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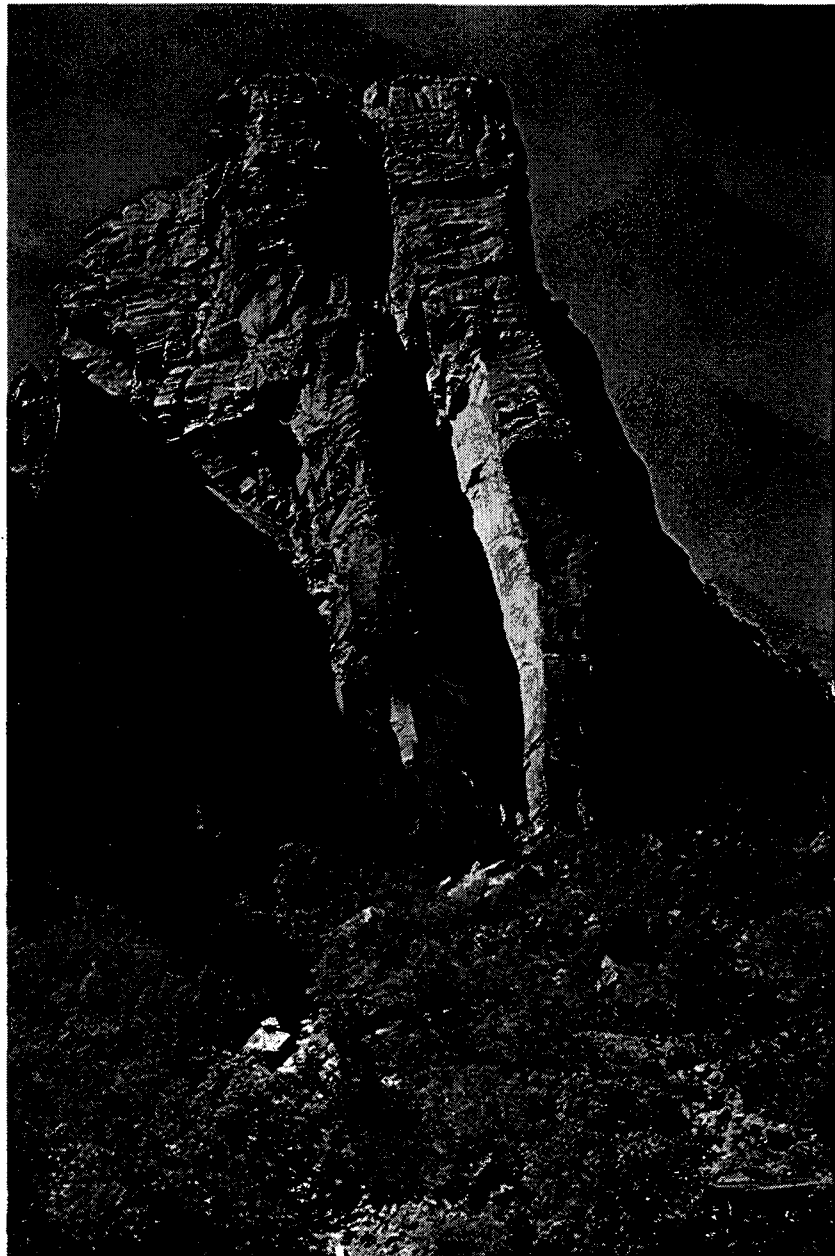
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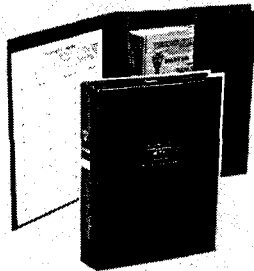
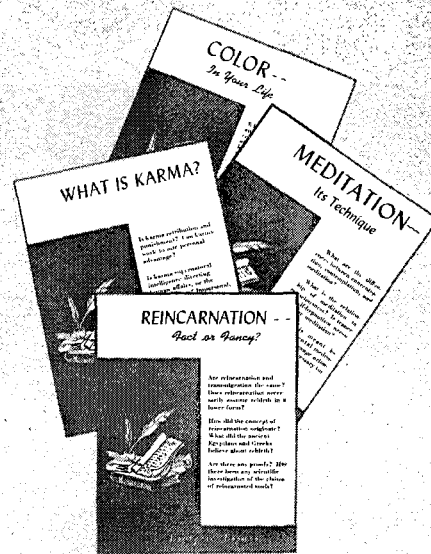
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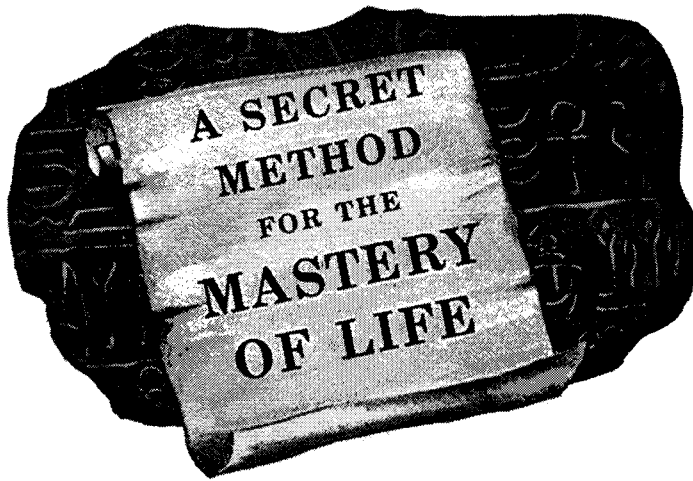
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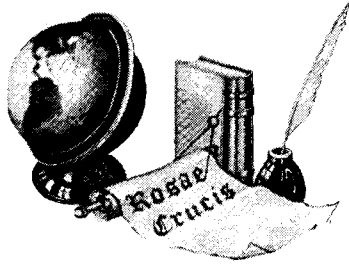
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## ANCIENT PORTAL OF THE PAST » » »

This is one of the magnificent entranceways to the complex of temples known as Karnak. The Karnak ruins are perhaps one of the most wonderful of any in Egypt. They are situated approximately 725 km. (450 miles) up the Nile from Cairo. The temples of Luxor and Karnak were at one time united by an avenue about 1980 meters (6500 ft.) long flanked by statues of sphinxes. Strabo, the ancient historian who in 24 B.C. visited the area of Karnak, then known as Thebes, said of it in part: "... with her hundred gates through each of which issue 200 men, with horses and chariots." This is one of the numerous places which will be visited by the Rosicrucian Egyptian Tour parties this month.

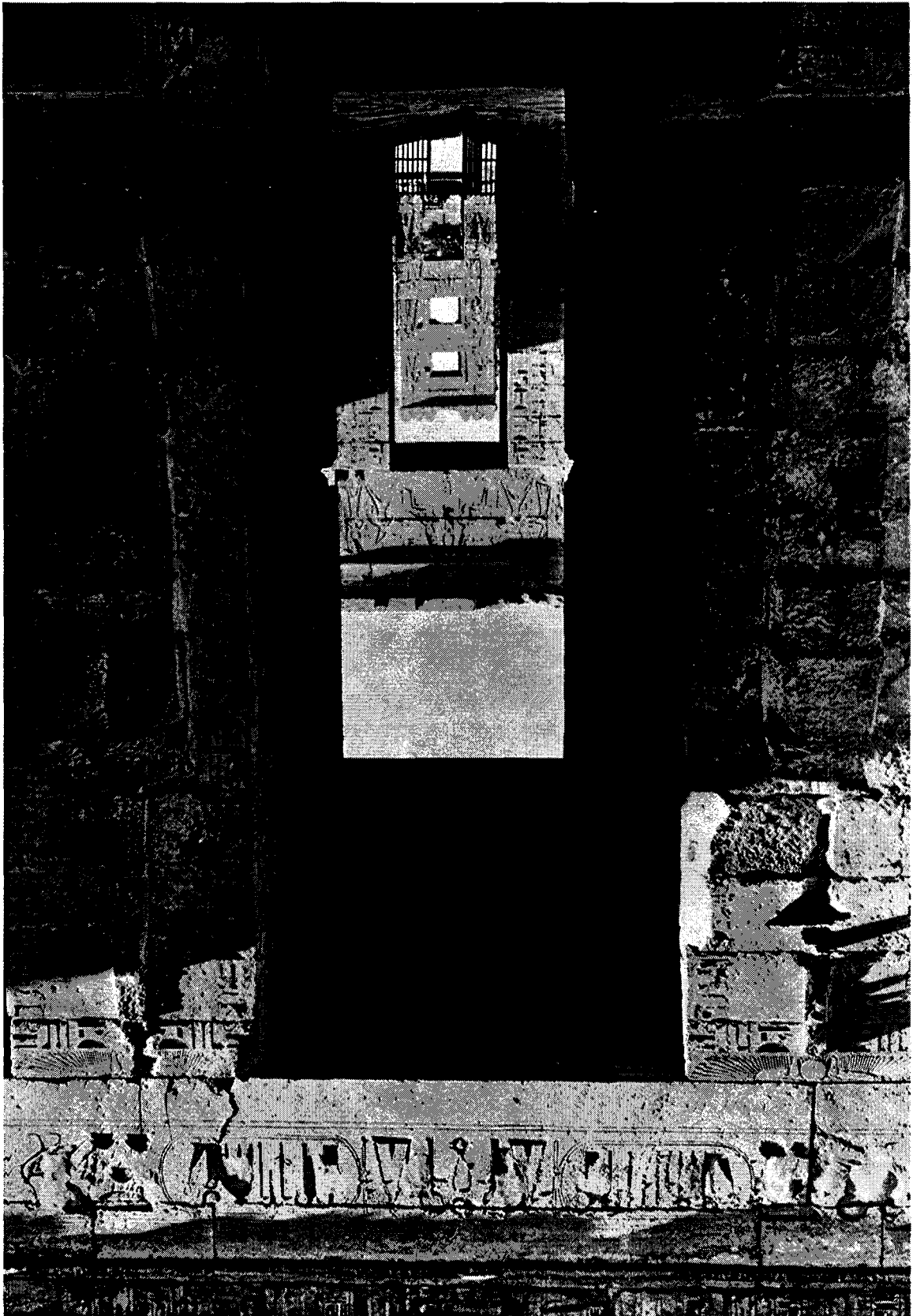
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# THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

By THE IMPERATOR

## BRAIN WAVES AND MEDITATION

THERE IS considerable interest in the subject of brain waves today. The interest has been aroused by an admixture of scientific comment on the subject appearing in science journals and in propaganda issued by commercial organizations selling devices said to accelerate such waves for personal benefit. The particular advertised advantage is to facilitate entering the state of meditation and to derive the utmost advantage from that state.

It has been asked, "Which brain waves are activated during meditation periods? First, when one is projecting thoughts of peace, love, and so on; and second, when one turns his thoughts inward, is one using the alpha waves in the first case and the beta waves in the second? Also, is one wave the result of the pineal and the other of the pituitary activity?"

In a discussion of the brain we are entering a field of increasing exploration, but it is as yet a realm consisting of many enigmas. It is a realm as infinite in a minute way as outer space is in magnitude. It has been speculated that there are ten billion neurons, or brain cells. Nerve impulses travel along the axons on the neurons at various speeds, the highest of which is about ten thousand centimeters per second. These neurons function both electrically and chemically, that is, they perform and work by electrical impulses and chemical reactions.

These brain cells, or neurons, have an innate message as well as response to external stimuli. For example, their *inner* messages control the breathing and heart-beat rate, regulate the temperature, and perform other involuntary acts—the ones we do not think about. In fact, each neuron is a communication system. The synapses, which are little connecting points between the neurons, transmit im-

pulses from one to another and provide information that affects the molecular mechanism, the building blocks of the organism.

The brain is divided into two hemispheres. The *right* hemisphere controls the left side of the body. It is related that the following mental processes have their center in the right hemisphere: music, intuition, fantasy, orientation in space, spirituality, and art. The *left* hemisphere, according to neurological experimentation, controls the right side of the body. The left hemisphere includes the following centers: mathematics, logic, science, language, analytical thinking, and reason.

### *Light Waves*

The magnitude of the cells of sensitivity in a human organism is difficult for us to comprehend. It is estimated, for further example, that the eye has 125 billion rods! Rods are cells in the eyes of vertebrae that are sensitive to dim light. There are also five million cones in the eye. Cones are cells in the retina of the eye which are sensitive to bright light and color. These are really minute devices that process the electromagnetic energy of light waves and, as well, the energy that flows through the cell body.

There is, of course, a great similarity of structure between human and animal brains. "Not only are the parts of the brain of the chimpanzee the same as those of humans, but they resemble the part of human brain in shape, and the extensive evidence available indicates that they function almost exactly as the parts of the human brain do. The brain of a dog is not much different, and the brain of a cat is not much different from that of a dog."

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This we may call the economy of nature. In other words, certain organs develop alike under similar environmental and other conditions. The nervous systems of the higher animals are products of evolution's "most sophisticated products." Even in our day of advanced technology, the human brain remains "the most complex organized piece of multipurpose material we know." René Descartes (1596-1650), French philosopher, declared that the rational soul of man was directed through the medium of the pineal gland. It was this theory that caused the brain to be a subject of analytical inquiry as to its influence upon the human personality.

### **Brain Waves**

Brain waves are electrical impulses which are of a vibratory nature and can be detected by means of electrical devices. They can be shown by means of an electroencephalograph, for example, registering on a graph as wavy lines. They can also be made to emit sounds of varying volume depending upon the amplification of the registering instrument.

The brain waves, about which considerable research is being done today, are four in number. Each is given a name corresponding to the letters of the Greek alphabet as alpha, beta, delta, and theta. The *alpha* wave predominates when the person is asleep. The *beta* wave is dominant during concentration and decision-making. The *delta* wave occurs in sleep. The *theta* wave is associated with the creative process of the brain.

A modern technique for the study of brain waves is called *biofeedback*. This employs an electronic device which permits the subject to experience his own brain waves under certain conditions. He has electrodes fastened to the cranium and may hear through earphones by means of a highly amplified speaker the brain waves whose minute impulses have been converted into sound. When the alpha wave is accelerated, the subject experiences a relaxed, pleasurable feeling. The alpha sound is a faint beep. However, when the eyes blink, this muscular effort causes the alpha wave to sound like a squawk. The instrument for detection is usually set for a low record-

ing beginning with a 5- or 10-amplitude, which picks up the weakest wave impulses.

The alpha wave is more pronounced as the effect of "letting everything go." In other words, when the wave is accelerated there is a conscious dismissal of any mental stress, anxiety, or concern. It is an inducing of a peaceful meditative state such as mysticism and metaphysics have accomplished over the centuries for their students. But the mystical practice is difficult and requires a longer period for success. However, the mystical method is free from some of the *dangers* that the instrument, that is, the mechanical method, can cause.

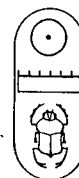
Dr. Barbara Brown, chief of experimental psychology at a veterans hospital, warns of alpha training, "There is a distinct hazard that it can change a personality—make a person passive." This danger implies that it could result in a person having a permanent state of passivity induced by the equipment. The individual will then lack the initiative, the dynamic action necessary to meet life's demands. In fact, trained psychologists have stated that many of the commercial instruments advertised and sold to the public for biofeedback experimentation are actually useless in accomplishing what is claimed for them.

### **Involuntary Processes**

Some instrumentation may not increase the alpha wave and induce a perfect state of meditation as professed. Actually, the mere act of closing the eyes, state researchers, increases the alpha output by fifty percent. The increase or decrease of the alpha wave can affect such involuntary processes as "the heartrate, . . . blood pressure, and the flow of blood through the small vessels."

Although the alpha pattern is characteristic of relaxation, it gives way to other patterns when the subject becomes drowsy or falls asleep. Also, in unconsciousness, as in the blackout of pilots during acceleration, it was found that the brain-wave voltages sometimes disappear. Single neurons related to the brain waves that are in a "strategic location of the brain" are heavily dependent for their function upon whether the organism is awake or asleep.

Research appears to reveal that a fundamental purpose of the alpha rhythm is the



propagation of a *timing* throughout the neuron chains. There also is as yet a not fully understood relationship between the endocrine glands and brain waves. The pituitary gland controls other endocrine glands and whatever effects they may have on brain waves. "For example, if the thyroid gland is to be ordered to manufacture more intense activity, the pituitary manufactures and sends into the blood a quantity of the thyroid-stimulating hormone." The pituitary in turn is controlled by the hypothalamus, a part of the brain which is the supervisor.

The brain's immanent intelligence exhibits a preference in selecting the impressions from the senses which are continually bombarding it. The brain, in other words, chooses what it "thinks" as essential to the needs of the body. We must therefore realize that our environment is not just what nature has established in our locale. Our environment is also *brain-made*. The complex brain, not only through conscious thought but through instinct and intuitive impulses,

causes us to create an environment which is in harmony with it.

For mystical students and Rosicrucians who wish to further meditate—that is, to get into a temporary passive state so that intuitive ideas may freely flow into the consciousness—it is suggested that they apply the first three fingers of the right hand to their *left temple*, pressing against it gently. At the same time they should inhale deeply and slowly exhale several times. This will stimulate that area of the brain. And it is the left side that transfers its effect to the right hemisphere in which is located the center for the *intuitive* faculty. This will also accelerate the *alpha* waves inducing the necessary relaxation. As previously stated, the eyes should be closed because this strengthens the alpha wave by fifty percent. When one is aware of a state of relaxation, is free from any mental or physical disturbance, he is then ready for reception of impressions as well as for the projection of thought. △

## Medifocus

*Medifocus* is a special humanitarian monthly membership activity with which each Rosicrucian is acquainted. The significance of the personalities shown each month is explained to Rosicrucians as is the wording accompanying them. (The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is *not* a political organization. The basic purpose of *Medifocus* is a humanitarian effort directed toward world peace.)

**March:** The personality for the month of March is Gerald Ford, President of the United States.

The code word is **EXPED.**

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TAKEO MIKI

**May:**

Takeo Miki, Premier of Japan, will be the personality for May.

The code word will be **DISC.**



GERALD FORD

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# A Shadow of Truth

by Patricia A. and Sherman S. Reinius, F. R. C.

**T**RUTH—what is it? This is the question that has been asked for centuries. The dictionary tells us that truth is “the body of real things . . . actuality . . . a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality.” The dictionary does not enlighten us very much. It seems that truth is something we must find. When we find something in print, does reading it make it truth? Is something a truth because some great personality said it? Jesus, Buddha, and Moses spoke truths to the world. Why don't people live those truths? Could it be that nothing is a truth until it is found to be a truth by the individual?

Look at the millions of people who follow the different religions and mystical schools. They believe the golden words of their chosen path to be truths. Yet, why is it they do not live those truths? The foundations of most religions and mystical organizations are based on the same truths and principles; yet people fight over the differences. All the great avatars taught the golden rule in one form or another. Again, why is it so hard for man to accept this?

Could the answer be that man is worshipping the great personalities and not seeking the source of truth? These greats never wanted to be worshiped. Their intention was to share those exalted and oftentimes similar experiences of truth with mankind, for its use as guidelines. Worshipping a personality of any kind causes man to become a shadow of that personality.

A shadow is but a faint representation or an imperfect image of the real. Consequently, a man who is a shadow has no real identity of his own and he is not truly an individual. When worshipping a

personality, man puts that personality so far above himself that he has no expectations nor sufficient drive to achieve the same heights. Subjectively, there is an excuse for never completely living those truths taught by the great personality. After all, he is never going to be a Jesus or Moses, is he?

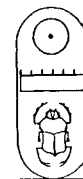
Many people are still waiting for a Messiah to come and lead them, to tell them what to do. Are there really any new spiritual truths that can be said? Are there any better guidelines to be laid out for man? Hasn't it all been said many times and in many ways? Everything necessary, for this stage in man's evolution, has been said.

Yet it seems that there is a great waiting, waiting for someone else to do it. Man sitting around, doing nothing on his own, lives a life of a shadow. Isn't it time that man become his own Messiah? Isn't it time that man lead himself in the search for truth and right living? Then he can become himself an expression of that truth.

Can truth have real meaning until you find it for yourself? Can man become an individual or an expression of the truth before he finds it for himself? Until he does, spiritual truths are only shadowy, vague precepts unsubstantiated by personal experience.

Man must stop worshipping personalities and instead use these lives as guidelines, knowing all the while that he also can find the same truths and *know*. The truth is available to all, just as it was to the greats. Until we can find the truth for ourselves we are living an illusion, or just being a shadow of truth. △

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# Early Egyptian Views on Death

by George B. Cooper, F. R. C.

**M**AN FEARS death because he does not understand it, and his ignorance of this natural phenomenon has caused him to resort to sometimes rather strange practices.

However, this dread of death is not a stigma of modern times. For centuries, man has been puzzled by this perplexing state, and, since it is his nature to attempt to solve his puzzles and calm his fears, he had to do something about this unknown force. Sometime—just when is speculative—early man began to believe in *animism*: the belief that every natural object is accompanied by its own distinct spiritual essence. He used this belief as a balm to soothe his disquietude. Evidence of this is found as far back as the era of the Neanderthals, 50,000 years ago.

The Neanderthal man dug pits in the floor of the caves he inhabited and buried the deceased along with game and weapons, apparently believing that life as he knew it would exist elsewhere. In a more advanced culture, it was the custom to bedeck the dead with necklaces, bracelets, and other fineries of life. As familiar as this sounds, it was done well before the dawn of civilization.

Whereas our present belief is associated with animism, our expression of that belief is a travesty of ancient Egyptian thinking. The evolution of Egyptian thinking concerning man and immortality left a profound mark upon later civilizations. Like his primitive ancestor, the Egyptian conceived the duality of man, but with some refinement. He gave the unseen



part of man a name, *ba*. He felt that this inner man must have a place of permanence in which to reside upon the death of the outer man. This brought about what many feel to be the first great art of Egypt—embalming.

Briefly, this method included the removal of the brain through the nostrils using a special iron tool. The contents of the stomach were removed through an incision in the flanks. The stomach cavity was washed out with palm wine and spices, and the body placed for a period of seventy days in a special solution made from the waters of a lake in the Libyan Desert. It was then washed, wrapped in fine linen, and placed in a sarcophagus, or coffin, shaped like the human body. Often, the image of the deceased was painted on the surface. How elaborate the sarcophagus was depended upon the status of the deceased. For the nobility and the very wealthy, costly limestone was imported from Greece.

## *Entombment*

Since the embalmed body (mummy) was to be the permanent home of the spirit, it had to be protected. Since man resided in some sort of structure, it was only natural that something comparable be used to house the keeper of the spirit. Thus, the system of entombment, which ranged from a simple cave to the magnificent pyramids, came into use.

The nobility of the old kingdom used a rectangular houselike structure that sloped toward the top and was called a *mastaba*. Later, the Pharaohs, in keeping with their higher status, improved on

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this basic structure and erected pyramids for their tombs.\* The one exception is the Great Pyramid of Khufu, which was used as a place for high initiation ritual by one of the mystery schools.

The Egyptian philosophy concerning man and immortality lasted for quite some time. But whenever, in the course of his evolvement, man reaches into the deep recesses of mind and is able to place himself in proper perspective to the total universe, his philosophy changes, and on the wings of these changes he often soars to new heights of enlightenment. Sometimes, during ancient Egypt's history, this happened to the Egyptian, and his whole basic concept was expanded.

He looked about him and observed the ways of nature. The mighty Nile would rise up like a virile young giant, full of vigor and vitality. It would then subside, its surging power waned, and the swift current ebbed to a sluggish flow. But after a spell it resurged with all of its former power and glory. The trees, flowers, and grass followed a similar pattern. The brilliance of spring and summer faded, and seemingly died with the winter, but the change in seasons brought about a restoration of radiant splendor.

These observations brought about the reasoning that since man, like all else, was a product of nature, what applied to the rest of nature must necessarily apply to him. Thus was born the first principles of the theory of reincarnation. For

\**The Symbolic Prophecy of the Great Pyramid*, by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, available for purchase from the Rosicrucian Supply Bureau.

a glorious instant, man had pierced the veil of ignorance, fear, and superstition.

But this was in Egypt. Other cultures practiced other forms of disposal of the dead such as exposure, water burial, and cannibalism—all based on more primitive concepts. As the scourges of man—greed, desire for power, and thus war—caused the world to grow smaller, cultures intermingled. Unfortunately, the deeper meaning of the Egyptian philosophy concerning man and death did not survive, except in those quarters that adhere to the esoteric and teach that in reality there is no death—merely a *transition*. The soul substance, or divine part of man, departs into the Cosmic for a season, then blossoms anew upon this plane, all the better for his sojourn. This knowledge eliminates all fear of death and contributes to man's evolution. △

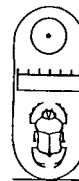


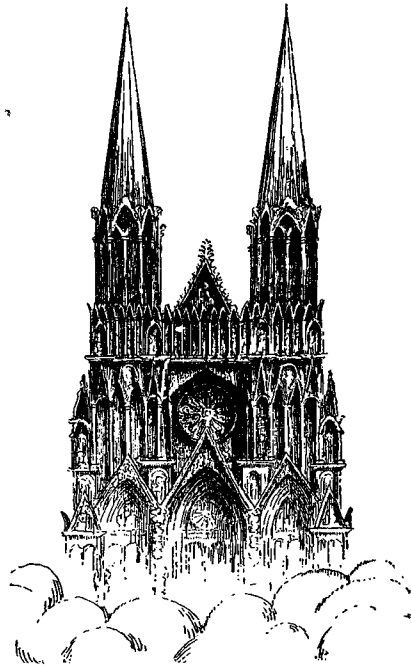
**Ba: Human-headed bird, symbol of the soul.**  
From Abydos, 1350-1200 B. C.  
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If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time—not tomorrow, nor next year, nor in some future life after we have died. The best preparation for a better life next year is a full, complete, harmonious, joyous life this year. Our beliefs in a rich future life are of little importance unless we coin them into a rich present life. **Today** should always be our most wonderful day.

—Thomas Dreier





## The Celestial Sanctum

### THE ECONOMY OF LIFE

by Chris. R. Warnken, F. R. C.

TODAY, and probably everyday, the word "economy" is on the lips of most people we meet. Much of the world is suffering from the economic problems of inflation, devaluation, high prices, material shortages, unemployment, strikes, and most other man-made economic headaches. Oh yes, these ills are definitely man-made, even though we are reluctant to admit that fact. Actually, they are but a reflection of our ignorance of the economy of life.

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A careful study will soon reveal that nature is overwhelmingly abundant. Nature is lavish in its production; it is generous. At times our economists judge that nature is too profuse and "gluts our markets." At other times when nature

takes a rest and "crops fail," there are those who rejoice over the resultant shortages and reap the benefits of ever higher prices caused by greedy demand. Most of us complain against any increased costs or payments we must make, while at the same time struggling to acquire for ourselves as much as possible without thought as to how our accrual may affect or hurt others. Let's face it! Most of us are selfish and interested primarily in "Number One."

Man has struggled and suffered for many centuries because he refuses to learn the simple rules for the economy of life. What do we mean by "the economy of life"? Unselfishness! Unity! Frugality! Direction! The evaluation of principle over things! Balance!

The unselfish people are the truly rich people of the earth. They know that they entered upon this earth scene stripped and naked. They entered only with life, and they know that they will depart in the same manner. They know that everything they have gathered unto themselves has come through the efforts, assistance, and perhaps sacrifice of others. Since they cannot take it with them, they believe that they are borrowing such blessings only during their sojourn here. They do not cling greedily or covetously to anything. When they discover someone in need of something they have, they will give it, even as they have received it. In one sense they have nothing, but in another they have everything!

Those who have discovered and realized the unity of mankind have also found the economy of life. It is when we learn that all of us are truly one—man—that we begin to live life in all of its richness. Has anyone ever known a selfish, stingy, possessive, or reclusive person who could honestly claim to be happy? Such is an impossibility. The mystics know that soul, the soul of God, permeates each and every one of us. We cannot separate ourselves from that common bond. Whatever we do to or for others, we do to or for ourselves, because we are one. When we practice kindness, generosity, and love toward others, we bring those same blessings upon ourselves. Unity is the common denominator in the economy of life.

Frugality is essential to the economy of life. Be careful not to confuse stinginess with frugality. The stingy person is

reluctant to expend anything whether justified, needed, or not. The frugal person is never reluctant to spend, only reluctant to *waste!* The frugal person is often very generous in helping others, even to teaching them to manage their affairs in a frugal manner in order that they may better help themselves, and in turn others. We can learn much about frugality from the animal kingdom, where there is no "controlled economy." The animals must accept the conditions of nature as they find them and make the most of the resulting opportunities.

Direction is also essential in the economy of life. There is nothing more wasteful or frustrating than a life without a plan, a goal, a *raison d'être*. We have all met persons who flutter around aimlessly, creating much motion but apparently accomplishing nothing. We have been given a mind and a brain with which we can and should visualize and plan whatever we want to accomplish. When our visualization is complete, we then have a blueprint to guide us. All we need do then is to follow our plan, step by step, from its beginning to its completion. This is accomplishment! Such plans are necessary to success, whether they be for our path in life or merely for some simple daily task.

The obsession with things, *physical* things, is a major cause of unhappiness in many people. Quite often, those with a considerable possession of things are those who suffer most. Rather than acquiring to do, to serve, to make, or to help, the acquisition of things has become an addictive bad habit. The victim advances to a point where there is a compulsive need to possess everything one sees, especially if others also possess it. Soon after acquisition, the article is forgotten and laid aside while the craving for still other things goes on.

How true the words of the Master when He said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Remember, we brought no thing to earth with us, nor shall we take any thing with us when we leave. The greatest possessions are free and abundant. Learn to appreciate the breath of life, good health, love for all

mankind. Learn to evaluate the fragrances, the sights, and the sounds of nature. Learn to know the joys of love, of sacrifice, of kindness, of appreciation. Cultivate the ability to be free of things! Be rich even though *thingless!*

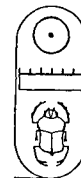
Balance is the keystone in the economy of life. Some have called it "the middle path." Be not afraid to experience the many facets of life to develop sympathy and understanding for helping others, as well as to attain mastery of life. But develop also strength to resist the pull of any one special aspect of life which will cause unbalance.

If we are to live life fully and economically, we must taste all of life but maintain our course balanced in the center. Too much of one part and not enough of the other is wasteful. The materialist becomes impoverished in spirit; his things bring only frustration and anguish. The spiritual fanatic has deprived himself of the limitless wonders of the physical world. Despite his spiritual fervor, he must eventually learn to appreciate the manifest world which his Creator has provided to be enjoyed.

We might help improve world conditions if we will place less emphasis upon the man-made science of economics. It is artificial and, even though we have dignified it with many lofty and majestic descriptive phrases, it does not take into consideration, nor harmonize sufficiently with, nature's obvious laws. Let us try substituting *economy of life*.

### **The Celestial Sanctum**

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# I Am Blind but My Dog Can See

by Josephine C. Walker

*The story of the seeing eye*

REPRESENTATIVE for an investment firm traveling extensively throughout the country for his company; a factory worker, on his feet constantly, working his way through busy machinery and congested areas; a clergyman spending much of his time visiting hospital patients and shut-ins—*why* are these men different from any others in similar jobs? Because they are blind and because each is guided and assisted by a Seeing Eye dog. Today hundreds of such dogs are taking their masters and mistresses to work daily in offices, factories, schools.

The greatest restriction imposed by blindness is dependence upon others for crossing streets, getting to the barbershop or grocery store. Helping the blinded free themselves from this, with the help of intelligent, carefully trained guide dogs, is the work of *The Seeing Eye*, a unique philanthropic organization of Morristown, New Jersey—America's oldest and largest guide dog school.

In human experience there is no substitute for devotion, and there is perhaps no greater example of true devotion—constant, never-changing—as that of a Seeing Eye dog for its master. Through the efforts of *The Seeing Eye*, these remarkable, highly intelligent dogs have made life worth living for hundreds—potentially thousands—who live in perpetual darkness. They play a large part in making their blind masters self-respecting, economically independent citizens.



Morris Frank and Buddy I. Mr. Frank was the pioneer guide-dog user in America. This picture was taken in 1930 and shows him in traffic on a busy New York City street.

It was in 1929 when the organization began its operation in America, but it was five years earlier, in Switzerland, when the idea originated. Mrs. Dorothy Eustis, descendent of a prominent Philadelphia family, together with her husband developed their Swiss estate into an establishment where dogs were scientifically bred, selected for special capacity, and trained to use that ability. Their dogs were used to patrol the borders for Swiss Custom Service; they worked for the Swiss State police and for trailing and locating missing persons.

Always on the lookout for new methods, and as part of their research, Mrs. Eustis visited a little-known school in Potsdam, Germany, where dogs were being trained to guide blinded war veterans. It was a revelation to her. "It was as though a complete transformation had taken place," she said, ". . . one moment there was an uncertain shuffling blind man, tapping with a cane, next there was an assured person, dog firmly in hand, his head up, who walked easily and quickly, giving orders in a low confident voice."

There was a new occupation for her beloved dogs in which they could give real service. Her experiences were published in the *Saturday Evening Post* in

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America. One blind young man, Morris Frank, was so intrigued after reading the article that he immediately wrote Mrs. Eustis. "Thousands of blind like me abhor being dependent on others. Help me and I will help them. Train me and I will bring back my dog and show people here how a blind man can be absolutely on his own. . . ." Morris Frank was invited to come to Switzerland. The first Seeing Eye dog, *Buddy*, was selected for him, and an extensive training period began.

### *Working Partners*

Morris and Buddy became friends and working partners. They both learned—Morris how to give Buddy proper commands, and the dog to follow instructions with amazing accuracy. They made frequent trips together, walking rapidly into town, introduced to the hazards of pedestrians, obstacles on the sidewalk, crossing streets. After several months they became an expert team. It was time to try out Morris and Buddy in America where would come the real test. Mrs. Eustis told Morris, "The American public won't believe it's possible for you to negotiate Times Square in complete safety . . . it's up to you to convince them you can go anywhere just about as easily as a person with eyes."

They were met at the ship by skeptical newsmen. "We don't believe the dog is as good as you say—how about letting us see you go across West Street?" Later Morris vowed that the next three minutes were the longest in his life, deafened by rumbling trucks and screeching brakes; he knew everything depended upon Buddy. When they reached the other side, a car pulled up behind them and a reporter called, "Nice going, fellow—thanks." And Morris knew they had made a successful beginning in America.

During ensuing months, Morris and Buddy traveled to the country's larger cities, deliberately seeking dangerous intersections, fast congested traffic. He and Buddy went everywhere together unaided. Skeptics soon became enthusiastic; the experiment was a proven success and new doors were to be opened for blind citizens.

In the nearly fifty years since then, Seeing Eye has made life worth living for thousands. Mrs. Eustis and her associates

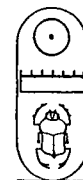
were joined by hundreds of others to assist in the project which today is one of the country's unique philanthropic organizations, providing service at a minimum cost to blinded people who want to be independent and to live normal lives. The organization is neither profit-making nor commercial. It solicits and receives no support from federal, state, or local governments. All fundraising was discontinued in 1958.

The unprecedented support of its members in the past plus many generous bequests assure that Seeing Eye will be able to meet demands for its service in the foreseeable future. The financial policy of Seeing Eye is in accord with the soundest concepts of philanthropy and rehabilitation. It is based on the assumption that all self-respecting people, blind or sighted, rebel against support through charity and want to pay their own way in the world. Each student, therefore, is asked to assume an obligation of \$150 for his dog, training and equipment, plus board and lodging (this is only for the first dog; when the animal is replaced, the student pays only \$50). Payment may be made for as little as \$1.00 per month over a period of time, but it is tangible evidence of the blind student's ability and desire to make his own way.

No eligible blind person has ever been refused a dog because of lack of funds, however. At the same time, no individual or organization may assume this obligation for him. Veterans, whose blindness has a service connection, are entitled to Seeing Eye service for a token payment of \$1.00. Travel costs to and from Morristown by air coach, or its equivalent, are paid by Seeing Eye for all students, regardless of where they live.

### *Success*

Responsibility for success at Seeing Eye is a three-way project—the blind person himself, the instructor, and the dog—and is a serious time-consuming delicate process on the part of each. For the dog, it is not work, for its greatest pleasure in life is to go everywhere with its master. Dogs are educated by kindness, become willing guides who take pride in their jobs and are happiest when doing it. Seeing Eye dogs work for praise, extravagant praise, and all their lives



receive it in full measure from their grateful owners.

Mainly they are German shepherds, but other dogs are also used. Certain characteristics are important: willingness and a desire to please, to serve, to keep trying after the fun has gone out of it. Without this quality, dogs cannot be taught to do things voluntarily and well. Add to this, unusual intelligence, alertness, keen inquisitiveness, and always the dog's qualities of loyalty and unshakable devotion.

The course for the dog encompasses three months of education, including obedience exercises, guide work, and a lesser known phase in "educated disobedience." This means that the dog must not only be able to assimilate education, but must be willing to use what it has been taught in a way not to endanger its blind master. The dog must be able to reason—not act by instinct. Morris Frank's dog, Buddy, saved his life at one time with just this trait.

They were staying at a hotel and walked one morning to the elevators on one of the top floors. At the elevator door, Buddy suddenly stopped and pulled back, indicating he sensed danger. Morris explored the carpeted area with his foot, found no obstruction, and gave Buddy a firm command to go forward. He refused to budge, obstinately hugging the floor. Again he commanded; Buddy pulled back even further. Morris was about to ignore what he thought might be "temperament" and started to step forward to ring the bell when he heard a sharp scream behind him. A maid passing by realized what Buddy saw. Through carelessness, the elevator door had been left open, fourteen stories up in the building.

#### *Instructors*

Public attention is often centered on the Seeing Eye dogs themselves, but without the instructor the project could never exist. In the early days it was difficult to secure instructors, but today there are more applicants than can be employed. It takes three years to become a qualified instructor, during which time he devotes a given period of time to "being blind" and wears a lightproof sleepshade while going through the same course of instruction in using a guide dog as a blinded person does.

The third member of the team is the blind student himself. Seeing Eye trains not only dogs but people. Applicants are helped to help themselves. One man arrived at the school, was taken through the house by an official who described the location of doors, furniture, and so on. In his own room he was told where to find soap, towels, bureau drawers. As the official left, he said, "Unpack now if you like; lunch will be ready in 15 minutes." The blind man protested, "I can't unpack; I've never done that sort of thing alone since. . . ."

"Why don't you try it then," was the reply.

"See here," the student answered, "haven't you any respect for the fact I'm blind?"

"I don't know why I should have," the official replied, "I'm blind myself."

#### *Power of Love*

It takes four weeks of study and practice for a blind person to learn to use his guide dog. At the end of that time, an almost perfect communication exists between the two. The most valuable lesson a Seeing Eye dog owner can learn is also the simplest. He must understand that he is blind and that his dog can see. This adds up to a human limitation and a canine potentiality. Both have the power to love which alone can make possible the patience, concentration, and self-discipline needed to weld the two into a corporate unit. Through love, they learn to recognize and to forgive both their own and each other's limitations, and to realize their joint potentialities.

For good work the dog is always rewarded by warm praise—"That's a good girl"—and by an affectionate pat for good measure. This sort of reward is the motivating mainspring of every Seeing Eye dog. His pleasure in his master's praise seems sufficient compensation for any hardship.

In the years of The Seeing Eye's existence, approximately 6600 Seeing Eye dogs have given service to blind people throughout the country. Over 4000 blinded have received Seeing Eye dogs, and many have returned for a second, third, fourth, even a fifth dog. Ninety percent of all Seeing Eye graduates are



gainfully employed or usefully occupied; among them are teachers, computer operators, ministers, lawyers, and many others.

With the combination of unflagging duty and constant devotion, the Seeing Eye dog is truly one of today's wonders. Hundreds of blinded men and women making their own way, living a life of independence, are in agreement. "My beautiful dog has put me back in circulation and in contact with other people," said one; and another, "I am able to lead a normal life of complete independence. I seldom think of myself as blind."

One of the officers of The Seeing Eye, in a column from their own monthly pub-

lication, *The Seeing Eye Guide*, some years ago wrote this moving tribute which seems to express best the whole philosophy of the organization:

"As we see it, not only is the dog guiding the blind man worthy of our praise; so also is the master who directs and follows the dog. Such a man possesses the wisdom, faith and love that have harnessed, literally and figuratively, similar qualities in the dog and helped them both realize their potential. . . . tribute is to be paid not only to the dog but to its master as well; tribute to the dog's capacity to serve, to man's will to be free, and the capacity to love that exists in each." △

## HAPPINESS

### A Proper Mental Attitude

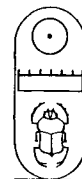
Today the average person is often confronted with what appears to be a great dilemma. Although he may own a fine home, have a wonderful family, and more leisure time than his predecessors, often he may not be happy—he is restless. Just what is the cause of this great perplexity? Has society failed him?

Actually the trouble lies not so much with society, but with his own attitude. If he could but realize that happiness is not measured merely by comparison and material gain. True happiness can come only from the realization of knowing that one has accomplished a worthwhile end—an unselfish goal—one that will contribute to the betterment of mankind. Success that is gained at the expense of the feelings of someone else is shallow. Yet so often do we hear people say, "That Mr. Smith—Is he ever shrewd—He sold that article for twice its value!"

How much happier and successful one would be if he would only learn to rely upon his own merits. It is so easy to find fault. Yet, does not the man of accomplishment greatly surpass the critic? Instead of being concerned about how others do, a person must learn to concern himself with his own achievements.

In truth happiness is a frame of mind, an attitude, and it is up to the individual to develop his own proper mental state. He must learn to gain not only the respect of others but respect for himself. This alone is the key to acquiring the happiness that all men seek with determination.

—W. E. Christilles



# THE IMPERATOR PROCLAIMS

Friday, March 21

## Beginning of the Traditional Rosicrucian New Year 3328

PHILOSOPHY has long declared that man's conception of time is the measurement of the duration in his consciousness of an event. Modern science relates that space and time constitute a fourth dimension. However, since antiquity, man has been aware of the cyclical changes of natural phenomena. The moon passes through certain phases with regularity, and so do the tides and seasons. It, therefore, became a custom for man to imagine or to actually observe certain events occurring with these changes in nature.

One of the great cyclical events which were noted by man particularly in the Northern Hemisphere was the vernal equinox when the sun enters the sign of Aries on its celestial journey. In parts of the world, that was the time when nature seemed to be *reborn* after the moribund period of winter. Plants seemed to come alive, to blossom again. This phenomenon suggested to early man that his own death was not eternal, that he too might be reborn again.

Consequently, great ceremonies were held in which plants were used in rituals to depict the birth, death, and rebirth of man. One of the greatest mystery schools, the Eleusinian in Greece, initiated some 30,000 candidates a year into its secret teachings, portraying the immortality of man. Even today in the ruins of Eleusis are found huge stones with bas-relief sculpture showing stalks of grain which were used as symbols to illustrate the mysteries being imparted to the neophytes.

This practice of recognizing the vernal equinox which occurs on or about March 21 to signify the beginning of the true New Year spread to Europe. It was

perpetuated by the early mystery schools and esoteric orders of Europe. This date for the celebration of nature's New Year became a tradition in the Rosicrucian Order as well. All Rosicrucian Lodges, Chapters, and Pronaoi in existence hold on or about March 21 a great ceremonial feast consisting of certain elements to represent the true nature of man and his immortal essence.

Today throughout the world in all Rosicrucian Lodges, Chapters, and Pronaoi, this historical and important esoteric event is solemnly conducted. The official date for the Rosicrucian New Year as determined astronomically for this year occurs on Friday, March 21, which is the first day of spring. Every Rosicrucian Lodge, Chapter, or Pronaos will hold its New Year Ceremony either on that exact date or as close to it as possible. All *active* Rosicrucian members are invited to attend. They may contact their nearest subordinate Lodge, Chapter, or Pronaos, and inquire as to the date and time that the ceremony will be held. There are no charges or admission fees. For the list of AMORC subordinate bodies, please refer to the Worldwide Directory at the end of this issue of the *Rosicrucian Digest*.

If a member does not know the address of the nearest subordinate body, he or she should send an *air-mail* letter with return postage or postal coupons of the equivalent amount to the Grand Master, Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California 95191, U.S.A., and ask for the address of the body they wish to attend; a reply will be sent to them immediately.

In the beautiful Supreme Temple in Rosicrucian Park the traditional New

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Year Ceremony will be held Friday, March 21, at 8:00 p.m. The doors to the Supreme Temple will be open at 7:00 p.m. Every *active* Rosicrucian who can attend is welcome to participate in the inspiring event which is conducted by the Imperator.

Now is the time to prepare to attend your nearest Lodge, Chapter, or Pronaos; or, if convenient, the Supreme Temple in Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, for this exceptional event.

For those who cannot attend a Lodge, Chapter, or Pronaos, there has been pre-

pared an interesting and inspiring ritual for Home Sanctum use. It is just necessary to write to the Grand Secretary, Rosicrucian Order, Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California 95191, U.S.A., giving your name and key number, and ask for the *Sanctum New Year Ritual*. Please enclose seventy-five cents\* or the equivalent in postal coupons to cover preparation costs and mailing charges.

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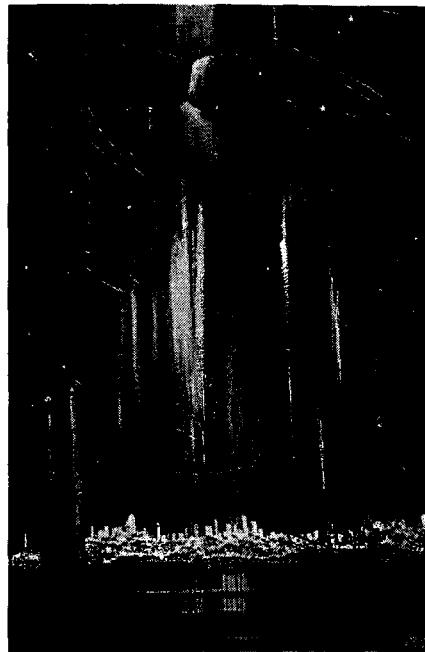
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## El Vasco

During December and January the Art Gallery of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum exhibited paintings by Luis Villafuerte Vasco—El Vasco—born in Quito, Ecuador, in 1908. The artist studied with books and brushes from the time he was very young. When only twelve years old he went to Paris and studied at the Escuela Cuitena under such famous names as Picasso, Dali, and Modigliani. After returning from Paris he went to Santiago, Chile, and continued his studies receiving numerous diplomas. His paintings have received many gold medal awards at the renowned Viña del Mar in South America. El Vasco has paintings on permanent display in art museums in many countries including: Germany, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, and the United States.

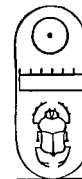
Two of his favorite subject matters are the missions of California and the magical, immortal Don Quixote de la Mancha. His ink-over-oil technique is truly unique.



San Francisco

Behind every purpose is the assumed need for a physical or mental or emotional satisfaction that was thought to be had by a certain pursuit, as a form of action.

—VALIDIVAR





## A Winter Sketch

**B**LACK CATTAILS stand like sentinels around the snow-covered lake. Two lonely-looking fishing sheds wait expectantly for their owners. A dilapidated windmill stands forgotten in the background. I am describing my meditation haven in January. I treasure this away-from-everything haven, because it never fails to fill me with a feeling of peace, tranquillity, and renewal of myself.

In the wooded areas, the oak leaves are nostalgic. They not only cling to their branches but to their memories of the previous autumn. One group of old oak trees stand awkwardly together—perhaps whispering about the fall season when their leaves were beautiful shades of russet and a rich brown. The woods are so quiet I wonder where all of the animal life has vanished to. Suddenly, a lone farm dog rushes across the snow-crueted hills to greet his returning family. Nature is resting—even the trees are quiet. There is no wind to rustle them. The late afternoon sun has a wan look in the wintry buttermilk sky.

As I walk through the crunchy snow, a silvery sliver of moon begins to rise in the now darkening sky. A poem by the late Robert Frost, **Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**, comes to mind as I walk back to my car—so aware of the stillness of this night.

Only a winter dream, but I wish too that I could be in a horse-drawn sleigh crossing the lake. Maybe my horse would have bells that would shake as he moved through the deep snow. Perhaps he would wonder why we were stopping “. . . without a farmhouse near.” My meditation haven in winter—I shall return, maybe in early spring, hoping that it will remain untouched by man’s progress.

—Dorothy A. Carroll

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# The Master Within

by Edgar Wirt, Ph.D., F. R. C.

THE "MASTER WITHIN" is a concept, a figure of speech, that is particularly apt, useful, and potent. Familiarity with this concept does not of itself guarantee any useful working relation with it; but thinking in terms of this image and continually expanding its potential is a way to open up such a relation.

A different expression of it is "the still, small voice within." Unfortunately this can lead to confusion with the "voice of conscience" which is not the same thing. Conscience is cultural, something learned rather than inherent. This is evident by the fact that in different cultures, where morals and mores are different, conscience relates to the particular moral setting in which it grew.

We are taught a pattern of right and wrong, not only in moral issues but also in lesser matters of custom. Conscience is a reminder of what we have been taught whenever we are on the verge of disregarding or violating those precepts. Conscience, then, can tell us only what we already know.

The "Master Within" can reveal to us what we do not already know—the solution for a difficult situation, a new

discovery, the meaning of a new experience, a new way of looking at ourselves. At times this insight may come to mind framed in words or as an idea without words; at other times, as a visual image. Often it is disguised in imagery that we have to interpret—that is, in symbols.

This "Master Within" does not have to be trained or developed; it is already there. We do have to train and develop ourselves to make use of it, to cultivate a working relation with it. This is an important part of Rosicrucian study.

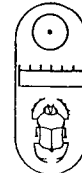
We consider the "Master Within" to be part of the human psyche—in modern times it would be related to the unconscious, subconscious, subjective, or subliminal consciousness. This deep area of the psyche is somewhat independent of ordinary objective consciousness; it operates on somewhat different rules. We do not actually manage it—we do not have a direct line of communication with it.

What we can get in objective consciousness is a sort of echo from it. If the "echo chamber" is warped or cluttered, the echo will be distorted. If the door is shut, we will not hear it. Often it is lost in the continual buzz and clatter that comes through the objective senses.

This traditional concept of the "Master Within" is particularly suited for personal development. The Rosicrucian Order has evolved quite an array of experiments for learning how to amplify and clarify those subtle signals and for directing them to our specific conscious needs. One skill to be learned is how to focus on a particular question. Another is to disconnect—to stop, look, and listen for an answer. △

## BEQUESTS AND LEGACIES

The educational and cultural activities of a nonprofit educational organization such as the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, are dependent upon the contributions and support of its members and friends. Many worthwhile organizations have grown and extended their good work as a result of legacies left them by those who provided for such bequests in their Wills. We shall be pleased to send to anyone who is interested helpful and useful information regarding the preparation of a Will and suggestions concerning how a bequest to the Order can be provided. Please address your request to the Supreme Treasurer.



# Quasars and Earthquake Prediction

by Leo Rosenhouse

NEARLY EVERY schoolboy can tell you something about the tremendous California earthquake of 1906, which almost leveled San Francisco and also caused a great fire. There are plenty of readers who will likely even take this article much more to heart because they experienced that weird but violent grating and twisting of the San Andreas Fault, the massive crack in the earth that works its way from the region of Point Arena, on the Northern California coast, to the Imperial Valley in Southern California, taking in 965 kilometers (600 miles).

Certainly, the San Francisco earthquake is a bit of history now, but it is a cataclysm the present generation would like to avoid. There are so many persons truly afraid of earthquakes that publication of any new book making ominous predictions can send these fearful ones into a trembling state of their own.

However, seismologists—the specialists in earthquake prediction—plus some physicists and astronomers have a new approach regarding major earthquakes, and they are literally asking “Mother Earth to give all of us a fair shake” by telling us sufficiently in advance when a hard quake is coming, so we can take proper shelter and protect lives and property.

Have you ever heard of “rock dilatancy?” Likely not, for it is a rather new term among scientists, but you will be hearing plenty on the subject. Researchers at Stanford University, the California Institute of Technology, and Columbia University have evolved a logical theory about earthquake anticipation which seems to prove itself.

Rock dilatancy has been taking place for eons of time—since the Earth was

formed—even though the terminology is brand-new. It concerns the theory that rocks can acquire minute cracks, the tiny fissures being too fine to be seen by the human eye, and these rock breakdowns take place whenever there is any stress along the Earth’s surface or in its upper crust. As soon as the rock fissures begin to fill with water, the earth pressure increases. This observation has been substantiated by a study of velocity of seismic waves recorded by such nations as the United States, Japan, and Russia. Once rock dilatancy begins to take in many hundreds of miles of area, the earth pressure due to swelling of the crust intensifies until Mother Earth has to shake and tremble in order to dissipate that bothersome pressure.

## *Pressure Relieved*

It is much the same as when we take an aspirin to relieve a headache. The Earth has its own medication for crust pressure, and by shaking hard it reforms the earth cracks. Pressure is immediately relieved, and the Earth quiets down for a time.

However, all does not go well for the inhabitants on the surface, for their structures fall and tumble and serious disasters take place. Frequently relief from crust pressure is found through volcanic eruption, an awesome process that usually is much worse than a regular earthquake—there being both shake and fire plus a creeping menace in the form of molten lava that engulfs and devours anything in its path.

Recently, scientists decided to make use of the heavens in determining a coming quake and have created instruments which read far out into space to

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obtain signals from the quasars, which are obscure objects so far away from Earth that no scientist can accurately describe them. But scientists do have the ability to put these mysterious space objects to work.

Two large antennae have been mounted on either side of the San Andreas Fault, and they take in radio signals bouncing back from the quasars. Any change in the arrival time of these signals is carefully measured by instruments which can detect a difference of arrival time to an accuracy of one tenth of a billionth of a second.

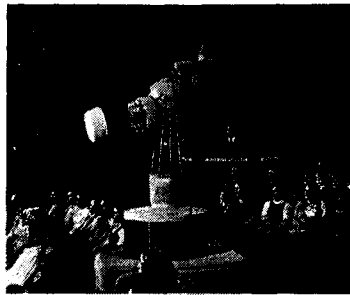
In the fifty-five samples of radio signals already taken from twenty quasars, scientists are making important recordings and gaining knowledge about earth-surface movements. The project is known as ARIES which stands for *Astronomical Radio Interferometric Earth Surveying*. One ninety-one meter (30-foot) antenna is located in Pasadena, California, and the other is 200 kilometers (125 miles)

away. The project will also give information on continental drift, which is the movement of extensive plates of the Earth's crust.

Now, assuming a scientist determines that one side of the San Andreas Fault shows a perceptible difference in recording a quasar signal, he will eventually be able to discern a pattern and create a formula which may pinpoint when a big quake is coming, and all this through the assistance of those mysterious quasars which are from one to twelve billion light-years away from us!

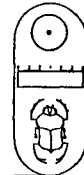
Quite plainly, the scientists are asking Mother Earth to give us a fair shake in trying to determine when an earthquake may strike. It is the kind of experiment that has not interested too many people, but it should, for it may save many thousands of lives and teach us how to construct surface objects so they will not collapse on us when the Earth decides she is to rid herself of that worrisome feeling on her surface.  $\Delta$

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The Rosicrucian Science Museum and Planetarium, containing the latest electronic star projector under a beautiful air-conditioned dome (above), also exhibits a working seismograph for recording earthquakes. This particular seismograph was built during the 1930s by former Emperor Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, assisted by Mr. James Whitcomb.

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# Souls on Other Planets

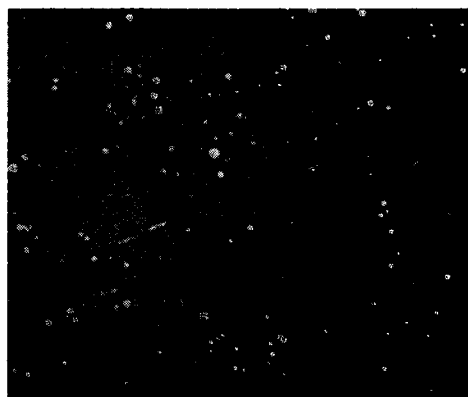
by Samuel Rittenhouse

THE SPACE AGE is causing an impact upon theological and traditional religious concepts. This impact is at present minor in effect, but to a more than casual observer its portent is apparent. It is obvious that man's exploration of space, including eventually manned rockets to the planets and far greater comprehension concerning the nature of the universe and our cosmic neighbors, will place the Earth in a subordinate category.

It will be realized by the average man that the Earth does not hold a primary position in the cosmic realm—as most theologians have long postulated. It will seem inconsistent that a deity would select Earth, a minor body astronomically speaking, to be the theater of a paramount divine creation—man. In fact, the logical possibility that life is not an exclusive phenomenon of Earth will undoubtedly be scientifically substantiated.

If life is the climax of a conceived divine will, then at least it will be realized that such a phenomenon was not confined exclusively to this planet, as many of the sacred books of established religions, including the Christian Bible, have long expounded. Space exploration, with highly developed instrumentation on satellites, as well as future personal experiences by man in space will bring knowledge of the essential characteristics of life. It will reveal that such essentials of life also exist on other worlds.

Life, therefore, could and probably does exist in solar systems elsewhere in our galaxy, the Milky Way, or in other universes millions of light-years distant. Such other worlds could have developed life equal to ours over eons of time, which could have continued through a cycle of existence and now become



**Partial View of Milky Way Galaxy**

Photo: Mt. Palomar Observatory

extinct in a dead world. Still other worlds may yet be in an evolutionary stage of life as Earth was millions of years ago.

It would be a reasonable speculation, of course, to presume that there now exist beings in the Cosmos as intelligent as man, or even exceeding him. These beings might know of Earth but, being so distant, would not as yet know of man—just as we are not yet personally aware of beings on other planets.

## ***The Greater Universe***

Such thoughts are elevating; they are universal in content. They cause man to realize the vastness of the *greater* universe. Man's thoughts in recent centuries have been geocentric, earthbound. In relatively modern times, man has learned of the existence of other cosmic bodies, solar systems, and galaxies, but his interest has been centered primarily on Earth. The study of astronomy only remotely or occasionally touched the lives of the average person.

The present and future spectacular adventures into space and the realization that we must give them concern for military and political reasons, as well as in the interests of pure science, have caused man to look heavenward, figuratively and literally. Man now feels his cosmic dependence, and it has tempered his ego. What man achieves in his sciences and techniques, instead of inflating his ego, eventually will cause him to realize by

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the results of his efforts the finiteness of his own existence.

If man has soul, a divine essence of the same exalted quality as that of his God—as his religions have long caused him to believe—then such cannot be restricted to him alone. Certainly, there would be no divine equity in God's permitting His consciousness or an attribute of His essence to be limited to one kind of living creation.

### *Spiritual Essence*

Man in his personal ego has for long contended that, of all creations on Earth, he alone possesses the divine spark called *spiritual essence* or soul. It seemed plausible to him that this was so because of the superiority of his intelligence. No other creature has the faculty of reason, will, imagination, and mental powers that he has, and by which he has excelled all others in controlling his environment.

If soul is an extension of the consciousness of the Divine, it is not evident in the lower animals, man thought, for they do not possess the attributes which man conceives are of *soul*. This gave man self-confidence, a feeling of supremacy in the hierarchical order of Earth, the assurance (to himself, at least) that he was the divinely preferred being. Man, therefore, immured himself in a sense of self-security, the notion of being a divine, special consideration.

With the cogency of arguments favoring the existence of life on other worlds and perhaps in the Cosmos—beings equal to or superior to his own intelligence—man, therefore, cannot claim for himself a unique spiritual relationship. If there is a divine extension of spiritual essence, then, of course, this would imbue these other things in space with soul, also! Immediately, man loses his distinction as a singly chosen creation in the image of God. He is but one of an unknown number of other so-called spiritually conscious beings.

Such speculations founded upon the facts of space exploration will constitute a severe challenge to theology. It will make nugatory the theological statements that the writings of our sacred works are the words of God. Men will see in such inconsistencies the influence of man's earlier ignorance of the Cosmos, his own superstitions and exaggerated ego.

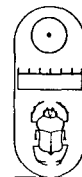
Such discoveries and conclusions will not necessarily make man less religious. If he but thinks, he will realize that such new concepts will extend the magnitude and majesty of a power which he ascribes to his God. It will cause him to realize his brotherhood not only among human-kind, or the creatures of Earth, but also with qualities and living things everywhere. He will have a bond that will reach out into space to include actual, tangible beings. The universe will no longer consist of just inanimate systems and particulars to him, but also of sentient beings who in self-conscious awareness and existence have some parallel with himself. He will realize that Earth, alone, cannot be peopled with what he terms souls, but that possibly numerous areas of the infinity of space are likewise so populated.

### *Questions*

Of course, with the belief—or knowledge—that intelligent beings exist elsewhere in the Cosmos, there will arise new speculations and possibly new false beliefs. Which of the beings possessing assumed soul qualities will be the superior? Which will most approximate the nature of divinity? Will the creature, man, be the highest expression of soul in the Cosmos, or will it be some strange being residing on a planet of the solar system in some remote galaxy?

Here again, man's ego will be confronted with the need to make certain adjustments. If there is a hierarchy of souls, a scale of such spiritual essence, in what relation to it does man stand? Is man spiritually inferior or superior to such other living creatures? By virtue of time, have other beings evolved in spiritual awareness beyond man, and does that confer upon them any divine preference in this life or in another that man will not enjoy?

The *mystical pantheist*, whom the orthodox religionist abhors or whom in his ignorance he does not understand, does not think of spiritual essence as being on a graduated scale. These mystical pantheists, as for example the Rosicrucians, conceive the Divine or Cosmic Intelligence as being *universal* in its manifestation. It is perfect in the excellence of the quality of its consciousness. It can neither evolve nor retrogress. In essence,



therefore, it is the same in every living vehicle in which it resides. The distinction is manifest only in the degree to which this essence is expressed. Beings of simple organism and brain structure, having a low order of intelligence, do not express this universal, divine quality in the same way as higher, more complex ones.

We may use an analogy to make this more comprehensible. A musical composition by a master does not have its perfect technical nature altered when played either by a beginner or a virtuoso. One has the ability more than the other to express the greatness of the composition; the composition, however, is the same for both. So, universal consciousness is the same in all living organisms from the point of view of mystical pantheism.

The personal evolution, both of the physical organism and the consciousness of the individual, is what makes the difference in the display of the universal consciousness or soul. Consequently, *in essence* the soul of man would be the same as that of any being elsewhere in the Cosmic. Whether man in his response

to it, that is, in his consciousness of his soul, exceeds that of other beings in the Cosmos is yet another matter.

There has long been the supposition, which has actually evolved into a doctrine by some occult and esoteric groups, that the human soul personality goes through an evolutionary process elsewhere than on Earth. In general, this theory—and that is all that it is—presumes that the planets of our solar system, including now the possibility of other worlds in other solar systems, are arranged in a hierarchical order. Some are thought to be cosmically chosen to be of the highest spiritual order, and each successive world lower in the scale.

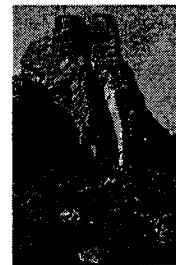
Man's soul personality is thought to begin its evolutionary process on Earth, the next time to incarnate into a body on a world which is next higher in the scale, and so on, upward. Thus, man evolves in consciousness as his soul ascends a kind of cosmological ladder of worlds. Just why, however, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, or any planet of any other solar system should be of a higher spiritual order to which the soul must ascend is not explained. △



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## Cover

It took nature millions of years to form the Grand Canyon in Arizona, the chasm that attracts millions of visitors annually from throughout the world. Each bend in the trail that winds along the brink reveals marvelous breath-taking vistas. This is one of the numerous attractive rock formations. In the yawning area one mile below, the Colorado River continues its centuries of erosion as it wends its way to the sea.



**Odyssey** appears for the first time on our outside back cover. Written by Editor Robin M. Thompson and Editorial staff member Nancy Ribordy, **Odyssey** will explore the lives of men and women who have searched for light and understanding, making valuable contributions to the material and spiritual evolution of man. The accompanying ocean photo is by Imperator Ralph M. Lewis, and the beautiful Rosicrucian cartouche drawn by artist Shirley Gordon.

# Communication With the Infinite

## The Secret Key

by Ursula Essig, F. R. C.

**G**OD HAS many faces—and none. Each individual has his or her own interpretation of this vast, unlimited Divine Essence. As students of mysticism, we have learned to respond to the God of our Hearts, leaving us the freedom to form our own image of the Infinite. We also know that this Infinite Power cannot be measured or described in limited terms. Rather, we see God as an eternally flowing stream of life energy, permeating all matter with life. This Cosmic Force cannot be pressed into a mold; our limited senses cannot even comprehend the wholeness of it. We are still too much enslaved by prejudices and our own limitations to be able to grasp the true reality of God.

Even if we accept the fact that God is omnipresent and omnipotent, have we ever looked for a moment at the full implication of this statement?

*Omnipresent* means to be everywhere at once. "Everywhere" naturally also includes you and me. Therefore, God is within each one of us! He is a part of us and we are a part of Him. Think for a moment. Does this not instill feelings of awe within yourself? Should it not also fill us with self-confidence and awake within us a sense of security and responsibility?

Sooner or later this awareness will grow and expand and we will begin to realize that if God is a part of each of us, as we claim, it should really be easy for us to express God. It is so, at least theoretically. All we have to do is to know what we want out of life and then let go, surrender to the will of God, and let this Supreme Being guide us on our way.

It sounds simple, doesn't it? Truth always is simple; that is, in principle.

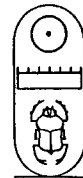
But try to put it into practice and soon you will discover all kinds of obstacles—mainly the obstacles of our own faulty thinking—stumbling blocks we so far did not even know were there!

Now we are confronted with the difficult task of having to tear down the whole construction of false beliefs, so painstakingly built up by our own incorrect mental attitudes, grown out of an education that taught us how to rely only on our five physical senses and to reject anything beyond these five senses as fantasy.

All through our life so far, we have been brainwashed into *fearing* God instead of *loving* and *understanding* Him. Suddenly we become aware of all these untruths and deceptions and have to face the fact that we must start all over again right from scratch. It seems so unbelievable and frustrating. But begin anew we must; there is no way around it!

Maybe we have lost time, money, have suffered disappointments and most probably also a great deal of pain during the process of first building up and then tearing down this monstrosity of fallacies; the important factor, however, is that we have come face-to-face with the truth for the first time. At last we have penetrated the thick fog surrounding us and have clear sight of what lies ahead. What we need now are the right tools and materials for a new beginning. This necessitates a constant awareness of the truth, and an absolute faith in the working of the Law.

Let us see what we have accomplished so far: First, on our search for God, we have looked up and down, hither and thither, but never could quite come to grips with Him. He was always somewhere in the far distance, unreachable,



as it seemed. Then came the day when it dawned on us that if God were omnipresent He had to be not only around us but also *within* us. For the first time we stopped looking into the far-reaching heavens and began looking within ourselves; and lo and behold, finally our search was rewarded! We found the source of all strength, health, and wisdom; we found the direct line, so to speak, to God; we found the Infinite Intelligence behind all things and all within our own humble selves; it had always been there, all the time, right at our fingertips. This was the first breakthrough.

Second, we tore down the unstable structure of untruths and distortions and began to rebuild on solid ground. The recognition of our own mistakes and ignorance brought us closer again to the God of our Hearts.

The third step in our development leads us to the subject of communication. How do we communicate with this Infinite Intelligence?

Now, mind you, God has always tried to communicate with us. God has been whispering to us constantly, eager to get our attention, but has been ignored again and again, pushed into the background, silenced and desperately underestimated. Yet, in spite of this, this Divine Power never ceases to warn and guide. Patiently it waits and waits, knowing that inevitably sooner or later we will have to listen. By our constant rejection of God, we bring onto ourselves so much pain and suffering that life becomes almost unbearable. Lost and lonely, with no one else to turn to, we finally reach out to the Source of all creation and cry out in utter despair: "Dear God, wherever you are, help me—please, help me!"

#### *Infinite Love*

And suddenly, in the stillness that follows despair, at last we become aware of this gentle voice within and we listen as Infinite Love unfolds us and fills our heart with new hope and strength.

We do not have to wait for a moment of desperation to hear this Infinite Wisdom pointing the way. All we need to do is to sit down in silence for a few minutes each day and search within, to free our minds and hearts from the debris of negativism and acknowledge:

"Here I am, God. I know now that I am a part of you. Not only are you the Creator, but you also live within all your creations. You alone are the life force, the power generator.

"I am the channel through which you may flow and touch not only me but all that I come in contact with each day. I now understand that this is the purpose of my being here, to provide a way and means for you to express yourself on this material plane.

"You created many such channels of different race and color so that your Divine Power may spread and embrace all there is. I now realize that we are all related to each other, all part of the same whole—which is you. As we resemble in certain ways our material parents, so do we all carry part of you, our Creator, within us."

Thus, the channel has been opened wide for communication. At last we have become aware of our true identity, and this is the biggest step forward so far in our development. How then do we go on communicating with God? How can we make absolutely certain beyond any doubt that He will hear us and know our innermost desires?

#### *Divine Intelligence*

Be assured, there is no escape from God—ever! He is here and there always, whether we realize it or not. He knows what we are and what we will be by our thoughts and deeds. He is as close to you and me as our own thoughts. Every thought—good or bad—equally registers immediately on the realm of the Infinite Plane, that is, God.

Since Divine Intelligence operates according to Divine Law, set into motion by its own nature, it is always completely impersonal and immutable, affecting everyone and everything alike. Therefore, every individual has an equal chance to express God in his or her life. By using this unlimited power we can discover the truth about our own unlimited potentialities. The correct interpretation of the Law shows us that *nothing* can limit us but our *own thoughts!*

What a revelation! Just think—it means everything is possible. Nothing, absolutely nothing is impossible with God. But man is not ready just yet to jump over his own shadow. Therefore,

we can demonstrate only according to our level of understanding and the degree of faith that we are able to express. Our limited minds simply cannot grasp limitlessness. But gradually our awareness expands and grows. More and more we realize that our thoughts are the secret key to health, success, abundance, peace, and divine happiness. Our faith in God and, therefore, in our own abilities motivates us to use this key.

Understanding this, we can prove to ourselves that the only difference between a happy fulfilled life and an unhappy miserable existence lies in the difference of thoughts, since these, our thoughts, act as magnets attracting to us the very things we have allowed ourselves to dwell on. Only by means of discipline and self-control can we learn to keep our thoughts on the positive level at all times. They are the medium by which we communicate with God and by the constant positive use of which we are able to outgrow our limitations. This is the secret key to communication with God.

However, one word of caution: Do not expect immediate results. A farmer who just planted his crops does not expect the seeds to develop into full-grown plants right before his very eyes while he waits. Neither will he go back the next day and dig up the soil again to see

whether they have grown. He knows a seed needs time and constant care to grow. So do our thoughts need time and care to produce. But produce they will—to be sure. In the present we are reaping the fruits of seeds planted in the past. It is for the future that we are preparing now, and this future depends on our actions today.

I invite you to begin right now to demonstrate this truth for yourself. All that is required is (1) the knowledge of what we really are, namely, a channel for God to express Himself here on earth, and that we are meant to be happy; (2) an awareness of the true nature and power of our thoughts—the medium by which we communicate with God. Whether they are working for or against us depends entirely on our ability to control and direct them; and (3) absolute faith in the working of the Law.

Hard? Maybe so, but consider the rewards! Everyone who thus fully expresses God would not only create a beautiful world of happiness for himself but also would help to dissolve the many problems our troubled earth is confronted with at the present time. More than that, in a common effort of mankind we would soon be able to eliminate wars and violence forever and indeed create a heaven on earth. △



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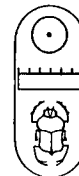


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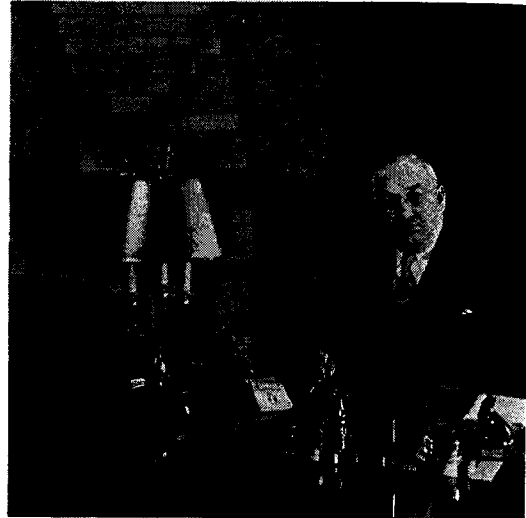
# Personal Magnetism

SOME years ago, personal magnetism was given considerable thought. Magazines and newspapers speculated upon the subject with articles by various writers; many books and pamphlets were put on the market claiming to deal with the subject in a learned way and to instruct the aspiring student in its laws and principles.

Little understood, seeming to refer to some strange quality possessed by a "chosen" few, and mysterious in its potent ability to influence and attract others who came within range of its subtle power, personal magnetism became the tool of the charlatan and the envy of all who failed in life's struggles.

Some of the more advanced-thought writers and lecturers claimed to know and teach the secret of the manner of how this silent Niagara of Power could be used to bring prosperity, health, and happiness, but what little they did know about it was quickly realized, without revealing any real laws and principles, and the seeker was left to decipher many strange terms and phrases, and practice foolish mental exercises which left him stranded with blasted hopes.

But in spite of the fact that very little was known of personal magnetism in those days, there *is* such a subtle force radiating from the human body. This force may be truly termed *personal magnetism*, because the modern mystic, in his laboratory, has proved that there is a magnetic field surrounding the body, and that it exists within the body and emanates therefrom. It is in the human body because of the law which reveals itself in the examination and study of any physical mass which contains a magnetic quality, or magnetism.



It is well known and proved through scientific experiments that a blind person walking along the street or moving about in his home does not depend solely upon his touch to guide him when approaching a wall or other obstacle, and he will also keenly appreciate the fact when in the presence of another.

It has been found, and scientifically proved, that the magnetic aura extends so far in front of their physical bodies that the blind, whose delicate senses are strongly developed, can actually feel their magnetic auras touching an obstacle long before they reach and contact that obstacle with their physical bodies and senses. Delicate instruments have shown that the aura emanating from the human body extends as far as three meters (ten feet) and radiates always at least one and one-half meters (five feet) in all directions.

The question to be considered is: "What is this aura; how does it manifest, attract, repulse; and how may it be controlled?" Before we may answer this, it is necessary that we know something of the magnetic field in all things. Therefore, let us take the electron.

In the electron we find that there are dual forces at work and these forces are positive and negative, the same as in any creative cell. Now the vibrations which emanate from any mass of matter convey the quality of radiation according to the nature of the predominating force within the mass. Thus, whatever quality is sent out from the mass, either positive or

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negative, that quality becomes what is known as "polarity," and the mass is said to be of a positive polarity or of a negative polarity.

Now, any mass of matter radiates either a positive or a negative force and thus is one or the other of the two polarities. The vibrations emanating from matter are positive or negative vibrations and are governed in their polarity by the governing nature, or quality, of the forces within the combined electrons which make up the atoms in any mass of gross matter.

Thus, we see that the positive or negative forces within the electrons are not equal, but that one or the other predominates and determines the polarity. And so, the vibrations emanating from any form of matter have a magnetic influence upon all other forms of matter and will be attracted to or repulsed by other matter. In accordance with the law of polarities, the positive attracts the negative and repulses the positive, and vice versa.

In the ordinary horseshoe or other permanent magnet we also find a good illustration of the attractive force, or magnetism, which emanates from the vibrations of a piece of iron. Extending from such magnets, for a short distance, is that field or area wherein magnetic attraction will occur. You have probably tried experiments with magnets yourself and have seen how the magnet will cause a needle or other pieces of iron or steel to jump up and become attached to one of the poles of the magnet as soon as the magnet is brought near enough to the needle to affect it with the magnetic aura. The needle cannot resist the force and will remain there until pulled away.

### **Human Will**

Now the magnetism which emanates from the human body is truly magnetic in the same sense as is the magnetism of the ordinary magnet; however, the term *magnetism* as applied to the human body is used in connection with physical forces or energies within the body that are dual in nature, consisting of the two opposites of energy, or vitalism, blended by their attraction for each other. This energy, or vitalism, or magnetism surrounds the human body because it emanates from the two opposite energies in the human body and thus derives its essence.

And so, the vital force, that is to say, the life force, which is associated with, and controlled by, the mind of the soul in man, blends with the physical, material, bodily energies to create this magnetic aura, and this aura is of a positive or negative polarity, according to the nature of the predominating polarity causing its make-up. Thus is a person said to be *positive* or *negative*.

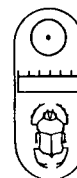
And here we come to find is the great secret which so many teachers and investigators failed to discover in the earlier days of the history of "personal magnetism." It is that *human will*—that strange, directive, controlling, determining power—always at the command of the human intellect—*can actually*, not theoretically, *control and affect the radiating vibrations called "personal magnetism."*

What then is this personal magnetism? It must be associated directly with, or be under the supervision of, the mind or intellect. It must also be associated with the vital energy of the human body, for we find the human magnetic radiations (the aura) affected by the standard or strength of the vital force in the body, fluctuating and vacillating as the vitality of the body changes.

In simple words, we must look to the mind (which is an attribute of the soul) for the secret of and key to personal magnetism, because the mind and vital life force are related, and life is under the direct control of the mind, so far as "life" itself (and not the body) is concerned.

How does the aura of a person look when seen under proper conditions? The aura **RADIATES** and manifests in color vibrations. If you could see the emanations of the vibrations constituting the aura surrounding the human body, you would see various colors in different shades and blends, each one of which signifies a certain physical or mental condition as expressed inwardly and reflected outwardly. This reflection, manifesting outwardly through vibrations, forms the aura, and this aura is really the outer expression of the personality of the soul, making up what is commonly termed *personality*. And there you have it: a magnetic personality, or personal magnetism.

(continued overleaf)



### ***The Attractiveness of Children***

Let us now make an examination and analysis of magnetic personality, so that we may arrive at a conclusion regarding the qualities, conditions, or nature of it. If we can note any distinction from such observation or comparison, let us do so and analyze it thoroughly.

The first observation we make is to be found in the child. Why is it that children are so wonderfully attractive to every human being? What qualities or expressions do we find in the child? Upon going into these questions we find: a) simplicity; b) innocence; c) purity of mind; d) sincerity; e) enthusiasm; f) trust; g) absolute faith; h) appreciation; i) imagination; j) lack of doubt; k) joyousness of living; l) vitality; m) ready forgiveness; n) love of all things.

Now then: If mind directly affects or controls the Vital Life Force and the magnetic aura, what do you suppose would be the nature or expression of a child possessing the qualities named above? And nearly every child between the ages of two and six possesses them. Can you not see then the cause for the attraction of all kinds of people to the personality of the child? There we find certain states of CONSCIOUSNESS which produce definite effects so far as the auras are concerned. This is so because the child has not as yet contacted the world sufficiently to affect its outlook upon life and things in general.

As the child grows older, it contacts more and more of world life and conditions with the effect that it grows accustomed to conventionalities and opinions, and so forth. Such things as these affect the simple child-consciousness and change it; doubt creeps in, worry begins to make itself felt; fear of certain people and things is brought about, and in view of all this the child no longer expresses in and through simplicity of mind but is influenced and affected by its surroundings.

Let us refer to another type. There are many people who are very beautiful in features but whose personality or magnetism is limited, or lacking, so to speak. D. W. Griffith, the motion-picture director, stated in an interview that the manner in which he chose people for his stars on the screen was by looking for the

inner light of the applicant. By this he meant that he looked for a certain expression, or manifestation, of personality which indicated that through experience, development, or unfoldment, a real soul personality was expressing before him. This he called the inner light, and it is his supreme test to determine whether or not the applicant would be able to fill the part.

### ***The Strong and the Weak***

Let us now consider two distinct and different types of personality. The one type of person possesses great energy and this means health, strength, power, enthusiasm, activity, and love of life. He desires nothing but happiness out of life and strives to do everything that will make for a continued existence of happiness. By thinking properly he raises his degree of magnetism in positive polarity and thus radiates a powerful positive aura. If such a person were to stand ten or fifteen feet away from you, you would be unconsciously impelled to turn around and notice him. His radiant magnetic aura, or soul vibrations, would attract you strongly. You would, perhaps, mentally tell yourself that here was a man who was "big."

On the other hand, there is the man who is weak, physically and mentally. Not so much as to be a mental defective but just enough to lack ambition, enthusiasm, activity, health, strength, and desire to make of himself the highest possible type of man. Here, then, we would find a man unnoticed—a man whose aura would be but very faint and extending not more than a few inches from his body.

He would be a man who did very little of his own thinking, holding thoughts of hatred and revenge against those who prevented him from carrying out his will, or who opposed his views—a man bound down by the chains of bigotry. He would be one who would find it very hard to acknowledge he was wrong in a thing, even though the most positive proof was brought to bear upon that view. Such a man would radiate an aura of a negative polarity so weak as to be almost absolutely neutral. He would have very

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# A Listening Place

by Marguerette Engel Gilmore

WITHIN EVERYONE is a quiet, serene center where he can go to garner strength, to regain composure, to find answers, to grow in spiritual stature. This is our soul center where we contact God.

It is important that we go there each day for a period of renewal and for guidance. In this period we will find strength and serenity to meet and conquer life's challenges and to move up the ladder on which we ascend so slowly but so surely.

There are a few who can sit or stand amidst a crowd and be able to shut out the noise and confusion and "go apart" to this quiet place and right there and then listen to the directions from the Infinite Mind. But most of us need to really go apart in body as well as in mind and find a place of quiet in order to be able to listen. To most of us, the stilling of our own mundane thoughts is difficult enough without the added confusion of outside noise and activity.

So, to us it is important that we have a physical place to go—a place that is peaceful, beautiful, and where we can be alone so that it is possible to really hear when our Creator speaks.

It is well known that Edison used to slip away and find a quiet spot for a moment of rest; sometimes he stilled his conscious mind to the point of sleep. Only a few minutes were necessary, and he would go back to his work and co-workers with answers that astonished him as well as the others, and new enthusiasm and strength with which to work.

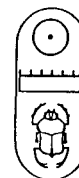
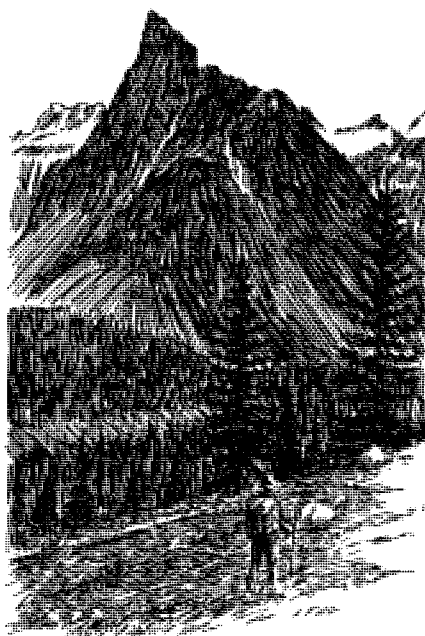
Many outstanding people are able to do this—to find just a corner somewhere where it is quiet and they can have a few minutes alone and be able to retreat to this serene center deep within to seek,

to listen, to find. But the most ideal sanctuary is one to which we can go regularly—a place of beauty and serenity, a place that invites meditation, that in itself will start the process of stillness and peace within us.

I know one woman who has a certain path through the woods where she walks, and whether it is spring, summer, fall, or winter it is on this path that she is able to listen to God and find her answers. She walks here every day, sometimes standing amidst wild flowers and the fragrance of wet bark and fresh leaves, and sometimes in snow to her knees; and it is here that God speaks to her and guides her in making decisions, in overcoming grief, and in growing in love and stature.

I know a person who has no lovely woods in which to walk and yet he finds peace and stillness while sitting by a certain window overlooking city buildings. He calls it his "listening window." Here he has come to know God and to recognize His voice when He speaks.

Another woman I know arises at 3:00 a.m. because time is the important element in her meditation. God speaks to her in the quiet solitude of very early morning. Then the house and world are asleep and she is undisturbed. I am sure



she sits in the same spot each day for this communion.

I feel fortunate that I live in the mountains and can sit on a high place overlooking valleys, jagged rocks, fresh green trees—that I can “lift my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my strength.” Just the beauty alone in my “listening place” creates so much awe and adoration of God that mundane feelings and thoughts, petty grievances and small fears have a way of slipping quietly out when I go there. Peace and goodness well up in me, and gratitude is spontaneous.

If you should like to have a sanctuary and have no place to go, find one spot that is secluded, perhaps your own bedroom. Hang a lovely painting on the wall, permeate the room with love and feelings of peace. Sit there daily and dwell on God. Ask and listen. Let this room become so imbued with your best that upon entering it you will instantly feel the quietness and strength there. Even the walls will soak up your love and your higher thoughts and reflect them back to you.

In this spot you will find it easier to shut out the petty worries of the world and become quiet. You will find it possible to retreat all the way to the core of yourself and tap the cosmic power

awaiting in that quiet, serene center. And at times when you feel the pressures become too great or an emergency or grief assaults you, then you can go quickly to your listening place. You will realize at these times how really important it is to have this sanctuary from the world—this place that has become sacred to you.

Here you will be able to more quickly quiet the turmoil inside you, to get back to the reality of God, and to restore your real self, because here you will have established the mental and spiritual pattern for harmony, peace, and balance. It is here that you will be reminded that “God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble.”

But however important it is in times of stress, it is during our daily visits here that we build into our sanctuary the loving atmosphere, the strength that comes quickly, and the habit of giving ourselves to this love and strength when it is so needed.

Therefore, it is important that we never neglect our daily retreat to this sanctuary. Minute and invisible though they may seem, the rewards from our listening place come to us daily in growth and guidance, and in stored-up strength, which we receive continually after “going apart” for no other reason than to listen to our God. △

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# Personal Magnetism

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few real friends, if any, and would amount to a burden upon his own family.

Make note of the difference between these two types and therein you will find the secret, the secret of the state of consciousness that causes us to possess the personal magnetism we have been seeking all the time. Remember that it is the soul and mind, or consciousness, of man, that ULTIMATELY determines the quality of his aura and magnetic attraction.

If everyone's soul were permitted from childhood to give its expression of perfection in all thought and activity, then each of us would be expressing the highest possible form of magnetic attraction. Why? Because *man is like a sun*, and man, naturally, should be living perfectly—should be a living fire, or force of sunshine and love.

Why then is he not magnetic? Simply because man, as a rule, is far below the normal standard of what man should be. His life and thinking and expression are *abnormal* because he is lacking in those vital elements of soul and consciousness which go to make a perfect life and radiate the activities of love and happiness. Where love is lacking in the heart of a human being, everything vital to life is lacking, just as a plant could not exist were it not nourished by the loving power of the sun's rays.

Man's soul *wants* to express its divine qualities on earth, and these qualities may be summed up in one word—LOVE. The complete love of the soul, which brings out all its beauty, perfection, wisdom, and glory, makes man what his God intended that he should be—the Image of Himself. Man, with his finite, objective, limited understanding, has divided the quality of Divine Love into words, ideas, and fancies; but, for all of that, the Divinity of Love remains unchanged and will express itself whenever man allows his objective self to be put aside

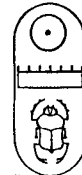
and thus cannot interfere with divine expression. What man calls *kindness, patience, sincerity, truth, humility, goodness, sympathy, understanding, appreciation, recognition* and *forgiveness*, are but phases of the one and the same thing called *Divine Love*.

## Radiant Life

Can it be possible for one to change his polarity from negative to positive and thus acquire a strong, attractive, personal magnetism? Yes, certainly! One has but to polarize himself to the positive force by raising his consciousness through thoughts of love and all that is contained and meant by that word—to live in peace with himself and others; to do his level best to be a credit to the world; to endeavor to be above such petty things as hatred, jealousy, vanity, conceit; and to allow the Divine Love within him to express outwardly. It is the easiest thing in the world to do this if you will but make the conscious effort and continue to try in spite of the first few failures. We have all become enslaved by wrong thinking, and we must break the chains that bind us by changing the process of thinking and raising our thoughts to higher and more ideal things.

And so, if you wish to live the radiant life—full of vitality, activity, joy, and love, you must first remove from your consciousness all forms of destructive thinking and allow your soul, your real self, to express its perfection and reflect its magnetic strength and power. Then will others recognize and appreciate you, for you will be a power in the world for the betterment of all humanity and to the glory of God.

It is well known to the mystics that God has given man all the strength and power to help himself toward higher things. Certainly this is true, and every person on earth who is in possession of

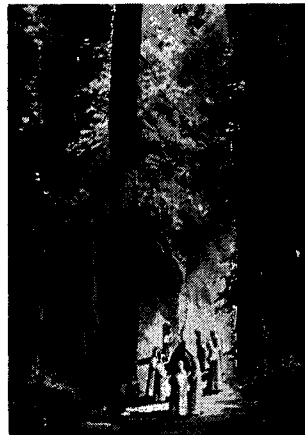


ordinary mental ability can clothe himself with a radiant, magnetic personality. Just as the electric dynamo is capable of producing the power to create light but cannot do this until it has received the driving power to set it in motion, so you, too, possess the ability to raise yourself and become whatever you will, but not until you set that power in motion and make the conscious effort to keep it going.

God cannot and will not help anyone who will not make the conscious effort to help himself. But, when you do make the effort and are doing your level best—and remember that your “best” is better than you have ever done—then will help be given you. With your continued effort,

the soul will gradually be freed from the shackles now binding it to false conceptions; it will begin to express freely and perfectly, drawing from the infinite source of power for all it needs and requires to keep it going, producing, and creating the power you require. May you make the effort and reap the reward of Divine Love which brings to the soul *Peace Profound*.

Since thousands of readers of the *Rosicrucian Digest* have not read many of the earlier articles of Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, first Emperor of the present Rosicrucian cycle, each month one of his outstanding articles is reprinted so that his thoughts will continue to be represented within the pages of this publication.



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# Rosicrucian Activities Around the World

THE Center for the Study of Instruction, a division of publishers Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., San Francisco, recently made use of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum's large collection of antiquities. The Center's Staff Photographer, Eric Arnesen, accompanied by Art Editor, Jan Minar, took numerous photos of the Egyptian and Mesopotamian collections. The photographs are for possible use in a new humanities textbook to be entitled *Self-Expression and Conduct: Level Four*.



Rosicrucians from the United States and Jamaica furthered international good feelings in an October, 1974, get-together in Jamaica. Several Rosicrucians from the Fort Lauderdale Chapter in Florida, including Chapter Master Everett Daley and Regional Monitor A. E. Shephard, flew to Jamaica, touring the island-nation and meeting with Rosicrucians of Kingston's St. Christopher Chapter. At King's House, Kingston, Rosicrucians from Jamaica and the United States were privileged to meet with Governor General Florizel Glasspole. At that meeting Regional Monitor for Jamaica, Frank Davis, presented the Governor General with a copy of *Unto Thee I Grant*. The group also was privileged to meet with the Mayor of Kingston, The Honorable Ralph Brown. Mayor Brown presented an autographed copy of *Beautiful Jamaica* to Frater Shephard.

The travelers visited famous landmarks on the island, including the partially re-



Eric Arnesen preparing to photograph Babylonian ivory cylinder seal and its impression.

Jan Minar and head of mummified Apis Bull from the famous temple-tomb Serapeum at Memphis, Egypt. ▽

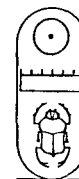


stored Port Royal—one-time haunt of buccaneers and destroyed by earthquakes in 1692 and 1907. Two inspiring convocations, one presented by St. Christopher Chapter, the other by Fort Lauderdale Chapter, brought the four-day tour to a close. All involved with this tour experienced the wonderful feeling of international brotherhood evident among Rosicrucians.



Front Row (left to right): L. D. Ward, Secretary, St. Christopher Chapter; E. L. Rhoden; E. Gunter, Deputy Master, St. Christopher Chapter; A. Thompson, Matre, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter; Everett Daley, Master, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter; C. Ellington, G. Donaldson, Past Master, St. Christopher Chapter.

Back Row (left to right): Veitch Daley, Master, St. Christopher Chapter; J. Swallow, Chairman of the Board, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter; H. Swallow; L. Shephard; Ralph Brown, Mayor of Kingston; A. E. Shephard, Regional Monitor for Ft. Lauderdale and Miami; T. Thompson, Extension Chairman, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter; P. Davis; Frank Davis, Regional Monitor for Jamaica.



Recently retired as Editor of *El Rosacruz* was Raul Braun, F. R. C., Ph.D. Frater Braun began his diversified career as a reporter/journalist in Argentina where he was also an early pioneer of new concepts and formats in radio and, later, television. Having received his Ph.D. Degree from the University of Buenos Aires, he served Argentina as a diplomat for many years. In this capacity he travelled throughout Latin America and was stationed in such diverse places as Germany and Hong Kong.

Frater Braun became the Editor of *El Rosacruz* in 1964. *El Rosacruz*, the Spanish-language equivalent of the *Rosicrucian Digest*, has wide circulation throughout Latin America. Frater Braun is a member of the Rose-Croix University faculty and has represented the Grand Lodge at Rosicrucian gatherings in Mexico.

To Frater Raul Braun we send our congratulations on a job very well done and wish every success to his son, Alexander, writer of *Brave New Era* and newly appointed Editor of *El Rosacruz*.



Raul Braun, F. R. C., Ph.D.



Peter Havik, F. R. C.

On December 11, 1974, Grand Councilor Peter Havik of Auckland, New Zealand, passed through transition and attained the Great Initiation. Frater Havik affiliated with the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, in 1959 and served the Auckland Lodge as Board Chairman (1962-65). He was appointed Inspector General (Regional Monitor) in 1966 and advanced to Grand Councilor in 1969.

Frater Havik gave invaluable assistance to the Supreme Grand Lodge at the founding of the first Australasian Administrative Office in Auckland. His wife Olive and daughters Carolyn and Pamela—both Colombes Emeritus—have also served AMORC devotedly. The Supreme Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge officers extend their sincere condolences to his family and acknowledge their debt to Peter Havik, F. R. C.

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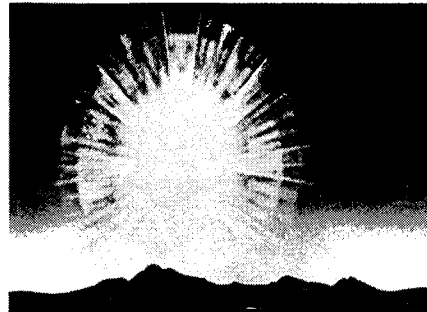
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# BRAVE NEW ERA

This month marks the fourth anniversary of the disastrous February 9, 1971, Los Angeles earthquake. Earthquakes are no strangers to the western area of the United States. The California area is plagued by the San Andreas fault: a 966-kilometer-long dislocation (600 miles) that comes in from the Pacific Ocean at the northern part of that state, runs through Berkeley, reaches the eastern part of Los Angeles, and plunges into the Gulf of California.

The San Andreas fault, like other similar geological fractures in the Earth's crust, is a division between two colossal land masses or "plates," traveling in different directions, meeting at some point along the way. One of these—the North American continental plate—moves in a northwestern direction, while the other—the Pacific plate—is headed west. They meet along the fault line and try to crush each other out of the way.

For the most part, they pass each other in small, harmless tremors, but friction holds together great sections of these plates. When this happens the whole area turns into a titanic accumulator, with the tremendous force behind the moving plates stretching rocks near the fault more and more out of shape, storing fantastic energies, until the strain reaches an intolerable level and the rocks suddenly snap back, resuming their original shape.

The vibrations set up by this sudden release of energy within the ground cause what is called an earthquake.

The 1971 Los Angeles earthquake was a minor one, not at all like the one which devastated San Francisco in 1906; even so, it killed sixty-four persons, injured thousands, and cost thousands of millions of dollars in damage. Ever since 1906, scientists have been expecting, with ever-increasing trepidation, a repeat performance of the 1906 widespread destruction.

Geophysicists are presently developing methods through which, in the near future, it will be possible to forecast earthquakes; but these are as yet tentative. However, two astrophysicists, Drs. John R. Gribbin, and Stephen H. Plagemann, believe they have found a way to predict the occurrence of major earthquakes.

In a recent book they coauthored, *The Jupiter Effect*, these two scientists put forth the theory that planets may be a major cause of earthquakes.

In 1982, a very rare event occurring only once every 179 years will take place: The Grand Alignment. At this time, all

the known planets in our solar system will be aligned with each other on the same side of the Sun. The authors theorize—in what could be described as a vast, celestial domino theory—that the massed gravitational effects of all the planets will raise great tides and induce tremendous flare-ups in the Sun, which at this time will be at the peak of its eleven-year sunspot cycle. Solar storms engendered by this condition would then emit streams of extraordinarily charged particles which, besides interfering with communications and causing auroral displays, would also affect the weather: west-to-east prevailing winds would moderate, decreasing their contribution to the Earth's rotation, allowing it to slow down slightly.

According to these two scientists, this abrupt slowdown would provide the necessary push to set off faults all around the world. In the case of the San Andreas fault, there could be a shift of as much as six meters (19½ feet) near San Francisco, and up to nine meters (29½ feet) near Los Angeles.

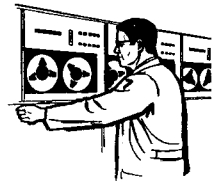
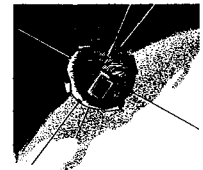
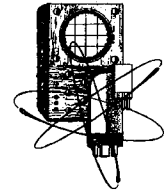
The results of such an event are not hard to imagine.

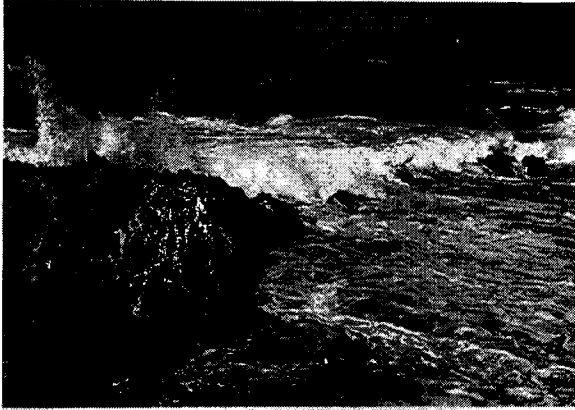
Although generally the theory advanced by *The Jupiter Effect* has been well received in scientific circles (NASA is looking into it with great interest), dissension as to its validity has been rampant. It has been pointed out that no great 179-year-cycle of earthquakes is evident—there were no major quakes in 1803 or 1624—and that the effect of the planets' mass on the processes of the Sun is still a subject open to conjecture and theory. It should also be noted that on February 5, 1962, when there was a conjunction of the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, no situation of this type was observed, either.

As things stand now, all we can do is wait the seven years still remaining for the Great Alignment to take place and see what happens. In any event, scientists constantly monitor the velocity of P or pressure waves in the rock around the San Andreas fault. It has been discovered that the velocity of these waves increases years before a major earthquake, and as yet no changes have been detected.

Meanwhile, new investigations and sophisticated research, sometimes carried out from space, via satellites, continuously further our knowledge and understanding of our planet, while keeping a watch over it and us, during the course of this, our brave new era.—AEB

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# ODYSSEY

## *The Little Sparrow*

**S**HE WAS called *la môme Piaf*—the little sparrow—but her given name was Edith Gassion. She was born in Paris in 1916. Her early childhood was lonely, punctuated by removal from one relative to another, and much of her time was spent alone, religiously committing to memory the lyrics of popular tunes.

At thirteen she left the confines of her relatives' homes and went to work singing in the streets of Paris. Later she was joined by her half-sister, Simone, from whom she rarely parted until the time of her death. She worked for years in the streets of Pigalle (one of Paris' less affluent districts) singing to occupants and tourists alike, and passing her well-worn hat for payment.

Edith worked many years in the streets before being invited indoors—into a cabaret. It was during one of those first experiences that a theatrical agent suggested she change her name from Edith Gassion to *la môme Piaf*—and so was born Edith Piaf. She wore a simple black dress (the only one she owned) and sang with her entire body, her hands lifting words and phrases for emphasis. Her style was not of the flashy show girl variety so popular at that time, so her initial reception by the Parisian audiences was not one of overwhelming approval. After apprenticeship in many cabarets, she moved upward to the more fashionable nightspots of Paris and neighboring cities—and finally to America. Her reputation grew and she acquired a following of loyal admirers.

During the early part of her career, Edith lost her infant daughter, Marcelle, to spinal meningitis. The loss so affected her that for many years she mourned on the day that would have been Marcelle's birthday. She was never to have another child.

Many lyricists supplied the words for which Edith was known, but one woman was responsible for the music to the majority of her songs: Marguerite Monnot, whom she called "Guite." Piaf's most famous song, however, *La Vie en Rose*, was deemed "junk" by Miss Monnot. She refused to compose music for what she considered inferior lyrics, and so it was Edith herself who was responsible for this song from conception to performance.

In addition to performing, Edith took great joy in refining the talents of those around her. Several French singers owe her their style and delivery. She created for them better editions of themselves rather than force them into the Piaf mold and produce inferior copies of herself. One of her first and better known protégés was Yves Montand.

Edith Piaf was a Rosicrucian student between 1955 and the time of her death in 1963. At her passing the world mourned a great artist and a person through whom many of life's joys and sorrows had sounded in song and reality. She was buried with a single rose clasped to her heart.—NSR

