, F. R. C.



THE end of the year nineteen hundred and forty-five conveys a sublime meaning, since we are approaching a new cycle of liberation and progress for mankind at large. Those of us who have individually experienced the transformation from a suppressed, timid, and fearful mental attitude into one of self-confidence, poise, and energetic effort, through the comprehension of Cosmic rights and privileges, are indeed deeply desirous to assist others in their various stages of liberation.

Nothing can compete with the satisfaction and happiness attained through such mental evolution. In deep gratitude one reaches out to encourage and uplift those struggling with the adverse currents of such enslavement as evil minds have designed in order to ensnare the unsuspecting or weak-minded masses. After witnessing the dreadful results of willful and conscious wrongdoing, it is well to remember that good is more powerful than evil, and a conscious and determined application of good methods can bring about a magnificent change in world affairs. Mankind must learn that nothing pays as well as doing. Intelligent and progressive living rests on this basis.

All changes in this world, brought about by men, come through the cooperation with Cosmic law or through the defiance and disregard of such law; the latter method ends definitely in disaster and finally in total destruction. No one should ever doubt the definite results of good, when applied with wisdom and high purpose as being an absolute antidote to the efforts of evil designers. The final victory always rests with the greatest power.

Reaching a high mental altitude does not mean to remain aloof from everyday life and its problems; it must not be an escapist's method, for such could never prove mastership. It is the far

more difficult position of one who copes forcefully with every difficulty and problem, but with higher motives and qualifications. This assures higher results. To reach mental independence over the subtle, lower currents, by trying to reach a higher platform of observation, one gets a clearer view of the general situation and so is enabled to deal more masterfully with it, just as a deeper understanding of any science makes more advanced problems easier to solve.

There was never a better time and greater opportunity for testing and applying the underlying, divine laws of protection and guidance for those who desire to work with these laws and who carefully avoid not to work against them. In regard to a supply of all legitimate needs, even in the midst of apparent lack and confusion, one may enjoy confidently and serenely a normal life. A deep understanding of the unchanging, eternal laws, will preserve a poise and balance for oneself and loved ones whom our thought embraces to an amazing degree.

To those who have earnestly invested their noblest efforts in gaining a workable knowledge of these underlying, divine laws, has now come a time when well-deserved dividends will give definite proof of the wisdom of their earnest and consecrated study. By serving the ESSENTIALS first, one will find all lesser needs amply supplied; such is the law. Only under fiery trials may man prove his metal.

Looking to the Master Jesus for guidance and example, we must come to the conclusion that it was through his works and not through his words that he proved himself to be the son of God. Likewise, our deeds and not our words must prove our status as his followers. True gratitude for all blessings received includes loyalty to the highest demands and so becomes an open door to even greater blessings.



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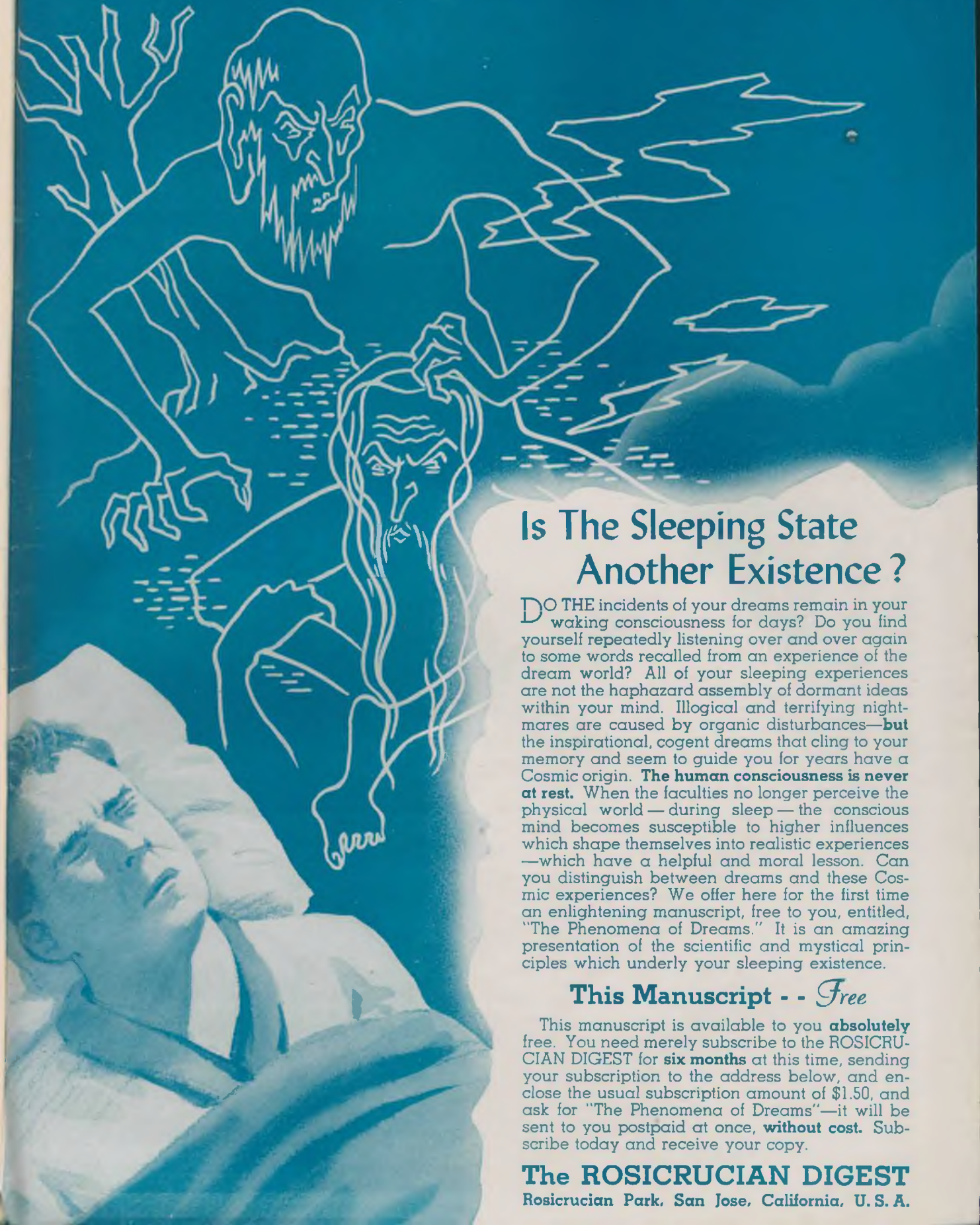
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