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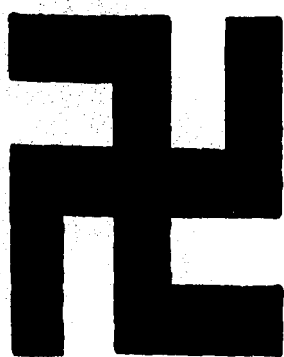
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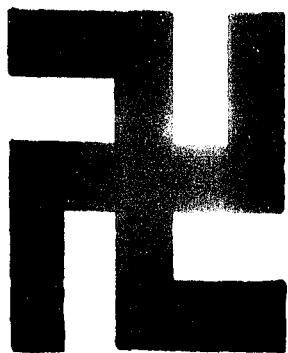
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Editorials

The importance which the subject of Psychic Research has assumed in the world's events, may be estimated by the fact that the Pope has sent over to this country, Dr. J. Godfrey Raupert, who, it is claimed, has had much experience in the investigation of psychic phenomena, and who has become convinced that the said phenomena are produced at least in most instances by discarnate spirits.

CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION ON PSYCHIC RESEARCH But the object of Dr. Raupert's visit is to warn the Catholic laymen against investigating, or having anything to do with such phenomena on the ground that they are "of the devil."

Dr. Raupert goes on to say that in all his investigation, he has found the messages that come from these invisible intelligences utterly untrustworthy, and that they (the invisible entities) do not hesitate to deceive the investigators, even exercising diabolical ingenuity to impersonate some friend or relative of the investigator.

From this Dr. Raupert concludes that all psychical phenomena are produced by "the devil," and that, for this reason, Catholics should fear, and on no account should they investigate, it.

Assuming that Dr. Raupert is sincere in his advice, and that it is not given as most advice from the Church is given, merely to keep their flock tractable, the conclusions which he claims to have reached are unworthy of a man entrusted with so important a task as that of psychical research.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing" indeed. A superficial investigation of psychical phenomena will often result in the conviction that the invisible world about us is peopled with "evil" spirits or "devils" as the case may be, because the Orthodox church has assumed that after death, the "righteous" went directly to a place somewhere in the Heavens, while the "unbeliever" descended to an equally remote point of space over which an evil power reigned.

When the good churchman runs up against the problems of

psychical phenomena he is forced to recognize the fact that the experience of Death does not change the character of those who pass through it, and the same imperfections and proneness to err, is discoverable in the "spirit" of the departed friend or relative that was exhibited while he or she dwelt in the physical body.

This is not a comforting knowledge, we know. It is rather agreeable to believe that Death is a magic bath that cleanses the immature and undeveloped soul from all limitations, but Truth compels us to admit that it does nothing of the kind.

And it is equally true that if we wish to enter into communication with the truly great and good, who manifest upon invisible planes of consciousness, we must be armed with the desire to *know the truth at all costs*, and we must realize that those on the "other side" who are the most readily accessible are those who are the least developed, the least spiritualized, and therefore are what the good church people would call "evil" spirits.

One of the very first lessons of Psychical Investigation is the lesson that we on this side have to teach these undeveloped souls before they can rise into the purer atmosphere of the higher spheres of Being.

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Time is the crucible in which true worth is tested. Circumstances and opportunity, coupled with the reigning spirit of the time, may thrust into prominence, and
 ABRAHAM LINCOLN even into so-called "fame" a certain per-
 A WORLD SAVIOR sonality, but with the change of conditions, there comes a change of public sentiment and of public spirit, and then it is that the true worth of a man or woman is felt and recognized.

As the years roll by the reverence of the American people for the character of Abraham Lincoln increases.

Much of the old-time feeling of sympathy for his martyrdom is waning, and the fact that he was once President of this Republic is not as great a factor as one might suppose in the desire to honor the memory of this great man.

The wonderful soul of Lincoln is becoming understood more and more, and the honor that is now paid to his memory is the honor which Time bestows upon the great and the good of earth, irrespective of the position or worldly success which they may or may not have attained. It is not therefore for what he did, so much as for what he was that Lincoln is now honored, and as the years and the centuries become numbered with the Past,

every element of "hero-worship" and of patriotism will have become eliminated from the loving tributes paid to Lincoln, and he will stand to aspiring humanity irrespective of race or nation, as one of the Great and Wise souls who have blessed this earth with their unflinching honesty and their unselfish service to their fellows.

Even now we are told that in the schools of Japan, the name of Abraham Lincoln stands for the power of honesty as that of George Washington stands for freedom.

Abraham Lincoln was not merely a native of America and President of the United States, he was a Cosmic Principle, and he lives today more fully than when he walked this earth, a great, lonely soul, fulfilling the destiny which seems to be the lot of every savior of the race of men. The following lines express much of the sentiment which the world feels for the name of Abraham Lincoln.

Firm and full hath been the century's pace
 Since the rude cabin of the pioneer,
 That knew no comfort, little hope or cheer,
 Gave to the world the savior of a race,
 Whose simple, noble life bespoke no trace
 Of bigotry, hatred, pomp, pride or fear
 From lowly birth to sacred martyr's bier.
 Yet speaks to men with fire the wan, sad face;
 Among them towers still the rugged frame;
 Quick throbs with love the great unselfish heart;
 Now nobly puts the right the wrong to shame.
 Men ages yet unborn will thrill and start
 With pride to breathe the mighty Lincoln's name,
 That to all men doth faith and hope impart.
 —Harlan H. Horner in *Leslie's Weekly*.

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It is significant that the Anti-Japanese league of California is composed of men whose names testify to their "alien" lineage,

even though they may have themselves been born in this country.
 WHO ARE THE "ALIENS" IN AMERICA? Unreasonable opposition to immigration has always existed in these

United States, and it has always been instituted and supported by persons of decidedly foreign parentage and not infrequently have such persons been of foreign birth.

It is not long since the Irish immigrants were "objectionable aliens." Later when the Irish became so politically strong, it was

the "dago," and the Poles and the Russian Jews and all the types of Europeans have had their day, until so many of them have entered the country and become affiliated with the interests of this vast continent that now we have arrived at the point where only the Asiatics are "aliens."

By and by, of course, we will come to that sane condition of mind where we will know that in God's Universe there are no "aliens," but in the intervening time, the spectacle of the Lovinskys and the Cambrinettis and the Limbergers and the Murphys opposing "alien" immigration is very funny.

* * *

It begins to look as though there is at hand a crying need of passing some written law against the "unwritten law," if we wish to check the rather too common tendency to murder which is being manifested on all sides these days, under the plea of "outraged honor" and "alienated affection" and all the other high sounding phrases which the yellow press invents as excuse for the murderers.

Recently here in Denver a murder was committed on the public streets, in midday, the murderer claiming as excuse for firing several pistol shots into a crowd of pedestrians, that he was after a man who had "stolen" his wife, and there seems to be nothing unusual in this idea that a man's wife may be "stolen" quite as though we were living away back in the age of savagery when wives and cattle and tomahawks were bunched together as a man's "goods and chattels."

A local paper, commenting upon the matter alluded to the murder as "the man whose affection for his erring wife, sent a bullet through the heart of the man who had stolen her."

To be sure, this sort of trash is written with a view to the sensationalism of the reading matter, and not with any idea of presenting the truth of the subject under discussion, but nevertheless, it is just such statements that make possible the plea of the "unwritten law," which is nothing more nor less than a suggestion to the willing mind of a would-be murderer that he may become free from the consequences of his act, if he will but take the chances.

Affection never sent a bullet through the heart of anything. "Love suffereth long and is kind." Any sentiment that causes pain, disgrace and horror to any human heart, is born of Hate, however Hate may masquerade as love. Self love and wounded vanity is at the root of every instance of so-called "wounded honor."

The Dangers of Psychic Research



MY READERS will all agree with me, I think, when I say that we are living in an age of wondrous happenings.

It is as though the world were standing still, with bated breath, waiting, waiting—for the next miracle to be presented.

Unquestionably, the race is about to enter upon a new era—a new dispensation, as it were.

This century has been prophesied as the long-looked for millennium. And he is grossly ignorant indeed, who dares to set limitations upon the possibilities that await us.

If we read our newspapers, our magazines; if we follow the best that is in Art, in music, in the drama, we can't escape the knowledge that the most potent Thought in the world today is metaphysical and psychical.

What but the mystical in the Wagner compositions has made that composer prominent in this twentieth century

What is the secret of the popularity of the dramatic works of Ibsen, Materlink, and Shaw? The psychical note in them of a verity.

One thing is as certain as that the sun shall rise tomorrow! That is—there is a tremendous psychic wave sweeping over the world today and the individual must know how to meet this condition, or he must be engulfed in it!

And it is not alone to the psychist that this truth is apparent. It is quite as well known to the materialist, although he is more reticent upon the subject.

Materialistic Scientists have reached the limit of finite calculation and they have found that many of the laws that were supposed to be fixed and unchangeable, have been temporarily set aside, if not actually abandoned. Materialistic science is simply waiting for something to happen.

Even the law of gravitation is questioned and doubted!

The discovery of the ion (which has always been known to the psychist) the ray by which we may see through substances that had been flatly stated as impenetrable; the marvelous and "unscientific" behavior of radium—all these things have paralyzed the materialistic scientist! He is actually "taken off his feet!"

And none of these things have surprised the psychist—the intelligent educated psychist! Why not? Because he has always known them.

Paracelsus; Albertus Magnus; Aristotle, Jesus; Guatama Buddha; taught them.

The Vedanta Philosophy reported them ages upon ages ago!

The modern educated spiritualist was well aware of these discoveries long before the world at large knew of them!

One of the greatest materialistic scientists of the age has just declared that we are on the verge of contact with an invisible world greater a thousand times than the visible world with which our physical senses deal. The reality of this fact should be apparent to even the most obtuse person if he will but read the daily papers—if nothing else!

Every day we read of some unaccountable and strange happening! Some man or woman remarkable for his or her matter-of-fact, practical, sensible (so-called) mind, becomes strangely influenced and oftentimes victimized by the mind of another.

Insanity is becoming more and more a menace to the world. And by the way, it is a fact well known among scientists, that all the great mathematicians, sooner or later, become insane.

I read an article the other day which cited the fact that the criminal of today exhibits a peculiar phase of mentalism, that baffles legal jurisprudence, and proves beyond question the reality of invisible subtle psychological action with which the average legal mind is wholly unable to cope.

Ask any strictly reliable and scientific physician or lawyer, and he will tell you that a knowledge of psychology is absolutely essential in his practice.

Prodigies are becoming as numerous as politicians!

Some months ago I read of a child of seven years of age, somewhere in Dakota, who was able to answer any question put to her upon any subject—mathematics, astronomy—history, physiology, science! In reply as to how she was enabled to do this, she said she saw the answer written on the forehead of her questioner!

Another dispatch from somewhere in Iowa told of a matter-of-fact business man, a contractor who hastily rushed out from his place of business, jumped aboard a train that took him to a neighboring town, almost ran from the station to the business place of a friend, and as though demented—made for a large refrigerator in the cellar and opened the door. As he did so, the apparently lifeless body of his friend, the owner of the establishment, fell out.

He had stepped into the refrigerator, and the door had shut, locking him in. His cries could not be heard by the employees of the place, but they reached the consciousness of his friend miles

away, and urged him, without his knowing why, to his friend's rescue.

There is a well-known case of a clergyman in Rhode Island. This instance is frequently referred to by the society for Psychic Research.

The clergyman was thrown from his carriage and his head injured so that he was unconscious for a long time.

When he recovered, he knew nothing of his former life, and in fact, was another personality entirely.

This went on for some time, when he suddenly recovered his former personality.

Again, without warning, his first identity became a blank, and he was the illiterate, not over refined personality again.

This condition lasted for years, alternating between the gentle, refined clergyman, and the burly, ignorant man, when finally the clergyman persisted, and the other personality ceased to trouble him.

Obsession (which means the giving up of one's mind and body to the control of another, either in the body or out of the body) is so common a thing that the world would be surprised if the facts were known.

People of strong prejudices or desires go out of this phase of life totally ignorant of the complex human organism, with absurd, and perverted ideas of the after life, and they, sometimes unconsciously, take possession of an unfortified mind, still in the flesh, because they cannot rise above the limitations and the appetites of the mortal mind.

I know this statement will not be accepted by many, but that does not alter the fact. *It is true.*

The objection frequently raised by those opposed to the investigation of psychic phenomena is that many persons become misled, while investigating phenomena. This fact is cited as an evidence that the spiritualistic seance is wicked, and black magic—when it is not fraudulent.

I would warn any one ignorant of the facts of Psychic Science, against the public and mixed spiritualistic seance, as I would against the handling of electricity, without a knowledge of that force.

There is a saying that "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." This may, with pertinence, be applied to the seance room.

But, do you infer from this that I advise remaining in ignorance of these forces with which the world must deal?

Not by any means!

If a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, no knowledge at all is fatal!

It is only by mastering the facts of this world that has recently opened up before us, as it were, that we may become free from the dangers in it.

It is the scoffer, the superstitious, the unbeliever, who is in danger from the present era of mentalism, and psychism.

The enlightened person *knows* of these things, and there never was a truer saying than that Knowledge is *Power*.

We cannot escape this danger by ignoring the facts of mental and psychical influence which are so apparent in the life of today.

It is not something, that, like the manifestations of electrical action, may be put into the hands of a few, to be controlled! Not by any means!

It is a part of the very atmosphere we breathe.

It is as unescapable as the rising and setting of the sun.

You will hear it said, by those who do *not* know anything of these things, but who think they are the sum of human knowledge, that psychologists and metaphysicians, are trying to *Force* upon the race, an interest in, and a knowledge of, the laws governing mental and psychical phenomena.

This is the same narcotic with which ignorance has ever lulled to sleep the awakening senses of the people!

Ignorance of the facts of the Universe has always frightened the undeveloped human, and Fear is the only effectual weapon that can keep people in subjection to a priesthood.

The so-called "devout" person is always the person who is the most saturated with fear.

Eliminate fear from the mind, and we are able to stand erect and face without flinching, even so formidable a situation as that of the facts of Psychic Research, and although we will find that the same tendency to misrepresentation, to deceit and selfishness prevails in many cases, after the experience of death, we need not for that reason, fear contact with these invisible, but real personalities, if we are armored with the desire for Truth at all hazards, instead of seeking confirmation of our personal beliefs, and assistance in the pursuit of our petty ambitions.

Altogether, we may say that Psychic Research will, if persisted in, prove "dangerous" to the individual in the degree that he or she lacks fearlessness, discrimination, and an unshakable desire to know the Absolute Truth, without regard to previous beliefs, or hopes.

And notwithstanding that this element of danger does exist, we unhesitatingly declare that it is still a problem that must be solved. To ignore and to flee from it, with the ancient and perverted idea that it is "of the devil" is not only a thousand times more dangerous, but it is fatal.

McDonnell

Pisces—the Alchemical Fishes



THE Sun in its annual circle enters the Sign of the Zodiac known as the Fishes, or Pisces, February 20th, and remains until March 21st.

Sun also has a cycle that is so immeasurably great that 24,600 years are required to complete—about 2,200 years for each of the twelve signs.

About 2,200 years ago, Sun entered Pisces on its grand cycle and the advent was marked by events so mysterious and startling that even the casual observer can hardly fail to discern remarkable occult meaning in the sign and age of the fishes.

It is a chemical, physiological fact that those born during the month that Sun transits Pisces, possess much healing power in the hands.

About the beginning of the Pisces Cycle, or Age, John the Baptist came baptizing with water, *out of which* the Fish was to come; for, be it known that Jesus is derived from the word *Ichthys*, Greek for fish.

The early Christians (fish worshippers) used two fishes as an Occult symbol of their cult and faith. These followers of the Fish were scientific. The priesthood of the dark ages stole the alchemical fire from the wonderful Piscian order and smothered it under the flummery, tinsel, form and ceremony of ecclesiasticism.

He who understands the esoteric meaning of fish will find the Philosophers Stone; transmute base metals into gold, and be master of environments.

Jesus (the fish man) healed the sick by the touch of his hands—he chose fishermen for his disciples, walked upon the water, and prevented a Stone (Peter or Petra-Stone) from sinking—and when pressed for money to pay a tax he took the amount required from a *fish's mouth*—thus transmuting Substance into gold.

The key to this regenerated Kingdom is not far away;

neither is it bought with a price. Many there be who seek it with open purse, asking that it may be handed over a bargain counter done up in tissue paper and tied with pink ribbon. These people are ready to pay any price if they can only obtain Wisdom without the effort of thinking.

The phosphate of iron is the cell-salt of the blood (river of life) that corresponds with Pisces. Iron molecules attract oxygen and colors blood red. Iron is magnetic and dynamic; its chemical rate of activity is the direct cause of red—therefore the Pisces Sign, dominated by iron, represents the blood of man, which is his life fluid on Earth plane of Conscious expression.

The Pisces Age was known as the *Iron Age*—and the Pisces Constellation is a Water Sign, vide iron clad ships on the water.

In the chemistry of life operation in the human body, iron is the chief actor. A deficiency in iron molecules is the direct cause of so-called colds, fevers, etc. When iron is deficient, the pores become flabby and close, thereby preventing the free exudation of waste matter which is turned in upon the mucous membranes and finds an outlet through nasal passages, lungs, etc. All of which is a *perfectly natural* chemical process—Nature working along lines of least resistance.

Jupiter is the governing planet of Pisces.

Gems are: chrysalite, pink-shell and moonstone.

The astral colors are: white, pink, emerald-green and black.

In the Alchemy of the old Bible we find the 6th son of Jacob (Reuben in Leibra being the first) is Naphtali.

Six in Hebrew is Sex. Let the Pisces native ponder this truth carefully and well. Their "Kingdom is at hand."

Turning water into wine is a very simple operation to the alchemist.

First find the occult meaning of Jesus, or fish; then realize that blood in the absence of iron is colorless, like water.

Add iron and blood becomes red, or wine.

The marriage referred to in the New Testament in "Canaan" means the marriage of oxygen and iron, which turns the fluid in veins or arteries—red.

Iron preparations should not be taken unless triturated in sugar of milk according to the biochemic method up to 6th X. The particles may then be taken up by the absorbents and carried into the blood along with the "Bride"—oxygen.

Since preparing this Pisces article, for THE SWASTIKA, I have received the following letter, which I take this occasion to answer. My correspondent writes:

DR. GEORGE W. CAREY, Pomona California,

Dear Sir:—In preparing your article for the SWASTIKA, is it not possible for you to include some words of guidance for those born under the unfortunate sign of Pisces. Any advice would be greatly appreciated by one born on March 4th, thirty years ago, who is a complete failure and who turns from one disappointment to meet another and who longs for nothing in the world but peace.

Your contributions to THE SWASTIKA have always been a source of inspiration and have afforded the writer much food for thought.

Yours very sincerely,

E. H., San Francisco.

Answer: Dear Friend:—There are no unfortunate signs of the Zodiac—no malefic aspects of planets. The universe is a perfect machine and you are an integral part of the machine. The peace you so ardently desire comes only through the recognition of the great truth that we are here to be worked upon by the great Dynamics that sent us here for that purpose.

Success is not measured by the dollar mark.

Success means a knowledge of your Divine heritage and Servanthood. "Let him who would be greatest be Servant of all."

You can not be in the universe and be unsuccessful for you are a constituent part of the Cosmos. You belong to the Sign of "Marthas" who are troubled about many things and yet do the needed work that keeps the world revolving.

"Take up thy bed and walk; thy Sins be forgiven thee."

George W. Carey

PRECEPT VS. EXAMPLE.

*A pessimist with cankerous mind
Reviewed the sins of Humankind,
And spoke in deep didactic tone
Of "wrath to come" for "hearts of stone."
Some hesitated near the spot.
Some passed him by and heard him not.
The friendless poor came to his side
Then went their way unsatisfied.*

*An Optimist moved with the throng,
His eye a hope, his voice a song.
His love leaped forth to foul or good.
He lived the life of brotherhood.
And busy Manhood paused awhile
To learn the lesson of his smile.
And Childhood brushed aside a tress
To mirror back his happiness.—Ed. B. Warren.*

Security

*My own will come to me somewhere, some day;
It seeks me now, even now is on the way
As surely as the sun shall rise again,
So surely shall my own not seek in vain.*

*With aching feet and tired, restless hands,
I sought my own in many different lands,
With falling tears, with heart and mind oppressed,
I sought always nor paused for pay nor rest.*

*Sometimes the sky was gold, the rose was red,
I longed to look but sadly shook my head;
"No time," I cried, "No time for pleasure till
I find my own, then shall I drink my fill."*

*I had a friend—so true he was and kind!
I heeded not—for I was blind, ah, blind!
"Sometime," I said, "his love I shall repay,"—
Alas! for now my friend has passed away.*

*I longed for gold, and thirsted deep for fame—
My coffers swelled and the world spoke my name;
Yet still I searched, my soul unsatisfied,
And still I prayed and would not be denied.*

*But now I rest, secure from loss or pain,
Yet have I always sought my own in vain,
And now I smile through all life's golden hours,
And now I pause to pluck life's fairest flowers:
I know what e'er it is, where'er it be,
Sometime, somehow, my own shall come to me.*

—Marvin Luter Hill.

Scioahspe

III.—WITHIN THE LIFE MAZE.

By Edgar Lucien Larkin.



IFE was not generated or evolved on earth. Its germs were brought here—so says Oahspe. Here are two verses from the mighty book:

"Such is My Person and My SPIRIT, being from everlasting to everlasting; and when I bring a new world into the time of Se'MU, lo and behold My Presence quickeneth the substance into life; according to the locality and the surroundings, so do I bring forth the different species; for they are flesh of My flesh and spirit of My Spirit. To themselves give I themselves; nevertheless they are all members of My Person." 13.

"As a testimony to man, behold the earth was once a globe of liquid fire! Nor was there any seed thereon. But in due season I rained down Se'MU on the earth; and by virtue of My Presence quickened I into life all the living. Without seed created I the life that is in them." Chapter V, 13-14, Book of Jehovih.

17. AN INVISIBLE LIVING WORLD. This world of hitherto unseen, and therefore unknown life is now revealed. An unseen universe within a universe is intensely alive, but invisible; not only to the unaided eye, but in any ordinary microscope, however great its magnifying power.

This extensive life-world was made known by means of the new high power microscopes using waves of energy from the SUN, beyond the visible violet end of that gorgeous band of colored light—the solar spectrum.

These dark ultra-violet waves are much shorter, and vibrate at rates far more rapid than any others received from the SUN in the visible regions of the spectrum, or in the invisible infra-red portions.

These rapid energy-waves are reflected against the sides of the objects under view, not up through them from below.

This renders the background under the particles dark instead of light. The effect is surprising, for much higher magnifying power can be used.

Thus: "It (the old form of the microscope) would not show cavities in bacterial forms until some colored liquid was injected, this killed them.

Ultra-violet rays show all thicknesses, every hollow, every cavity of the whole interior of living bacteria.

With glass lenses and visible light, two points, separated by one-fifty-thousandth of an inch are seen.

With quartz lenses and ultra-violet waves, one one-hundred-thousandths of an inch are observed."

But with ultra-violet waves, these minute objects—living organisms, are invisible, because these waves are too rapid to impress the retinal nerves.

However, they are precisely the energy-waves that impress the most sensitive photographic plates.

And these most wonderful photographs are now being secured in all the biological laboratories in the world.

See this work: they are photographing the invisible and unknown—rescuing from the vast unseen universe, millions of minute objects, and then fixing their delicate images on plates permanently, to be studied by other microscopes at leisure."

What is more remarkable and instructive? But the process has revealed a universe of life far and away beyond imagination. Thus: "That there is an invisible living world beyond the reach of microscopic research has not been brought out prominently as it should be. No doubt it is generally supposed that the microscope reveals the most minute forms of animal life which exist and that there should be anything beyond this would be likely to awaken incredulity in the minds of most people.

Assuming that there should be invisible forms of life which we are unable to see even with the most powerful microscopes; we may ask ourselves, where does the limit of the organic world lie?

Is the subdivision of living organisms continued indefinitely? If not, where does it stop, and what is the smallest actual living organism?

Dr. Roux of the Pasteur Institute, together with Nocard and Borrel, was the first to perceive the existence of the invisible bacteria, about 1897.

These organisms they were able to handle in the mass and to observe their growth in colonies, but they were never able to see them as individuals even by the aid of all the instruments they could bring to bear upon this research.

In this respect they were like blind men before an invisible universe.

While we know that such life exists we are unable to see the organisms which compose it.

Roux, Nocard and Borrel had the idea of constructing sacks

of collodion in which the grain of the material was too fine to allow any of the usual microbes to pass through, as was found by a series of tests. The sacks were then filled with a culture bouillon and they suspected the presence of invisible germs, and this led them to devise new microscopes in order to perceive them.

After vertical rays, they tried horizontal rays, according to the principle that makes us see the dust particles when the rays of the sun pass across them.

After the use of white light, they tried violet and ultra-violet light, but their efforts proved to be unavailing, and the organisms persisted in remaining invisible.

An advance was made by Dujardin-Beaumetz, who prepared the culture of the microbes in tubes, which, instead of a liquid, contained a solid medium.

In this way he caused colonies of the microbes to emerge to the surface.

These colonies were so numerous that they could be perceived by the naked eye, but when they were examined under the microscope with the hope of seeing the individuals of the colonies, it was found impossible to perceive them.

We are now aware that a great number of diseases have their origin in the action of invisible germs." *Scientific American Supplement*, New York, No. 1725, p. 63.

The article goes on to say that dilutions of the original culture liquid was made to the tenth, on the homeopathic principle. The last, or tenth dilution contained only one-ten-billionth part of the first, yet these inconceivably minute organic beings grew and rapidly multiplied.

No microscope can ever be made to reveal one of these from optical properties of light and other energy-waves.

This discovery of an unknown life-universe is one of the most valuable made by physical science. Thus an ordinary germ-cell as known to biology may contain a million of these ultra-microscopic living—let me say—molecules.

But no life exists on earth outside of protoplasm. This discovery awakens an incredible interest in this most mysterious substance. And Oahspe with its marvelous Se'MU immeasurably increases this wonder about universal life.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

No man dare call himself advanced who in any sense is holding aloof from the work of the world.—Edw. E. Purinton.

Aggression

PART I.—POINT OF CONFUSION.

(Continued from February Issue)

NEVERTHELESS, that calamity is forced by the very exposure in time and space or the element of ether, to the quickened and exposed functions of the body, whereby it becomes immediately the very microcosm of the universe transacting in itself every experience in totality.

This is a most terrible prospect and judgment for those who cannot bring upon this scene of chaos and misery and death a dispatch of every error and the appropriate presence of intelligence, the fitting accompaniment of transactions in chaos.

On that account, therefore, knowledge enters into experience as a disguised ambassador, taking up the humble and meek, the contrite, the smitten affair of reason, transacting those things which are well condemned, abstractions, arguments and baffling delicacies of metaphysically-interpreted absurdities of sophistry, all on purpose to keep experience as it were in its large and lion-like terrors out of the immediate seisure of the bodily interpretations, until such time as it shall establish an elaborate foothold and castle fundamentum in the affair of the body, elaborating all its mantles and sheaths, fixing up every citadel and surrounding proportion; so when the fullness of the function of the body is transacted, and all the overwhelming products of creation rush as it were to their home for protection, they shall be received by the jaws of illumination and devoured by the magnificent policies of reabsorption in the form of light.

The confusing point, I repeat, is reason in its marvelous disguise, introducing in its cross-examination of the mind such baffling presentation of statements and inevitabilities, that most easily the unmuscular mentality is thrown from one viewpoint of philosophy to another, strangling in the midst of gigantic possibilities, weak in his greatness, transcendent in his insignificance, furnishing an elaborate disguise for the ambassador of intelligence, knowledge disguised as reason.

It sometimes happens, to be sure, that the members of experience exposed under the auspices of the mantle of candidacy require more exposure or opening to the reception of their creations, seeming to appoint a festival, to bring about a Saturnalia, because in the midst of the confusion and chaos which they elaborate, inaugurate and demand and succeed in obtaining, the

guest does not appear, the light does not respond, and then it is *Walpurgisnachtspiel*.

The confusing point, we repeat, is that the body is compelled to transact experience, to draw into it every item of experience, graciously, gradually, to be sure, until the appointed hour.

Piece by piece it appears to present itself for instruction; not investigation, but knowledge; walking by Adam to receive their names; and as he names them he departs from wisdom, because instead of naming them he should have known them.

He must go on naming and naming, delivering language upon language, philosophy upon philosophy, civilization upon civilization, until he shall learn to know things, instead of merely naming them, estimating, arranging, adjusting and classifying them.

He shall not need a rule.

He shall not require things placed in a row.

He shall not require two evidences on any subject; unity is sufficient, and chaos is the predicament that summons intelligence.

I say, it occasionally happens that through commanding truth there is an arrival of more experience, more tumultuous sympathetic *rapprochement* occurs than reason has provided even abstraction sufficient to drug you against during the time of your perception and knowledge; then it is of course that the candidate becomes an intellectual pessimist or worse, perhaps a fanatical pessimist; and of all the absurdities of the schemes of humanity the fanatical pessimist is perhaps the maddest of all the dogs!

Not, to be sure, in that divine and Parsifal madness which furnishes a predicament for intelligence, but that which delivers to chaos unexpanded in the presence of insight.

He said to me: I sat in the chair, and I discovered that she who had sat there previously had a headache; am I not advanced? You are advancing! And how could you advance if the truth is eternal? You could have worked up a headache without getting it from the other body. We could have given you a headache, without advancing! You could have gotten a headache, in other words, by going backwards as well as forwards.

Testimony is not satisfactory.

One great healer in the states felt that the aggressive power of truth was obvious in her instance because, whenever she went into the presence of a person who was sick, she became sick as well, and then she went into the woods and disposed of it! That was an aggressive advance!

She took on trouble and relieved folks, but she did not have any fire of insight to convey; she could not kindle any fire in them.

The splendor of her advance is now trailing clouds of glory in the psychic worlds, whereas her body is the feast of worms, magnificent worms! Again she must obtain a body. We have no judgment. It is not necessary that we should judge. There are appointed the judges.

We read to you only from the records.

We all have bodies for which the worms yet unborn and in their psychic souls are at this moment praying!

They exist in vast hordes, praying to their God for your body this moment; like enough you will answer their prayers. But I feel disposed to inform you that such is not the affair of knowledge.

The confusing point, we reiterate, is that the body is consigned in spite of its magnificent equipment, in spite of the fact that it is constituted to be the immunity of all experience for the soul, it is consigned and committed inevitably to experience, and its first business is with that disguised ambassador of intelligence and knowledge called reason, whereby the perception of the totality and negation of mental action is delivered, so that knowledge may illumine the body, that its transactions with experience may be compelling, drawing into it all sins and limitations, whether they be those of the angelic worlds, or those of the less-sanctioned departments of the cosmos, receiving all with open house, receiving them as Buddha received them at the Bodhi tree, receiving them with knowledge, destroying ignorance, constituting the body an eternal immunity.

In the next issue we will venture to offer Gautama's magnificent account of the perfect body in the fullness of its liability and in the magnificence of its immortal knowledge.

————— *Henry Emerson Barnes*

There is but One Infinite Reality in this fleeting alternation of life and death; there is but One Imperishable Substance in this perpetual evolution and disintegration of countless solar systems; there is but One Eternal Truth in the immensities of the universe. It is the Omnipresent Spirit.—The Psychic.

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How near a man has approached GOD may be seen from how close he reaches his fellows.—E. E. Purinton.

Experiences in Psychical Research



THE following experience which is related and commented upon, in *Light*, published at 110 St. Martin's Lane, London, England, so well illustrates some of the many obstacles which beset the path of the investigator of Psychic phenomena, that we give it in full.

From this it will readily be seen that it is only enlightenment and persistent search for Truth that is rewarded in this matter of psychic investigation. We are groping blindly and in the dark, but it is only by doing so, that we can hope to reach the light, and nothing was ever gained by being afraid of the dark:

SPIRIT INTERLOPERS

An example of a not uncommon experience, which too frequently results in discouragement to inquirers, and forms one of the stock superficial arguments against investigation into Spiritualism, is given in the *Journal of the American S. P. R.* for December last. It is thus briefly described in a letter to Professor Hyslop:

After reading your book, *Science and a Future Life*, we procured an Ouija board and proceeded to test it. To our surprise and joy we were able to communicate with our friends, and all went well until the time came when we were deceived by some spirits bent on mischief, who succeeded in misleading us by answering in place of our dear ones. One of these finally confessed, telling us also when she first came, and then she left us in peace. But the other persisted in annoying us, so we gave up using the Ouija board.

The more detailed record shows that from July to September, 1906, various messages were given, characteristic of the reputed senders, and referring to family matters, past and present; sometimes "tests" of a simple kind were given. Then, the writer says:—

A group of three false spirits, who had been attracted by our merry interview with Mr. G., now stepped in and set systematically to work to deceive us. As we were entirely ignorant of the possibility of such a state of things, we were an easy prey for the snare set for us. It must have been that they remained about us constantly, listening to our conversations and reading our thoughts, for they certainly knew a great deal about our affairs, and successfully passed for our friends. It is true we found "Michael" rather gay and rollicking, and "Claire" rather more dictatorial, but throughout the thorny path that our unwary souls were about to tread we never doubted but that all on the other side was honesty itself.

They were very insidious. Carefully and by degrees they eliminated all our friends but "Michael." That is, one of them personated Michael. The two others posed as high personages in heaven, Michael being considered as an inferior and not allowed to speak without permission. When things had

reached this stage, they began to tell us about God, Jesus, the resurrection, and Satan, and to our great amazement everything was different from what we had supposed.

One day, about six weeks after they first took us in hand, as I was passing from one room to the next, I suddenly heard this: "It's all a hoax! It's all a hoax! Do you understand? It's a hoax." At the same time I felt as though a cloud was passing away from me. . . I said, "O, how could you do it?" She told me that there were three of them—women; that she had not led a good life on earth; that she had died forlorn and unhappy, and had let herself drift along ever since. The night on which we were speaking and laughing with Mr. G. she had noticed us and had thought that it would be good fun to take us in. After being with me all these weeks, however, she had grown to like me and to feel sorry for what she was doing. She asked me to forgive her.

That evening the same spirit announced herself through the Ouija board, gave her name, and asked pardon, assuring the sitters that she would not trouble them again. The other interlopers, especially one of them, who gave her name as "Gertie," persistently refused to let the genuine messages come through, except at rare intervals; the sitters reasoned with her, tried to arouse her better nature and turn her thoughts to higher things, but failed to make any impression, and they therefore gave up using the board. "Gertie" revealed a good deal of character, which is thus described:—

When "Gertie" came we tried the method recommended by Hudson Tuttle in *Mediumship and its Laws* for treating earth-bound spirits. She is more like a wilful, obstinate child than a really bad-hearted person. I can tell three phases of her character by the way she moves the little table: (1) a smooth curving motion with many flourishes, as much as to say, "I don't care about anything;" (2) a quick, snappy motion, as though giving way to an angry mood; (3) the good way—smooth, even, straight for the letter wanted. The chief obstacle to her progress is envy. She seems ready to yield to her better impulses and then she resents the idea of yielding. It may be long before she masters herself, but I think it will come.

Forewarned is forearmed, and inquirers would do well to think over this experience, and consider how they may know their own friends, and how they may perhaps be able to convert a mischievous meddler, who perhaps only wants sympathy and kindness, into a useful helper.

"To succeed you must have tremendous perseverance, tremendous will, 'I will drink the ocean,' says the persevering soul; 'at my bidding mountains will crumple up.' Have that thought of energy, that sort of will, work hard, and you will reach the goal."—Swami Vivekananda.

He whom the self chooses, by him is the self gained.—Veda.

Personal Problem Department

Readers of THE SWASTIKA MAGAZINE who desire their questions answered free of charge in these columns may send in their questions to the EDITOR PERSONAL PROBLEM DEPARTMENT, if they will send their name and address with their letters of inquiry. Otherwise, they will not be answered. For purposes of identification, the writer may suggest initials. Those desiring a personal and private letter of advice from Dr. McIvor-Tyndall must enclose \$1.00 for same.

CAN THE DEAD SPEAK? J. E. H., Healdsburg, Cal., sends the following:

Several years ago, my wife, her nephew and I returned from a trip to the mountains and drove several miles to my sister's house, only to find that the family were away from home, and to learn from a neighbor that my niece had died suddenly and had been taken to another town for burial.

The queer part of this story is that while my wife was at the neighbors, my nephew and myself remained at the front gate, awaiting her return. While standing there, we both distinctly heard my niece's voice in glad greeting saying, "Hello, Uncle Jerome." We looked in every direction, but of course saw nothing, and directly my wife returned, telling us of the facts of the death of my niece. Was it an astral voice, or can the dead actually speak with a physical voice? And why could she not have said more?

Answer: It was your condition rather than that of the departed niece, which accounts for the apparently loud and strong voice. You were receptive and perfectly quiet, simply waiting for your wife's return, and your mind was therefore in a receptive state, when the sound-waves produced by the greeting of your niece, seemed strong enough to impress your consciousness. No doubt she did say more, but your mind being actively engaged in seeking to locate the voice, you were not receptive enough to hear her. It frequently happens that immediately after a person has passed out of the body, he or she cannot realize that the change called death has been experienced, and they naturally focus their consciousness upon the external life. Later, when they realize the change that has occurred in their condition, they turn their mind to the conditions on the other side of the veil, and may not seek to communicate with those still in the flesh.

INVADING THE MIND OF ANOTHER. Mrs. S. C. B., St. Louis, writes: I have studied New Thought for some time with the hope of being able to influence a certain person, for reasons which are wholly for his best interests. Yet, although I have fulfilled all the rules of concentration, I have not succeeded in sending one single message that I can trace. Can you tell me why I fail when others succeed?

Answer: It is not easy to say why you fail, if others succeed, but it is to be hoped that you fail because in your soul you have no desire to invade the mind of another, and although

you may not be fully aware in your objective consciousness of such desire, still the soul obeys the higher desires, and refuses to make you a party to the exercise of force. We have no more right to invade the mind of another than we have to enter his home and dictate what shall be done therein.

We may think that we know what is to another's "best interests," but in fact we cannot know and we have no right to judge.

Let your thought of any other be: "May he manifest the perfection that he is, thus reaping all good for his unfoldment." Leave every person free in mind, as you would leave them free in action.

THE LAW OF OPULENCE. K. B., Auckland, N. Y., writes: From what I have read of your New Thought, I assume that you repudiate the advice of Jesus, who said that we should not take thought of, or for, the things of the world. It seems to me that New Thought people make Opulence the bait to lead the seeker into the cult. Would like to hear the opinion of the editor of THE SWASTIKA on the subject.

Answer: New Thought people are like all others. They differ in opinion in many respects. Some New Thought people make a "specialty" as it were of Opulence as a desirable condition, and others do not. My understanding of what Jesus meant by his allusions to the poor, does not include the idea that He considered poverty a necessary accompaniment to piety. He advised them to "sell all and give to the poor," thus demonstrating the claims that Socialism makes today, namely that the children of earth should own all things in common, sharing alike in the labor and the fruits of labor. Jesus was essentially a teacher of practical Economics, rather than a mystic.

However, as to the New Thought philosophy and its advocacy of Opulence, I agree that the person who is balanced, developed on all planes, is neither a mendicant nor an ascetic. Poverty upon any plane of being is an evidence that we as a race of human beings, have not yet found the "Way, the Truth and the Light," but individually we cannot rise in condition very far beyond the thoughts that govern the race of men today, and while economic conditions remain as they are, the person who desires Opulence above all other things must obey the law that prevails, and must put money *first* in his desires and in his heart. That which the Occult Initiate *most desires* is what he receives. If your desires are first of all for wealth, that is what you will receive, but if you neglect and ignore the prevailing laws of wealth getting, you will be very apt to find yourself attaining to every other state of being, before that of Opulence.

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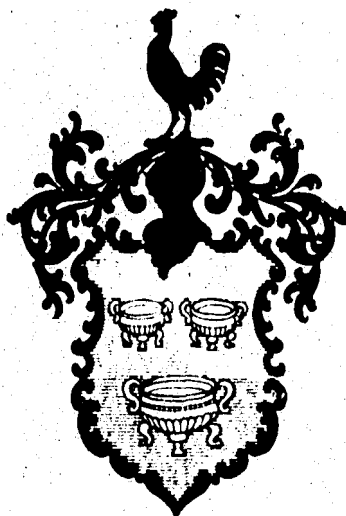
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