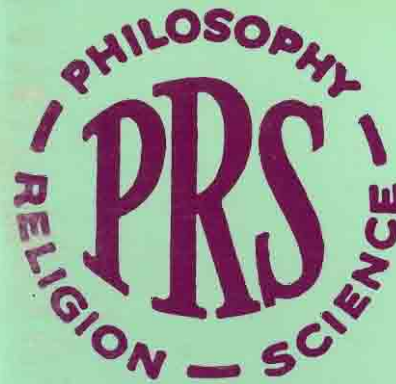


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National Trends for 1989

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The chart for the United States indicates a definite improvement over the year recently past. It would be impossible to hope that any country would not be involved in the problems now afflicting the world, but in 1989 the United States should be more active and concerned with the affairs of the country. It is interesting that the national chart has the same ruler as the world chart. In the horoscope of the United States for 1989 the nocturnal house is rising. The keynote of the national program for the United States is communication. Many difficulties will be resolved by conferences, committees, research projects, and the strengthening of friendships with other countries. The news media will be considerably more open, and the public will appreciate a more direct contact with history-making occurrences without depending upon commentators.

While communication will improve, the significance of the content is uncertain. There is very heavy emphasis upon advertising, promotion, and advances in science, especially the computer. We are headed into difficulties with this instrument; and, unless appropriate precautions are taken, it could become hazardous to the survival of society. The average citizen is somewhat more optimistic

but has reservations. There is a strong feeling developing that the nation is not producing adequate leadership. While this mood endures, opportunism will continue and genuine cooperation between the governing and the governed is virtually impossible.

Gemini is a mechanical sign inclined to skepticism and, when afflicted, can be impractical and frustrated. It is faced with decisions on almost every level of society affecting advertising, transportation, news commentation, and the entertainment field. In all of these areas there is trouble now, and no immediate improvement can be expected. In a sense, however, this trend is constructive—for it will force a complete reorganization of the national life. The American public, long seriously concerned with practical solutions to these major mistakes that have been accumulating over most of the present century, is demanding a general reorganization of competent leadership. Gemini also affects the diplomatic relations between countries and the whole wide field of education, especially the public school system. A false sophistication delays the establishment of schooling appropriate to the emergency. These matters must be faced before the end of the present century.

Business prospects indicate a trend toward long-term investments and moderate returns. The nation can no longer support the speculations which have become part of America's financial way of life. The trend is toward the return of smaller business organizations which can weather the tragic consequences of mergers and monopolies. It is difficult to predict financial futures. Speculation will be dangerous for the next several years. This is all building up toward a complete reformation of the theory and practice of finance.

Vanity spending will continue in 1989, and in some areas will also reach ridiculous proportions. The monetary system was invented as a convenience and is already a cause of constant anxiety. To a considerable degree, at least, spending is simply wasting. Financial institutions will be in trouble, but the facts will be concealed as long as possible. Real estate is being inflated and is no longer a secure investment.

Several different aspects of our society come under one general heading. First, there is education in the lower schools which is faced

with the problem of ethics and integrity. The failure to accept the responsibilities of contributing to the moral life of young people will increase the crime rate and leave the country without substantial citizens. Under the same general condition of planets, transportation is becoming a major problem in most nations of the world. There is no control in the area of motor vehicles, and the time has come when we can no longer regard the automobile as a status symbol. Unless the public cooperates to reduce congestion, a major crisis will result which will cause many thousands of workers and technicians to be out of employment. All these factors are passed over lightly in the hope that business will continue as usual.

There is also a family factor involved in this pattern. Young people no longer expect to share in a family relationship. As soon as they graduate from high school, they wish to establish their own way of life. It is the duty of government to become aware of the consequences of allowing human relationships to drift into chaos. There is little regard for the parental generation, as it is assumed that mothers and fathers, uncles and aunts will spend their closing years in retirement homes. This section of the chart also governs worthless projects, time wasters, and dissipation.

All of this opens the way for the future of the American home. Obviously, the little ivy-covered cottage is disappearing in favor of vast housing projects. There is a major difference between a home and a house. The sentimental factors, the communion of lives, cooperation toward mutual security, all these more sensitive and normal expressions of regard are disappearing; and, with these long-neglected, we are endangering the future of the human race. This year there will be some emphasis upon improving retirement facilities and lowering the costs for the care of the aged. More people than ever before are living into their eighties and will think seriously about starting second careers. Not only will they perpetuate their personal freedoms but will actually add further years to their life expectancies. In this second career there is also the possibility for the development of artistic pursuits and the advancement of education. Even though life has been lengthened by the efforts of science, there could be an additional span for those who are happily and constructively

engaged in appropriate pursuits.

Problems involving small children are strongly stressed this year. Both public and private immorality are threatening the survival of the home; and, if this goes, there is very little possibility that a nation can survive. The one parent family can never provide a proper environment for small children. Today there is a rebellion against responsibility; and this augments other modern trends which seek to avoid long-range commitments to home and family.

Recent findings indicate that the unborn child can be seriously injured by parental attitudes before it is born into this world. Unless drastic steps are taken, no practical remedy can be found. Strongly influenced by the social mores and constantly bombarded with amoral entertainment, little or no religious training, and virtually complete indifference in the educational system, we can understand why the planetary configurations indicate that this situation demands priority. That part of the horoscope which reveals the needs of small children and adolescents also reveals the mystical and idealistic aspects of school and family instruction. It seems from the chart that there is going to be a breakthrough in the moral instruction of the young which will stress integrity and ethics and the maintenance of personal morality. As a sideline, there will be continual emphasis against cruelty to animals and their use in scientific research projects. Religious denominations will emphasize a harmless way of life, and Sunday schools under properly instructed adults will be sponsored by many liberal churches.

In 1989 there may be an unexpected improvement in the employment situation. New areas of research and promotion justify some optimism in the labor market. At the same time, there will be curtailments, but judicious assistance could very well bring strong improvement in the financial and educational conditions of minority groups. Major strikes are not likely, and the tendency will be to terminate them quickly if they do arise. There will be considerable emphasis on public health with stronger legislation bearing upon narcotics and alcoholism. Penalties for drug-related accidents will be intensified, and for the first there may be laws against private ownership of weapons. Atmospheric disturbances may bring ailments

of the respiratory system, and the dangers of nuclear waste are brought to public attention by a major disaster in this area. The medical community will be subject to investigation, and there will probably be laws standardizing insurance benefits where these are excessive. It seems likely that government will publish a listing of amounts that can be charged for medical services. Natural methods for preventing many ailments will become increasingly popular, and home care will prove a saving for all concerned. Virus infections will be met with a planned program, and psychotherapy will gain in popularity. The emphasis upon preventive therapies may be opposed but will probably develop a large following among thoughtful people. Physical debilities due largely to extravagant living will be replaced by a program emphasizing simple food and a reasonable amount of exercise.

There seems to be little probability that the United States will be involved in a major war in 1989. It would rather seem that this country can become a determining factor in arbitrating the dissensions of other countries. This will result in some difficulties at home, but the planets are kindly this year to the peacemaker. There is also some reduction in economic warfare, and it will become obvious that corruption in financial institutions can no longer be tolerated. The number of planets involved in this phase of the horoscope testifies to the involvement of the United States in the various fields of international merchandizing. Banks, especially those with heavy international commitments, must be careful. Money will be plentiful but worth very little. Major reforms in speculation will be promptly dealt with. State governments will become more closely involved in national legislations. Those living upon investment incomes should watch their holdings closely and refrain from involvement in spectacular projects. The legal system will receive considerable attention, and corruptions in the courts are likely to be exposed. This is not a good year to start lawsuits, and wherever possible litigation should be avoided. It is best to arbitrate major decisions, if possible.

While it is often necessary to blaze uncharted trails, it is always wise, if possible, to gather insights from the past. Justice and injustice have always complicated human destiny, but there is much

to be learned by sober reflection upon the wisdom of the past. For example, at this time there are certain reasonable doubts about materialism as a way of life. For nearly a century science has taken over the leadership of mankind, but it has never acknowledged the sovereignty of integrity. This year there will be an upsurge of honesty and a sincere search for ethical and cultural values. Educational institutions must emphasize not only the importance of new ideas but the wisdom of antiquity. Philosophy will again become a guide to education and legislation. The concept of human immortality will be supported, not only by religious institutions but by most of the major departments of science. Research has now gone as far as possible in the exploration of effects; and the next step must be a hesitant effort to cross over into the world of causes.

As idealism spreads, there will be an openness and a sincere willingness to extend the horizons of the knowable. There will also be greater funding of idealistic causes, and those of large means will be honored for the basic integrity of the causes which they support. In old astrological texts there is reference to honoring the dead. Most of the great buildings of antiquity have honored the gods or heroes of past ages.

The hour has now come to establish a deeper and more useful recognition of timeless values. Many future heroes may be redeemed delinquents who have found greater and more noble causes to serve and protect. We have built memorials to unknown soldiers, and now the living must contribute to the great monument of the future which will mark that day to come when the brotherhood of man will be physically established on the earth. This will be the fulfillment of a dream for which many have given their lives. We can redeem all our institutions, rededicate our arts and sciences, reaffirm our spiritual convictions, and be remembered as the true founders of an enduring civilization.

In the last few years we have all become aware of the part that religions play in the rise and fall of empires. We have several major religions in the world today, and it is interesting to examine faiths in terms of astrology. There seems considerable possibility that inter-religious understanding will be strengthened over the next few years.

It has always been difficult to solve religious differences, but it is becoming more evident that we are actually dealing with one faith under several names. If we can realize that much of our creedalism is merely a matter of language, we can cease to worship words and recognize the one reality for which they are all symbols.

In the socialized countries the increasing need for religious support is obvious and is now being reluctantly admitted. No unit of society, great or small, can be held together without faith in something greater than the passing whimsies of the hour. Science has given us no substitute for God but now has a tendency to contemplate the existence of Deity. It is time to realize that in the last two thousand years theological antagonisms have destroyed the lives and hopes of billions of human beings. Unless we can correct this, the future will still be bleak. It is not necessary that we all belong to one religion, unless we discover this for ourselves. It is mandatory, however, that we protect the rights of all believers to serve their spiritual convictions with malice to none and charity to all.

This naturally takes us into the rarified atmosphere of higher education. The great universities held in high regard by most human beings should teach the religious principles of honor, kindness, cooperation, and brotherly love. It is not necessary to enter into theological disputes, but in the year of our Lord 1989 we have discovered that without the principles upon which the greater world religions have been established civilizations cannot survive. It is true that faiths have squabbled for a long time, but this is largely due to a conflict of creeds and not from differences of basic beliefs. In other words, the time has come when we need to respect a level of insight and understanding which is indispensable to the solution of contemporary confusion. The abuse of religion is the most tragic of crimes but does not touch in any sense the foundations of faith. One encouraging trend is provided by improving educational facilities. It is now possible for religious and philosophical instruction to be carried to the most distant parts of the world through television and computerization. Information was never as accessible before, and many of the errors of the past resulted from isolation. As the world comes closer together because of communications media, we

can come to understand the wonders and beauties of devout believers and how their lives have been enriched and ennobled while scientific materialism has degraded the most privileged people on the earth today. It is also important that idealism should be restored to our legal fraternity and that all who strive after justice should be dedicated to the service of truth as it is given to them to know the truth.

The political and diplomatic trends of 1989 indicate considerable stress and tension. The new administration will be deluged with conflicting problems before it has a chance to function properly. The planetary indications are basically good, but the accomplishments will require a major upheaval on the level of administration. With the ruler of the chart in the tenth house, the responsibilities of leadership will be numerous and diversified. The trend is that constructive solutions will demand a voluntary public cooperation, which is most unlikely. Public opinion, built upon publicity and propaganda and channeled through the media, will oppose most constructive ideas and strive desperately to perpetuate the status quo. Most of the year will be overshadowed by a massive accumulation of vital but long ignored issues. There will be considerable contention among personnel on the executive level and politics will undermine statesmanship. It is becoming evident that there must be major changes in both the theory and practice of government, not only to protect the needs of populations but the survival of the planet as a living entity in space, as well. Necessary reforms are not possible without the cooperation of humanity itself, which must awaken from its self-centeredness and extravagance if civilization as we know it is to survive. There are two eclipses in the summer of 1989, and these will emphasize the importance of conserving natural resources. We must realize that our environment should be protected from the exploitations which have increased dramatically in the last fifty years. Governments can no longer be dominated by personal ambitions; and leadership demands skill, experience, and a proper realization of the importance of beliefs and doctrines.

Relations between the United States and other nations must be improved if the planetary environment is to be protected. The trend is toward a one-world concept of life and living. Again, this may

mean the end of competitive nationalism and all related complications. Every country must contribute to a basic conviction of production for use rather than for profit. The prevailing policy is eroding the planet under our feet; and it is high time that philosophy, science, religion, and statesmanship should unite and pool their knowledge for the common good, even though the public may fear that a world fraternity of dedicated nations would endanger the economic structure.

There is considerable emphasis on world travel and international educational projects. Positive astrological aspects to the sun strengthen ideals and aspirations and also favor the acceptance of reforms and constructive friendships between countries and on the level of private citizens. This should result in better cooperation between racial minorities and religious denominations. After the middle of the year an increase of optimism should be noted in this country and expand into international relationships. New inventions are also likely, and there will be a strong trend against further proliferation of armaments.

Many needed reforms involving older persons, medical care, crime prevention, and protection of the public in general will come into focus. For one thing, secret costs will be investigated and unreasonable profits subject to prosecution. There will be tightening of laws against narcotics and alcohol. Underworld empires will be curbed and the criminal code considerably tightened. Subversive organizations will be less popular or formidable. Petty grievances can be arbitrated while more important projects are emphasized. Sabotage and espionage will decrease, and juvenile delinquency will lead to changes in the social and educational areas. The year strengthens beliefs in moral and ethical values, which will have a constructive effect on family life with the divorce rate somewhat lower. Families will be more willing to assume the responsibilities of child care. Generally speaking, older people will be more interested in philosophy, study, and self-improvement; and, as a result, their health will be better. The basic condition of the country in general is more secure than in the years recently passed through. New remedies for the treatment of neurotic ailments will help to

prevent family estrangements and conflicts, many of which are due to psychic stress. There will be a spirit of generosity not limited to the wealthy, and self-improvement will prove more effective than community welfare. All in all, 1989 will be a transitional period in which the United States will become aware of its proper place in the preservation of human society.

It is seldom possible to find the exact hour of the day when a city came into existence. Some specialists have devoted considerable time to this branch of mundane astrology, and often the sun signs of communities provide useful information. Boston is likely to give attention to the unemployed and families living below the level of physical necessity. There is also a frontal effort to attack the narcotics problem. A prominent citizen will be honored for his contributions to public school education. Chicago is severely troubled over transportation and parking facilities. Newspapers and periodicals could be considerably involved in lawsuits, and the university may be deprived of a major benefactor. Censorship will be aimed at raising the moral level of the entertainment media. There is emphasis on accidents due to heavy weather. Long Beach can gain an enhanced reputation for the patronage of art, music, and theater. The citizens will take increasing pride in their community, and most of their projects will be strongly profitable. A major scandal involving property, apartments, or condominiums will be handled promptly and quietly. There will be a tendency to curb excessive spending, and vanity projects are apt to be in trouble.

As a result of considerable research among the records of the missions, it appears that Los Angeles has the sun in Virgo and Sagittarius rising. This city could face a variety of problems. Racial disturbances are noted; and there will be trouble in the school system, including universities and technical schools. Some business recession is likely, especially in late spring and early summer. Vandalism will increase, and there is danger of epidemical ailments associated with food and water. Property values will be insecure; and the motion picture and television industries, with which the city has long been associated, are likely to be in financial trouble. New Orleans is still burdened with health difficulties, including narcotics and

venereal diseases. There is help after the late spring. The city will gain considerable public support, and there is strong improvement on the legislative level. New rules will be applied to old problems with considerable success. Political scandals are possible, but the financial condition of the area is fairly stable and employment will rise.

New York City is under the rulership of Cancer, and this year the moon has several complicated aspects. There is an eclipse of the moon in Cancer; but there are also several protecting aspects, which would indicate a busy year for the city hall. Every effort must be made to evade adverse litigation and the arbitration of political differences. In 1989 local officials will do everything possible to polish the image of their community. There is no use mentioning transportation. It is virtually impossible within the city limits. There will be need, however, for improving the airports and train facilities. Surprising changes are noted for Columbia University.

Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, is under favorable planetary aspects. There could be important business conferences and some appropriate expositions or celebrations. There is also a strong upsurge in religious thinking and a new regard for the moral convictions of William Penn. An experiment in the primary school system may set an example that will spread to other parts of the country. Some censorship on entertainment will be attempted, and the legal and medical services of the city will undergo critical analysis with remedial recommendations. Philadelphia will have a good press.

San Francisco is likely to undergo a broad program of renovation. Some areas will receive a thorough housecleaning, and the improvements will extend as far as Oakland to the east and San Raphael to the north. A concerted attack on the narcotic situation will pay off, and public morals will improve. San Francisco will no longer attract delinquents, and the educational environment will invite thoughtful persons to reside there.

The District of Columbia, as may be expected, is the battlefield between the sun and moon—Republicans and Democrats—and the governing and the governed. A state of confusion and conflict will prevail, and the eclipses for the year indicate the importance of high

ethical decisions, which are hard to come by in the world of politics. In spite of the rather pessimistic indications, the first year of the new administration will be of long-range importance and extend into the next century.

As the ruling sign of the chart for the United States is the air sign of Gemini and the ruling planet Mercury forms a variety of aspects, most of which are reasonably good, the climate will be variable. For the East Coast there may be tidal troubles with some property damage. For the Middle West there will be clear weather with moderate winds, but the use of pesticides could cause anxiety. The Rocky Mountain area may have severe storms with considerable property damage. There is heavy weather for Denver and trouble with plane and train schedules. Some highways will be severely damaged. For the West Coast there will be pleasant temperatures, unseasonal rain, and some danger of earthquakes in sparsely populated areas, as well as danger to crops in the Imperial Valley area and considerable hot weather, especially in the late summer. A heavy accident rate involving moving vehicles is indicated. Business conditions appear to be somewhat depressed.



In the long run it makes little difference how cleverly others are deceived; if we are not doing what we are best equipped to do, or doing well what we have undertaken as our personal contribution to the world's work, at least by way of an earnestly followed avocation, there will be a core of unhappiness in our lives which will be more and more difficult to ignore as the years pass.

—Dorothea Brande

Some there are that torment themselves afresh with the memory of what is past; others, again, afflict themselves with the apprehension of evils to come; and very ridiculously both—for the one does not now concern us, and the other not yet . . .

One should count each day a separate life.

—Seneca

World Trends for 1989

(Lecture Delivered January 15, 1989)

In the world chart for 1989 the trend is definitely benevolent. Mercury is the ruler of the year and is strongly aspected. It is placed in the seventh house with good aspects to Saturn, Neptune, Uranus, and Pluto. There will be special emphasis upon matters involving communication, education, entertainment, and health. Throughout the world there will be a tendency to arbitrate difficulties and seek to maintain open relationships. Major changes in educational theory are strongly stressed, and there is greater effort to maintain integrity and ethics. In all fields basics will be emphasized.

Censorship in the entertainment field is likely, and the television industry will be in economic difficulties. Mercury rules transportation, and it is probable that severe regulations will be imposed upon traffic. Mercury's one unfavorable aspect will be felt in the areas of labor and health. Strikes will be less likely, and settlements of disputes will be hastened by conferences and discussions. In matters of health research is strongly stressed. The sextile between Pluto and Neptune could lead to a breakthrough in the area of AIDS, leukemia, and the treatment of manic depression. The world political trend will be generally conservative, somewhat critical, and with emphasis upon reductions of armaments and the peaceful solution of matters involving political violence. Militarism will be definitely unpopular, and there will be a more successful effort to curb dictatorships and maintain established systems of government. Altogether serious problems will be given earnest consideration with some discussion about the lack of executive material qualified for executive offices. The twelve areas in which the chart is divided cover the principal affairs of the world, and the indications can be summarized as follows.

The peoples of the world generally will react more strenuously

to repression and subjugation. The demand for rights, education, sanitation, representation, and political recognition will intensify and expand. In this process many corrupt or despotic leaders will be relieved from office, and political crimes will be prosecuted. Generally speaking, this will result in long-range improvement but immediate confusion.

In financial matters the emphasis is upon economy, curtailment of extravagant spending, reduction in excessive advertising, inflated values in property, and inflated salaries on executive levels. Speculation in land can be dangerous, unless ample funds are available. Mercury does not favor speculation or long-term commitments in stocks or bonds. It recommends close control in money matters. In countries which have been invaded there is good likelihood that properties will be returned to their original owners. Forms of business that teach foreign languages, health clinics, and schools specializing in foreign languages will probably prosper; but the entertainment field may come upon hard times.

This year the horoscope warns of danger in transportation and further serious accidents in aviation. It indicates lawsuits for false advertising and get-rich-quick schemes. There can be emphasis upon railroads and transportation, as well as legislation to reduce congestion on the highways. Publications will be more strictly censored, and television programs will cause public anxiety. Computer crime is already with us and will spread rapidly and could lead to a new crime empire.

There will be subtle changes in domestic matters. Everywhere there will be better living conditions for low income groups and greater care and attention for the aged. Through movement out of congested areas, plans will be developed to enable more people to own their homes. In substance, the simple life will become the reasonable solution to much urban congestion. In emerging countries sanitation, hygiene, and maintained levels of nutrition will gain government support. Older people will have a tendency to create second careers for themselves, which will enable them to live longer and be happier.

This will be an exceptional year for the younger generation. There

is considerable indication that teenagers will put their own lives in better order either through anxiety or better instruction. They will demand and receive improved educational facilities, and even small countries will give better attention to the new generation growing up. Juvenile delinquency will result in stricter regulations on the behavior of minors. Youth will no longer maintain immunity on the basis of age alone. Under this same heading are animals that are pets in a family. The rights of animals will be strengthened, vegetarianism will increase, and all involved will be benefited. The use of animals in vivisection will come back into focus and lead to improved legislation in this area. Brilliant children will be more numerous and will inspire new respect for young people.

There should be improvement in working conditions so that more people are self-employed. Cottage industry, native arts and crafts, and small community enterprises will be both profitable and a source of inspiration. The trend will be to support these projects, even though governments may not be socialized. Minority groups in foreign countries may profit by restoring their own arts and crafts. Folk arts will become important. The public health should improve, and a number of dubious habits will lose their popularity. The aspects indicate that several countries are becoming aware of the damage to both the individual and the community caused by cigarettes, alcohol, and narcotics. There is a suggestion in the chart that companies trying to perpetuate detrimental products will find new outlets and will profit equally as well as before. From the chart it would seem to me possible that there could be a breakthrough in AIDS. With four of the heavy planets all supporting health and most of them associated with obscure ailments, there should be rapid advancement in medical knowledge of infections and communicable diseases.

It seems unlikely that there will be a major military confrontation in 1989. There could be minor outbreaks and neo-militant confrontations on a political level. The trend toward independence will continue and be successful in part. The United Nations will be more inclined to support minority causes and considerable educational advances in third world nations. A major reform involving laws for the punishment of serious crimes will become a matter of con-

siderable international discussion. Political crimes as a means of influencing legislation will no longer be advantageous to belligerent countries. Funds available for armaments will be considerably reduced, and there will be a massive effort to control narcotics and alcohol. Exposures of corruption will increase and result in the retirement of public personalities in several countries.

The death rate will be somewhat lower, due principally to a breakthrough in hygiene and sanitation. Comparatively unnoticed sources of serious illness will come into focus and result in a tightening of laws affecting substandard housing and faulty nutrition. Long-term investments will become more attractive with emphasis upon transportation and communication. Exorbitant salaries will probably be reduced, and wasteful spending will lead to scandalous revelations. There will be notable emphasis upon heroic personalities of the past, and this will be reflected in the fields of publication and entertainment. Considerable agitation over the processing of nuclear waste could lead to a type of recycling not yet recognized. Several brilliant women will receive worldwide acknowledgement.

World travel will continue to be hazardous, due in part to lack of proper maintenance of moving vehicles, climatic inclemency, and sabotage. If it is not necessary to make extensive trips, it will be advisable to patronize local vacation areas or develop personal skills as avocational outlets. Education on the university level will be considerably shaken by the increase of interest in philosophy and religion. There is a general willingness to explore the scholarship of the ancients and apply it to the problems of today. There is a tendency to correct the viewpoint long prevailing that we can learn nothing from the past. Broadly speaking, the year is favorable for religious conferences and the broadening of the foundation of inter-religious cooperation. There will be some trouble on the parts of the members of various major denominations, but religious prejudice can no longer be endured in the light of world need. A definite effort to establish a world conference will be threatened by one group with a large following and extremely conservative beliefs. In socialized areas religion will be recognized as indispensable to societal survival.

On the political level there is quite a lot of conflict. In most countries leaderships will be unpopular and must be supported by military strength. The public will become increasingly critical and can no longer be controlled by promises or threats. The trend is toward complete independence, even though this may be impractical. Large countries want to cooperate with each other, but small ones insist upon the right to separate existence. Several new dictatorships will probably arise from the ashes of older ones. The financial exploitation of countries by dictators is passing out of fashion. It will not be long before ill-gotten gains will become available for useful public projects. Governments will face considerable internal dissension. Racial minorities will increase in influence, and large conglomerate corporations must begin to consider the rights and privileges of investors. This year a large amount of corruption will surface, and in this sense 1989 is an excellent year.

Unfortunately, projects of public value will be strongly exploited. A number of useful organizations will arise and attain considerable public support. There will be scandals resulting from the exploitation of basically constructive ideas. There are many opportunists who are determined to profit from every misery of mankind. It may be timely to note that the computer, one of the latest contributions of inventive genius, is already well on the way of becoming a worldwide problem. This is a year of new ideas, inventions, interpretations, and investigations. A worried and confused public, seeking inner security in time of stress, has become susceptible to exploitation. There is, however, a sufficient measure of protection, but the Moon is afflicted and this could result in a great deal of neo-scientific fantasy. This is just as likely to manifest in the realm of science as the more attenuated atmosphere of religion. This may be a year of wonder drugs that are not wonderful and remarkable beliefs that are not remarkable. The average person will do well to cling to common sense and avoid all types of fads that could result in loss of funds or physical illness.

According to the portents, this may be a favorable year in which to grow older successfully. The elderly will enjoy better health and greater security than in the past. Benefits will be increased, better

medical attention will be available at reasonable prices, and family relationships in general will be strengthened. Espionage and sabotage will decrease and be restricted largely to private acts of destruction. Political relations will be more open, and there will be a strong trend to bring difficulties to public discussion. Minority groups in all nations will have increased privileges, but they must be reasonable in their demands. Moderate courses will prevail among the major powers, and smaller countries will usually follow pacesetting leaders. In politics and in personal living the trend will be to regain the spirit of moderation which was general fifty years ago. The path of rugged individualism is a complete failure. There will be, however, some changes in the penal code with an effort to restore usefulness and self-respect whenever and wherever possible. The plan for using convicts for the advancement of federal projects will be given greater consideration. More of the elderly will be cared for at home with all necessary medical and physical needs without hospitalization. This will be a useful step, saving a great deal of money and bringing health and happiness to older people. In general, the year is humanitarian, constructively idealistic, and with public participation when need arises or unfavorable conditions are allowed to continue. The eclipses support this general picture and will be mentioned when they become important in the affairs of nations.

AFRICA

In the African countries the emphasis is upon transportation, communication, and conservation. Matters of environment and the preservation of natural resources are stressed. Educational facilities will be improved, and several strong personalities may emerge to underscore the importance of arbitrating all political difficulties. There may be some climatic problems; and an eclipse of the sun could bring religious difficulties, especially in the southern area. All in all, however, the African countries take a major step toward the integration of their own cultures, arts, and crafts.

EGYPT World attention will be focused on Egypt, at least in the first half of the year. There is considerable protection for the govern-

ment of Egypt, and treaties with neighboring countries will prove advantageous. There will be some unrest among the people over housing and employment, but strong emphasis upon public relations could contribute substantially to the prestige of the country. Industries will strengthen, and treaties with foreign countries will improve the financial condition. Further researches may stimulate interest in Egyptian archaeology. There could be some religious unrest, but moderate attitudes will prevail. Possible revisions in the constitution of Egypt, affecting especially narcotics and subversive organizations, are noted. The year will balance out as a considerable improvement over the conditions that have prevailed for the last several years.

ETHIOPIA The internal confusion that has disturbed this country for a number of years will begin to clear. The tendency will be toward the re-establishment of a government based upon the early traditions of the country with the introduction of modern policies. There is likely to be the death of a prominent leader; but, in spite of internal changes, violence will subside. Religion regains authority, educational facilities are improved, and foreign assistance will probably be available. Fanaticism may not entirely die out, but it will decrease until it no longer endangers the integrity of the country. A rebuilding process is indicated for the coming year.

LIBERIA A general housecleaning will improve the political situation, and there will be a serious effort to restore harmony and cooperation among the Liberians. Financial conditions may show some improvement, but there may be a disaster to a ship flying the Liberian flag. Health problems are stressed, and there could be considerable construction in housing and commercial enterprises. A climatic crisis might occur in the summer; but there is substantial protection, except in shipping.

MOROCCO In most matters this should be a good year for the people of Morocco. Jupiter is in benevolent aspect and will moderate religious pressures. Political conspiracies will lessen, and a trend

toward religious tolerance will be expanded. Special attention is bestowed on the victims of recent political unrest. Agriculture will be important, and a moderate socialism may strengthen the relations of the several classes of citizens. There should be protection from discontent and agitation rising outside the country and attempting to dominate the political procedures. The fixed star Antares has always resulted in conflicts of opinion and political stress, but this year there should be the possibility of considerable social progress.

SOUTH AFRICA While it is not possible to predict the termination of South African racial and political conflict, there seems to be some advancement in that direction. A series of critical events will end in a larger arbitration and better adjustments. There could be a flare-up of trouble in late Spring, but actually it will be less violent than in the last two or three years. A health crisis may contribute to a sincere arbitration of differences.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The Australian continent is well-favored this year. The emphasis may be upon developing large areas of neglected land. There may be, however, conflict with environmentalists. The area is reasonably prosperous, and the internal economic strength of both Australia and New Zealand permits progress with comparatively little external complications. There may be an occurrence of severe climate and some volcanic activity in New Zealand. A building project or resort could be damaged in an earthquake or volcanic eruption. Relations with Great Britain and the Commonwealth improve; and there should be considerable tourism, and the discovery of mineral deposits could start a minor gold rush.

THE BALKAN COUNTRIES

It seems safe to say that the Balkan countries will loom large in the political events of the coming year. A new spirit is arising largely motivated by the traditional backgrounds of the various countries. There is an increasing desire for the Balkan peoples to be themselves and manage their own affairs. This has long been regarded as impossible, but now there is a chance for success.

ALBANIA AND BULGARIA These peoples have long memories, and they have not forgotten their cultural background or the more recent suppression under foreign control. It may be too optimistic to predict a successful program of liberation, but there will be pressures under the surface which may break through and result in a vital revival of national aspirations and ambitions. These two countries will probably be given considerable support by other nations, and strong leadership within the countries is indicated.

GREECE Conditions in general look promising, and to a large extent economic improvement is indicated. Actually, one trend could be quite important. It would seem that archaeological research in the Greek areas will result in important and spectacular discoveries, which may strongly influence the textbooks on ancient history. It may also bring a sizeable degree of financial support to the Greek people and remind the world of the contributions of Pythagoras, Plato, and Aristotle. Health should improve and a tendency to an epidemic can be averted. There will be considerable economic improvement and relations with surrounding countries should improve. Tourism will continue to support the native industries of Greece and the Aegean Islands. The political worries of the Greek people should improve greatly in 1989.

HUNGARY Hungary is considerably favored by the world chart. It does not mean that all the Hungarian problems will be solved, but the people will carry them with good humor and give the strong impression of more political freedom than they actually have. Art, music, and literature should do well; and several Hungarians will receive recognition for their contributions to international understanding. The economics of the country is a bright spot and health is another. There is emphasis upon marriage and family and notable advances in housing, schooling, and medicine. The Hungarians may gain a great deal by being quiet and patient at this time. Tourism is brisk, and conservatories will enroll many foreign students. It is probably a quiet year with many hopeful signs for the future.

ROMANIA National pride dominates the astrological trends for this year. There will be major changes in government, and a number of Romanians will become leaders in the broad plan for freedom. The church is favored, and various denominations will be allowed to exist. There will be less censorship, greater freedom of the press, private ownership, and the fund made by Romanians will be allowed to remain in the country. There will be greater freedom of speech and extreme liberalism will be evident in theater and television. Travel will be easier, and tourism will be welcome.

TURKEY It is always difficult to know just what the Turkish government has in mind. Generally speaking, it will be tolerant, but there could be some trouble between the Eastern Christian Church and the Moslem world. A crime may precipitate a serious uprising. Climatic conditions may be adverse to agriculture, and there is possibility of a minor earthquake. Turkey will try in every way possible to prevent political involvements in the Near East, and there could be difficulties between Turkey and the United Nations Organization. In the main, however, there will be stability.

YUGOSLAVIA It will be best if the Yugoslavs are patient and do not force a major confrontation with the Soviet Russians. There is emphasis upon housing, merchandising, and the importing and exporting of necessities and luxuries. Health difficulties are emphasized and could be related with alcoholism, narcotics, and infections of the digestive system. Religion is under affliction; and there is a tendency for the Yugoslavian Federation to break up into smaller, traditionally independent social units. Pollution of water and food products may lead to a major modernization in hygiene and sanitation.

EUROPE

For the European group in general the emphasis in 1989 is upon the broadening of the basis for cooperation in transportation, education, and merchandising. Conferences could lead to better relationships between Western Europe and the Soviet sector. Improvement

in trade and traffic will lower the barriers between European countries and open the way to commerce with Asia and Latin America.

AUSTRIA For the Austrian people 1989 could be a very fortunate year. There is strong emphasis on the arts, music, and the theater, and the probability of distinction and worldwide recognition for those in artistic pursuits. A program for the improvement of middle-grade education will receive strong support and establish a precedent which will attract other countries. There should be considerable tourism, and travel within Austria will not be prohibitive in terms of price. Agriculture is protected, and the government will assume a lenient attitude toward the people. The trend will be toward internal independence and tolerant relations with other socialized countries. There will be very little inflation, and the financial condition of Austria may improve considerably. There is also emphasis upon scientific research and important discoveries in the field of medicine, especially dealing with communicable ailments. There may be minor weather disturbances and some anxiety over air and water pollution.

BELGIUM This country must be careful and cautious in its diplomatic relations with other countries. The government is afflicted and the country is being hard pressed by more powerful neighbors. Its greatest security will rest with its long traditional history and its basic religious orientation. Every effort should be made to improve the conditions relating to agriculture and industry. Belgium should encourage conferences and summits which will attract visitors and should develop a strong program for tourism and shopping. The year is more or less quiet, but there seems to be lack of dynamic loyalty to the existing government.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA The planets favor the struggle for independence. There is strong protection from the laboring group, and the placement of Pluto suggests secret organizations which will probably come into confrontation with Russia in the next year or two. There could be outbreaks of violence with a few deaths and property damage; but, for the most part, improvements can be gained without

serious military action. The financial future brightens, education is stressed, and the Czechs will receive support from several other countries, some in the Western hemisphere. A would-be dictator is likely to be eliminated. Transportational problems increase, and the trend will be toward trading in smaller communities. The year is reasonably fortunate.

FRANCE As always, France remains glamorous. There is emphasis upon tourism, and some foreigners will decide to make France their home. The arts will prosper, and Western nations will be good customers. The government seems to straighten out, and expected changes will not materialize due to last minute interventions. The prestige of France and its continuing effort to dominate European thinking will be partly successful. Among the projects to be discarded is probably one involving armaments. France will cooperate with a world-wide program to improve the standards of living in housing as a first line of defense against anarchy and psychic stress. Regulus has always been important in protecting the French from the destruction of their historical monuments, and a new project of monumental importance may commence this year and extend for some time to come. The French seem to be healthy; but a narcotic problem is developing among them, and eating habits of the French could stand considerable improvement. Programs similar to Medicare will be improved, and much attention will be directed upon care for the aged and the support of the unemployed.

EAST GERMANY Unusual happenings are indicated for East Germany, and they may contribute to the ultimate unification of the country. The emphasis is upon conferences and constructive legislations. There is also a strengthening of patriotism demanding that the arbitrary political divisions cease, for which there is heavy planetary support, as the Berlin wall has been a disgraceful eyesore ever since the days of World War II. This can also be a prosperous year for East Germany; but, if the dangers of war no longer threaten, East Germany's economy could be seriously damaged. The financial futures of both East and West Germany are best protected by reunification.

WEST GERMANY The West Germans are developing strongly on the industrial level, but at the moment morality and ethics are not keeping up with economic improvement. There is a strengthening of religion, but the churches are not especially determining conduct. Education and science improve, and the trade balance is satisfactory. Nationalism is strengthening day by day, and a militaristic group may attempt to revive National Socialism. Ambitions toward dictatorship should be watched carefully, as they may strengthen this year. The Moon contributes a constructive influence, which will probably be strong enough to prevent serious mistakes. A health problem, which may spread to various parts of Europe, could require appropriate medical supervision. Strong scientific advancements are suggested, and deep studies in preventative medicine and treatment of obscure ailments are indicated.

GREAT BRITAIN This should be an important year for the British people. The government is strongly protective, and the prestige of the Commonwealth becomes a prominent factor in the world pattern for 1989. Gemini, the natural ruler of London, is strongly supported; and the strategic location of England will play a part in the major world decisions for the next two or three years. The popularity of the royal family is enhanced, and dissensions within the country and relations with Ireland are to take a more constructive direction. Political relations with other countries are bettered, and threats of former crown colonies to secede from the Commonwealth are no longer heard. There is a threat of illness to one member of the royal family but a good chance for recovery. Great Britain may be slightly accident prone and should pay special attention to its transportation system and the terminals of foreign airlines. A climatic change may cause some anxiety but in the long run may prove beneficial. The financial structure will be stronger, and the pound will rise moderately.

IRELAND Both North and South Ireland are under the rulership of Taurus, and the prospects for better relations between these two highly defensive units appear to improve somewhat. It is not so much

a matter of politics but of traditional emotionalism. There is also considerable strain between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. In spite of the present impasse, some rather nice things are likely to happen to the Irish. Financial conditions will improve for both the North and South, and the quarrel will be less personal and more traditional as the year progresses. Irish industries improve, and new markets are found for the interesting products crafted in Ireland. There are advances in education, and the religious pressures are lifted to a considerable degree. The strength of the church in Ireland is weakened because of lack of clergy and the failure to support the financial aspects of the faith. Tourism should be good, and exports are well-received. The principal cause of the health problem will be climatic with emphasis upon bronchial ailments and troubles to the eyes and sinuses.

ITALY For the Italians there is a broad program of modernization with special emphasis upon transportation and education. There will be a tendency to secularize the country; and, while there is not likely to be any conflict with the church, political influence of the church will decline. The government is more stable, and the economic condition improves markedly. A prevailing atmosphere of constructive expectancy will reduce the influence of agitators and splinter political groups. The public health should be improving, but there might be volcanic activity. Exports will be profitable, but these could also be more costly due to the increasing price of labor and raw materials. The face of a famous building could be damaged by fire. Care should be taken against contaminated foodstuffs, and water is always suspect. The arts will do well, and there will be advances in education.

NETHERLANDS The low countries may be faced with some type of economic stress. There could be dishonesty in banking and investments. There is danger from the ocean and sea walls. This could include damage to buildings and public installations. The weather might result in an epidemic of pulmonary ailments. There may be a number of changes in the area of education and controversy regarding subject matter. Aviation, especially short flights, could be hazard-

ous. There is economic improvement for elderly persons. There is some danger to prominent government leaders, and some of them may be accident prone.

POLAND Political and social conditions in Poland should improve considerably, and the country will restore a number of its traditional observances. There will be a measurable increase in religion, and some progress in education and the arts. Employment should be better, but an eclipse of the Sun is detrimental to health. Young people give some concern, and marriages are less permanent than in former years. A liberal leader could have health difficulties or become involved in a violent situation. Afflictions to the Moon warn of subversive activity; and Poland will not attain full recognition in the area of labor for another year or two, but it is coming. Radio, television, and the press will continue to function, although efforts may be made to block these media. Health should be moderately good, but accidents to those who are employed with heavy machinery will increase. There is extensive need for updating living conditions in Poland. Toward the end of the year Poland will strengthen its social, cultural, and political relations with surrounding areas. For agriculture there may be some danger of unusual storms. Considering everything, however, the year is definitely good.

PORTUGAL This should be an exceptional year for the Portugese. There should be advances in the standards of living, some increased employment, and higher wages. Family life will be strengthened and children given special attention. The political situation should be secure and the people, for the most part, contented. The sea will be especially generous this year, and markets will be firm. Crafts and export goods are active and profitable. The religious life is quiet but sufficient. Afflictions of the Moon could result in health problems, especially affecting the digestive system. It will be important that those who depend upon boats keep them in good condition and refrain from hazardous voyaging. Relations with Spain should be favorable, and there should be less crime. It might be well for the Portugese to study dietetics, as ailments are liable to settle in the digestive tract and the liver.

SPAIN In 1989 the emphasis is upon political and social problems. The government should be adequate; but there may be one discontented contender against the prevailing policies, though this will not damage the program. Relations with other members of the European community should be fortunate, and a number of laws which have a tendency to inhibit progress will be changed or modified. A progressive atmosphere will prevail; and there will be considerable modernization of public facilities, including transportation and communication. This year should be favorable to the motion picture industry, music, and literature. Spanish authors, journalists, and public entertainers should be very successful. There will be quite an interest in the early history of the country and the various levels of culture through which it has passed. Legends and hero tales will contribute to entertainment and patriotism. Famous buildings will be restored or renovated, but modern architecture will be limited to tourist areas. There could be complications involving drug traffic and, as a result of increasing prosperity, damage to basic health and waste of funds. Spain might be involved in litigation over boundaries and local minorities. Problems may drag along, but in the end they will be agreeably arbitrated. Religion is favored, and a number of different groups will get along well together. Weather should be excellent with much rain. Education may remain conservative, but there will be more emphasis on the sale of merchandise.

SWITZERLAND This small, but important, country is likely to be confronted with a variety of annoying difficulties. As a political entity it has survived for many centuries, but as it becomes involved in modern political and social affairs it loses the advantages of its former isolation. While it is still a world famous sports area, the Swiss people themselves have perpetuated their own ways of life with resolution; but strange things happen, and, since the communizing of Tibet, a number of Tibetans have made Switzerland their home. They are excellent citizens, and their children are good scholars and well-mannered. This is opening up the Swiss economy to new outside influences. The secret bank accounts, which have been more or less of a scandal for many years, will be available when attempt-

ing to trace vast sums of missing money. In time this shield for unaccounted wealth will cease. The astrological ruler is in affliction, which is likely to increase the danger of accidents both in sports and in travel. A famous resort could be damaged by fire. There will be some economic improvement, but the status quo seems to prevail.

U.S.S.R. The Russians will have a busy year, but for the most part the changes will be for the better. They include many basic changes in Russian communism. The door is open to help of several kinds from outside the country or from within its older culture. There is great emphasis upon progress, scientific and industrial, with greater emphasis on the development of a free enterprise system. There is also a major trend in medicine and the healing arts, and a number of valuable discoveries or applications of information will be available. This includes, as well, a considerable emphasis upon psychic phenomena, mystical concepts, and esoteric teachings. These can be brought into harmony with the beliefs of the ancient Russians. There is also emphasis upon philosophy and the mythology and legendry of Russia itself. It would appear that the people can no longer be held to a purely materialistic doctrine. The three areas which we have mentioned are compatible with religion, which will also gain ground. Private enterprise will emerge gradually, but there will be a number of non-competitive phases of economics. There is emphasis upon home life and closer relations between children and parents and a non-political education for the young and enlarged support for the aged and infirm. It would appear that there could be a major reduction in armaments and a realization of a Soviet commonwealth in which the states that have been annexed at various times will regain their basic sovereignty and benefit from greater economic and industrial freedom. There could be health problems, especially in Asiatic Russia. The most likely cause will be sanitation and lack of hygienic knowledge. The tendency of religion to gain in favor is noted, also the probability that the various faiths in Soviet states will be permitted to function without interference if they will remain aloof from military aggressions. Russia's horoscope is definitely suited to the needs of the masses. It must act as a parent to help less for-

tunate countries to develop their potentials. As a parent or instructor it can have a long and important history, but as a policing conglomerate troubles will increase with every passing day.

THE SCANDINAVIAN BLOCK

The Scandinavian block, including Iceland and Finland, seem to survive the planetary pressures of 1989. It would appear that the year should be successful financially and that the various separate members of this group will retain their independence and advance their own projects in comparative safety. There is considerable emphasis upon the arts, and a number of technical books are likely to appear dealing with the antiquities of these regions. There may be archaeological finds of ancient origin that receive considerable publicity, and the history of this group may be lamentably incomplete. In Denmark there seems to be emphasis on farming and also a keen interest in nutrition. The citizens are health conscious and will cooperate vigorously with the environmentalists. With Sweden the arts will be more dominant, and there will be considerable involvement in women's clothing and accessories. Theater and travel will be profitable, and the government appears to be satisfactory. There could be sickness in the ruling family. For Norway there are some political changes with emphasis upon higher education and science. It is possible that important mineral resources should be carefully examined, and there may be an important discovery in Norway. Some danger to transportation, including air flights, may be caused by circumstances beyond human control. Folk art projects could be successful. Iceland continues to attract tourists and will probably expand its trade through international outlets and mail order houses. Finland could be involved in arctic animal life, and studies relating to survival in frigid areas might make an important contribution to knowledge in this area. Politically and socially Finland will maintain the status quo, but internally its cultural life will be strengthened and education will receive additional attention.

THE NEAR EAST

Things look a great deal better for the Near Eastern countries.

While animosities may continue, the tragedies attendant upon conflict are beginning to subdue personal prejudices and antagonisms.

IRAN The trend is toward the reconciliation of factions and an effort to restore basic economic security. There are likely to be political changes with temperate policies bringing new leadership to distressed regions. Health will improve, and some measure of international trade could be reestablished. Moderate groups within Islam will attempt to liberalize theological contentions. There will be constructive public reaction to these changes.

ISRAEL The emphasis in 1989 is upon internal reorganization of the political structure. Outside changes in world policy and Near Eastern problems may help to reduce tension between Israel and the Moslem states. Several Moslem countries are beginning to realize that the perpetuation of religious conflicts could ultimately lead to general ruin. The condition of Israel may be less critical, but no immediate solution is indicated. The first step will be constructive public opinion and the support of liberal Moslem groups.

THE FAR EAST

AFGHANISTAN There appears to be a good probability that the Afghanistan conflict will be majorily reduced or even terminated this year. A new government will be established which has a good chance of surviving for a number of years. A broad reconstruction program will bring considerable assistance to the people of the country, and there is strong emphasis upon the establishment and maintenance of major health and employment projects. Outside countries will contribute generously, and even conservative Moslem states will cooperate and contribute. It would seem that Afghanistan can again become a constructive independent nation under a progressive leadership. This phenomenon itself may have a broad effect on the entire structure of the Moslem world. The family life of the people should be greatly strengthened, and Afghanistan will be able to avoid most of the troubles now burdening the Asiatic group of countries.

BURMA It looks as though Burma will have a better year. There will be advancements in education, and young people will have much to say about the future of the country. Ulterior motives and political corruption will lessen; the country will be more open for trade and tourism, and there will be a strong revival of religion, especially Buddhism. Native beliefs and folk cults will also have a considerable following. Efforts will be made to curb the movement of drugs through the country, and the domination of dictators will be broken partly through international intervention. It looks like major improvements will be noticeable in the months ahead.

INDIA If the stars can be depended upon, India could have an outstanding year. There is strong emphasis upon internal organization and termination of friction with minority groups on India's northern borders. The education of the young includes a strengthening of religious and philosophical ideals and advancements in arts and the responsibilities of citizenship. There will be scientific training for both men and women, special courses in hygienics and eugenics, and special consideration for the care of the aged. The financial condition of the people in general should improve, and there will be greater confidence in government. There is a tendency for many Hindus to return to the land or small towns to protect children from the demoralizing effects of urban congestion. Religious teachers are favored, and various sects will decide that cooperation is important to national progress. There may be serious climatic problems in Northern India, but a threatening calamity will be averted. Trade with other Asiatic countries will increase, and 1989 will be an advantageous year for theater, music, and sports. Transportation will improve and air travel will increase. Relations with the Soviet group will be more friendly. The rupee should be reasonably firm with a tendency to rise. Standards of living in many districts will improve and crime will decrease.

INDOCHINA Under this heading we group the Khmer Republic, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. It would seem that the trend in these countries is a strong resolution toward the correction of political

despotism and economic dishonesty. Corruption will be exposed, and outside nations will cooperate in stabilizing the economic situation. Persons of outstanding ability and good character will receive considerable support in Thailand, and women in Vietnam will gain new freedoms and will be elevated to executive positions. Thailand seems to be protected against anarchy and radicalism; Vietnam may make an attempt to re-unite the north and south provinces. The Khmer Republic will try to throw off tyranny, and Laos will benefit because of better neighbors. All of the countries will become increasingly conscious of religion, and in Laos and Thailand Christianity is somewhat strengthened. Whenever elections are held, the results will be reasonably honest.

INDONESIA This country could come out from under a cloud that has hung over it for many years. Though a relatively important country with a substantial population, it has long been isolated by internal instability. Some discord may flare up; but, for the most part, the Moslem section will be tolerant of other local beliefs. It looks as though Indonesia will capitalize on its cultural traditions, its archaeological monuments, its native theater, and its unique arts and crafts. Foreign trade will become more active, and the people will finally recover from Dutch and Japanese domination and the exploitations of their own native politicians. Indonesia will be given special attention by international groups and may be mentioned constructively by the United Nations Organization. Special displays of its products are likely to appear in foreign countries, and the citizens in general will be gentle and good-natured. It is a beautiful country with magnificent Buddhistic monuments and can enjoy a profitable tourism. Major crimes will be low and old customs, long neglected, will be revived.

JAPAN This should be a very active period for the Japanese people. The country is still sufficiently loyal to its basic convictions and can make a number of important changes in the prevailing theories and practices. A kind of reformation will be timely to protect the future security of the Japanese monetary system. Having

taken on economic and industrial policies derived from the West, Japan is threatened with the instability present everywhere in intensively capitalistic nations. It would seem that the immediate future is reasonably secure, but an economic erosion will gradually settle in. Every country that has become too avaricious has fallen into evil times. The government seems to be relatively secure; and the death of Hirohito does not appear to cause a major crisis.

A strong interchange between the Orient and the Occident is underway. It could result in a firmer foundation for world unity and a peaceful solution to political and economic conflicts. Women will play an increasingly prominent part in Japanese leadership, and members of the scientific community will make important contributions to world health. It seems to me that religion will be important, and various beliefs will work together harmoniously. Education of young people will be strongly emphasized, especially in the areas of morality and ethics. Crime will be less, and the Diet will be concerned with equality in matters involving justice. There may be some stress and strain, but the year will include a significant advance in the essential responsibilities of all civilized people.

KOREA A strong influence of the sign of Libra will be felt in practically all Asiatic countries. It is the natural symbol of justice, and most Far Eastern nations will unite in correcting current ills and preventing future problems. There has been considerable exploitation of Oriental peoples in recent years, but there should be a major improvement in 1989. The effort to reunite North and South Korea could succeed. Other nations are so involved in their own difficulties that they will have little concern for political situations in distant parts. Korea has always been strongly Buddhist in its spiritual convictions, and atheism is not natural or appropriate to the needs of a nation emerging from the obscurity of ages to the complex challenge of modern living. Educational advantages are emphasized, especially those dealing with industry. The Koreans take easily and naturally to those phases of scientific research which deal with mathematics and medicine. For North Korea the political system is not stable or productive of progress. The South is inexperienced in administra-

tive processes, but the Olympic Games proved that it can make a practical adjustment to the challenges of the outside world. Perhaps it would be best for the Korean hermits to live in the North and the economists to take up residence in the South.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA This vast country is experiencing a number of the difficulties that are disturbing the Soviet bloc. The old revolutionists are dying off, and young people growing up recognize the importance of a one-world concept which includes them but over which they cannot exercise control. It would seem that the People's Republic is drifting toward a limited capitalism. The government is likely to take a paternalistic attitude, exercising only such pressures as necessary to prevent the development of an excessive capitalism. It is likely that when the time comes the transfer of Hong Kong will be comparatively painless for all concerned. For this year China is under favorable aspects, and the standard of living for the average farmer and shopkeeper will probably rise. Luxury goods will still be in short supply, which may be just as well. Travel in China will be easier, and prejudice against Western countries is dying out. In sober truth, most of the nations of the world are drifting toward a one-world concept that will not arrive immediately. Over-population will continue to cause problems, and North China could have serious storms with a considerable loss of life. A health problem could arise in the form of an epidemical ailment, but native doctors will probably be able to control it. Efforts will be made to simplify the Chinese language, especially the spoken form. This would immediately make a major breach through the Great Wall. All in all the mainland Chinese will do very well.

TAIWAN The planetary trends for Taiwan are beneficent. There should be economic stability, advances in education, special consideration for young people and their problems, and some important reforms in the political structure. Some unrest is noted in relations between the dominant administration and smaller groups. Restrictions upon personal conduct and the national policy could cause stronger public control over private conduct. Economic ex-

pansion could result in a pact or agreement to restrict overproduction. Religion is favored, and Buddhism will expand its missionary activities. There could be noticeable symptoms of a health problem involving water pollution, atmospheric difficulties, and unusual climatic conditions. It may be necessary to strengthen rules and regulations involving alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics. An underworld is also forming on Taiwan. There is still time, however, to prevent any serious consequences.

LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Latin America. The entire area is generally under the rulership of Cancer; and conditions will be disturbed by eclipses, but there is a strong tendency to arbitrate differences and improve the governments of the Central and South American states. The Mexican economy improves, and several unexpected occurrences will help to support the peso. There will be a gradual tendency for a sizeable number of Mexican citizens now living in other countries to return to their homeland. Religion will strengthen but will be more liberal in its teachings. Tourist trade will improve, and cruise ships will be safer than travel by plane. Women will play a larger part in the government, and their economic level will rise moderately due to educational advances. Argentina should have a good year with emphasis on the arts and sciences. A popular leader could emerge to stabilize the political situation, and women will take a larger place in public affairs. There may be some trouble involving narcotics, alcohol, and tobacco. Argentines should attempt to strengthen the family relationships of their people. For Brazil the development of natural resources and the strengthening of transportation are indicated. Some plan to ease the language barrier will be under consideration. A boom due to the increasing value of real estate seems to be involved in the trend for the year. The strengthening of the moral code could contribute to the long-range prosperity of Brazil. The main trends contributing to the prosperity of Brazil are improvement in public utilities, greater exploitation of the rivers, and a practical program for medium priced housing. Education could also stand better insights into the emergencies of the outside world. Most of

the Latin American countries will attempt to strengthen democratic procedures and relieve themselves of dictators and petty military despots. Throughout Latin America political corruption will meet greater resistance. Health will be somewhat better; public funds will be used more constructively; religion will be stronger but somewhat less dogmatic; and old traditions will be revived.

CANADA

Things look rather good for the Canadians. The government will receive public support, and an economic program will turn out well. Relations with Great Britain and the United States are favored by the stars. Publicity and the expansions of industry bring good results, and there are definite improvements in the entertainment field. Western Canada may experience erratic weather conditions, but the eastern part of the country should enjoy peace and harmony and a spirit of good fellowship. Religious tensions will lessen and there should be stronger emphasis on idealism and ethics in the school system. More idealism will be noted in daily conduct, and there will be a mild restoration of traditional cultural procedures. It is even possible that afternoon tea will come back.



Peace is not an absence of war. It is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

—Spinoza

In my small village even the flies aren't afraid to bite a big man.

—Issa

The noblest quality of princes is the forgiveness of faults.

—Akbar

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace like a clock during a thunderstorm.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

HERE AND THERE IN MEMORYLAND

Paris in the spring is a favorite vacation spot for members of international high society, but my visit was motivated by a desire to meet M. Lionel Hauser. He was for many years Ancien Membre du Conseil de Direction de la Société Théosophique de France; and he had assembled an important library of esoteric material which had been sold at auction by Sotheby's of London. I was represented at that sale and bought a number of items, including the triangular manuscript attributed to the Comte de St. Germain. M. Hauser was a genial gentleman with graying hair and a neat Vandyke. He lived on the third floor of a typical French apartment house. He spoke excellent English; and we spent an afternoon discussing alchemy, cabalism, Rosicrucianism, and St. Germain. He described the Masonic Lodge to which St. Germain belonged and said that he had seen the Lodge register with the signatures of St. Germain and Lafayette on the same page. At that time Lodge members had symbolic coins which enabled them to enter the Lodge without examination. He had St. Germain's lodge coin and also a shoe buckle set with precious stones. He possessed, as well, an alchemical manuscript which interested me but with which he did not wish to part, arranging, however, to later send me a typewritten copy.

Much was said in those days of French pastry, but it was practically impossible to find any in Paris. Seasoned travelers knew a bakery in Rouen which made the best pastry in France. As I had friends living near there, I took a bus ride through the French countryside and can testify to the fine quality of the bakery goods. Walking across a public square in Rouen, I stood in the presence of a life-size statue of Joan of Arc, which marked the place where she was burned at the stake. To see France, however, the serious traveler should take a boat trip on the canals which spread out like an arterial system through much of the country. The boats pass along the main

streets of little villages and waterways bordering cultivated fields, providing the opportunity to stop and wander through picturesque hamlets.

One of my friends had a car—not especially elegant, but practical. One day it was quite sunny; and, driving through a farming district, we saw a little house with a large well. It seemed a good time to ask for a glass of water. One of our party who spoke French like a native attracted the attention of the farmer and his wife. Obviously, both were extremely suspicious. Some evil motive must have impelled the request for a drink from their well. Finally, the farmer's wife brought a cup, through the handle of which she had attached a heavy cord, the other end tightly wound around her arm. She filled the cup two or three times but never let go of the cord. The good woman was certain we would probably start the car and drive away with her cup. The situation improved considerably when we paid rather generously for the drink.

As long as anyone can remember, and probably longer, the French art colony was entrenched in Montmartre. Quite suddenly it was decided that a new cathedral should be built there; and the art colony took refuge in Montparnasse, the mythological abode of the muses. The new cathedral, built between 1876 and 1919, came to be known as La Sacré Coeur, the Sacred Heart, and architecturally it was on the modern side, although it was inspired by the Romanesque Church of Saint-Front in Perigueux. To my mind, Notre Dame Cathedral was by far the more impressive. Its rose window is one of the most beautiful in the world and is an appropriate symbol for the rising of the spiritual sun. Naturally, I remembered the old account that the great doors of Notre Dame set forth in symbolism the complete process for the transmutation of metals. Unfortunately, however, the original doors have not survived. The whole area is rich with symbolism.

The Louvre is worthy of extensive visiting. In one of the rooms is the great stone zodiac of Dendera, which was originally the ceiling of an Egyptian temple built probably about the beginning of the Christian Era. I did not measure it but would guess that the stone was a foot and a half in thickness and some twelve feet square. One

writer on the subject suggested that the zodiac shows the positions of the planets at the time of the birth of Cleopatra's younger brother, Ptolemy XIII, who might normally have ascended the throne but perished when the Romans took over the country.

The Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris is one of the world's great libraries. When I was there nearly fifty years ago, however, it was best to visit between ten in the morning and three in the afternoon. In those days there were no lights in the stacks; and, if you asked for an unusual volume or a rare manuscript, it was explained to you in French that you should return another day. I had heard that the Library had a rare copy of the most famous of all alchemical manuscripts, *The Book of Abraham the Jew*; and I explained as best I could that I did not live in France and that this was my only chance to see the precious work. It continued to be obvious that the attendant had no intention of going into the stacks with a candle or pocket flashlight. Near the back of the room a young priest was sitting quietly reading; but, as the conversation progressed, he got up and walked over to me. He spoke excellent English and with a wry smile remarked, "There is only one light that will get you the book you want to see. It is a shining 100 franc note. This opens the eyes of the blind, and the book will appear miraculously." Needless to say, it was handed to me about three minutes later. With this success and an English speaking Frenchman, I made arrangements to have the complete alchemical manuscript copied in photostat. The next morning a stout French lady appeared with a massive camera, but she could only work in front of a window from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. In due course, however, she copied the five hundred page work; and it now rests securely in the vault of our Society.

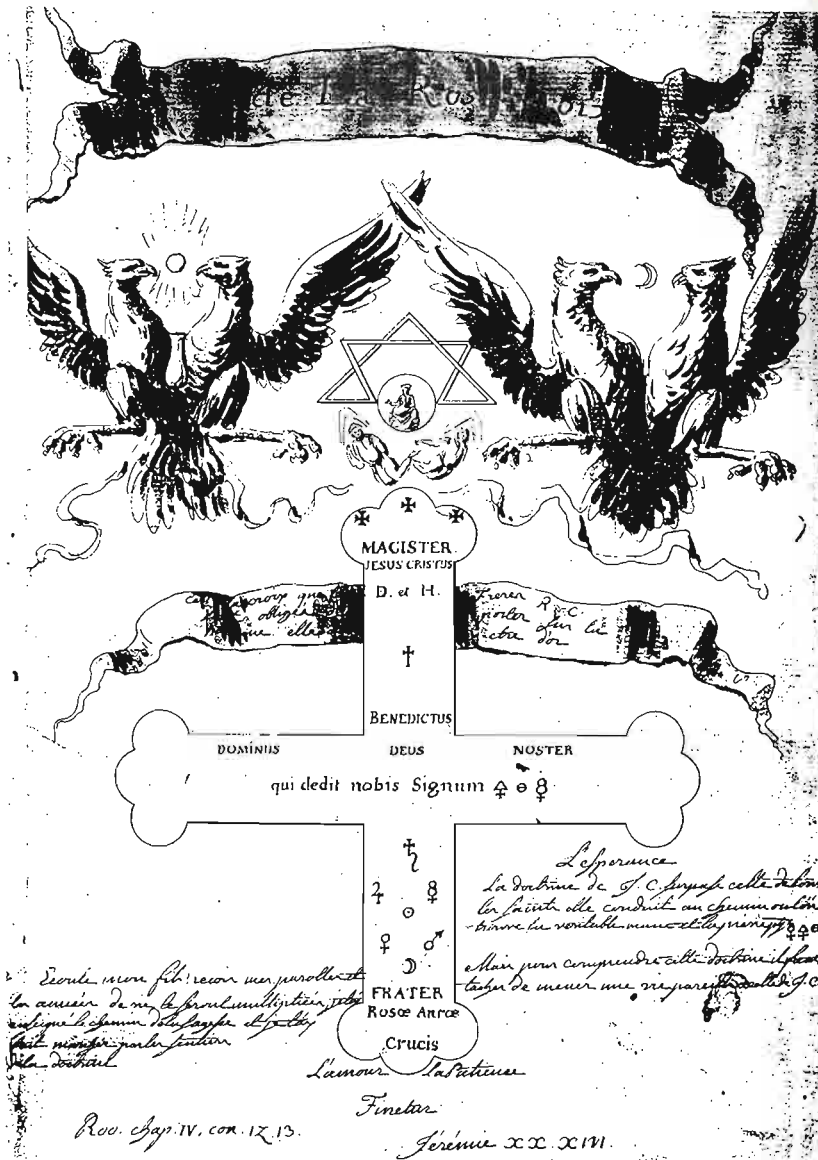
Paris was an exceptionally good source for books on esoteric matters. Two dealers functioning there in the 1930s were especially helpful. One was Dorbonne-Aine, and the other was Chacornac. I have not heard about either of them since World War II, but there is some possibility Chacornac has survived. The frontispiece of Dorbonne-Aine's catalog was from a Rosicrucian manuscript. This I purchased, together with an astrological manuscript with moveable volvelles and a hand-written work rather crudely drawn and



The great vision of the Apocalypse representing the Lord walking among the candlesticks. From a manuscript copy of *The Book of Abraham the Jew* in the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris.

containing a list of good and bad years over a period of several centuries. Dorbonne-Aine had a large accumulation of early Masonic material, including a certificate beautifully engraved and issued by the Lodge of the Nine Muses (Sisters), which included among its membership many illustrious names. It was on the floor of this Lodge that Benjamin Franklin shook hands with Voltaire after initiating him into Masonry. Voltaire died a few months later.

It is not generally known that some of the best works on Rosi-

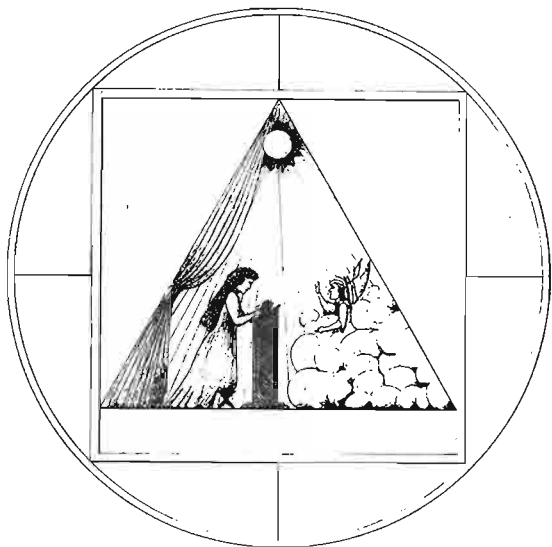


This title page of a Rosicrucian manuscript was the frontispiece in Dorbonne-Aine's catalog and was later reprinted with numerous changes by a German esoteric society.

crucianism, alchemy, the cabala, and Freemasonry were first issued in French. The catalog published by Dorbonne-Aine is not dated, but I secured it in Paris in 1934. The catalog itself is actually a major contribution to the bibliography of the esoteric arts and sciences. The book contains five hundred and fifty-six pages and lists with descriptions six thousand, seven hundred and seven books, manuscripts, medals, and certificates. Actually, this dealer's stock was incredible, and he could provide almost anything that a customer desired. Whereas English dealers borrowed from each other, Dorbonne-Aine's stock was actually held within his own premises. Occasionally, interesting items in English could be found in Dorbonne-Aine's collection.

In Paris there was also the Bibliothèque Chacornac, which specialized in publications new and old of French metaphysical societies. While there I found a number of items that had been in the Hauser sale in London. From Chacornac I secured several manuscripts associated with the teachings and writings of the Abbé Louis Constant, who wrote under the name Eliphas Levi. He had received a Roman Catholic education; but, after differing from the Church on metaphysical matters, he was censured for his unorthodox opinions. He then gave his life to transcendental magic, but was reconciled with Roman Catholicism before his death and was buried with the rites of the Latin Church. (See my "Masonic Orders of Fraternity" for a brief summary of his life.)

Levi was a talented draftsman, and many of his private instructions were illustrated with curious and remarkable diagrams. Unfortunately, many of his original manuscripts have not become available in printed form; but certain of his followers were privileged to make private copies of his writings. I secured a manuscript copy of Eliphas Levi's *Prophetic Vision of Ezekiel* in two massive volumes in folio and containing one thousand, one hundred and eight pages with numerous diagrams and drawings in the text. This unpublished and most curious work was a labor of love undertaken by the Baron de Spedalieri. The Chacornac establishment had then recently published a strange collection of esoteric symbols, hand-painted in full color. The printed version reproduced the symbols in one color



The Annunciation of the Incarnation of the Son of God. From *L'Évangile Kabballistique, Vol. II*, a thirteen volume manuscript of Eliphas Levi copied by a disciple, Baron de Spedalieri.

only, and I purchased the original manuscript in the autograph of Nowakowski. Another of Levi's disciples made a transcript in thirteen volumes of a course of study in the cabala. These and other items are now available to specialists in the PRS Library.

It is only a short trip across the English Channel from France to England. My principal interest at that time was a search for reference books. Shortly after I arrived, it was rumored, but no proof was available, that a copy of the Gutenberg Bible had shown up in Cheapside; and it is probably still true that many treasures of art and literature can yet be found in odd corners of this old and venerable city.

I had heard that the publications of a famous English astrologer, Alan Leo, were for sale in his London shop. The first time I tried to find the store I was misdirected, and the second time it was closed. The third effort, however, was successful. A pleasant English lady, a bit on the portly side, managed the establishment. I picked out

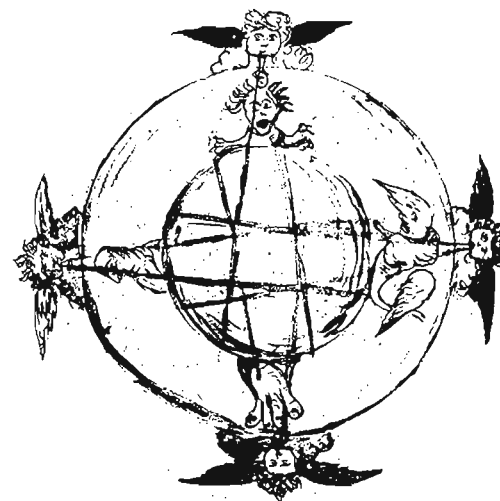


Diagram of the Vision of Daniel from a unique manuscript entitled *Les Mystères de la Kabbale contenus dans la Prophétie d'Ézékiel et l'Apocalypse de St. Jean* by Eliphas Levi copied by one of his disciples, Nowakowski, in 1867.

some books and laid a fifty pound note on the counter. This resulted in a number of complications. The saleslady could not change the fifty pound note. I suggested that I would go out and get it changed, but she responded that I might never come back. As a counter suggestion, I said that I would stay in the shop while she went out to change it; but it was obvious that she was afraid that if she left the premises I would take the books and depart without paying for them. The only solution was that the lady would keep the books and also the fifty pound note, arrange matters at her leisure, and deliver the books to me at my hotel. This seemed to make sense and averted some danger, but there was always the possibility that I might end up without the books and without the fifty pound note. This very thought offended her. I certainly should have trusted anyone working for Mr. Alan Leo. Late in the afternoon, as I was returning to my hotel, I saw the stout lady from the bookshop pedaling down the street on a bicycle. There was a little rack on the handle bars, and there neatly wrapped were my books. With a cheery smile she



The entrance to the Temple of Ezekiel with symbols found in documents of Freemasonry. From *Les Mystères de la Kabbale contenus dans la Prophétie d'Ezékiel et l'Apocalypse de St. Jean* by Eliphas Levi and copied by his disciple Nowakowski in 1867.

turned over the correct change in pennies, and with a “cheery-o” continued her way on her trusty bicycle.

Feeling it a moral duty to pay my respects to Lord Bacon, I made a leisurely trip to St. Albans. My London hotel had arranged a reservation for me with a genteel lady in St. Albans who accepted paying guests. When I reached her rather elegant looking home, I was met by a house maid who ushered me into the living room. The proprietress was lying on the floor in front of the fireplace assembling an elaborate jigsaw puzzle. It looked as though it was a scene showing Windsor Castle with appropriate trees and bushes. The lady looked up smiling and remarked, “I’ll be with you as soon as I can get this crazy thing put together.” These were not quite her words because she was addicted to stronger language.

The next day I went to the little church at St. Albans and had a chat with the custodian. When I asked him to show me His Lord-

ship’s grave, I first met with dead silence. The life-size figure of Bacon sitting in a chair occupied a niche in the wall, but there was nothing to indicate the actual location of his tomb. The sexton admitted that it was unlikely that His Lordship was buried under the floor without a visible marker. He explained that some had thought that the tomb was outside the church, perhaps as close as possible to the statue inside the building. Tentative explorations had been made, but it proved that the area was on the top of the old Roman wall where no tombs were likely. He did remark, however, that one of his predecessors entering the church on a bright morning found that the statue had been torn from the niche and lay face down on the floor of the church. There was an opening of considerable size in the back of the statue, but nothing was found in it.

Old Gorhambury, the ancestral home of the Bacon family, is a ruined structure surrounded by densely foliated trees that cast shadows on the ground. A short distance away is a modern building, the present home (at least at that time) of Lord Verulam. He is not related to Bacon, who died without issue; and the estates returned to the Crown. It is known, however, that the present Lord has many items in his collection bearing upon Francis Bacon; and the Bacon Society of England and other research groups are exploring the long continuing rumors. When I was there, however, the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy was not popular in that part of England.

Nearly everyone has visited the famous sights of London, and it is scarcely necessary to mention them here. There are occasional incidents, however, that will linger on in memory. I decided to buy a tailor-made suit at Burberry’s in Picadilly. It was quite an experience, especially since I wanted the suit in a hurry.

I was met at the front door under the sign “by appointment to His Majesty” by a dapper little proprietor about five feet tall. I first checked appropriate materials and narrowed the selection to a dark blue cheviot, the same as that recently chosen by His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury. I felt the fabric carefully and was assured that it was all new Scotch wool. To prove this point the bolt of material was taken out to the sidewalk, where I could see exactly how it would reflect sunlight. When I asked the tailor “Are you sure that this will

wear well?," he threw the end of the bolt over his shoulder and replied with a dignified smile: "It will see you out, sir." The suit did not actually last that long but did prove serviceable.

The next step was to be measured for the suit. The establishment's best tailor was about the same height as the proprietor, and it was necessary to find an appropriate stepladder for the upper part of the shoulders and collar. It also required both the tailor and his assistant to get an accurate reading for the waistline. Obviously, everyone was exhausted by the time the necessary measurements had been made; so, in a spirit appropriate of brothers from across the sea, we all sat down to tea.

At about this time a bit of British humor was associated with the great auction house of Sotheby's. A pompous man ambled into Sotheby's one day and said to an attendant, "I am the Grand Duke;" and, with an appropriate bow, the member of the staff replied, "Have a chair, Your Highness." The Grand Duke stood very straight; and, looking directly in the eye of the clerk, repeated in very lofty tones, "I am the Grand Duke." The baffled and confused clerk managed to stammer, "Yes, Your Highness, have two chairs."

In 1934 I received an invitation to participate in The World Fellowship of Faiths being held in London. It seemed a good idea, so I attended. Looking for a quiet hotel, I found one in Picadilly that served my purposes admirably. It was an old, but impressive, building; and, according to the advertisement, there was a bathroom on each floor. Incidentally, this same hotel was convenient for those attending the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The ads at that time still stated that there was a bathroom on every floor.

It was while I was in London on this occasion that I met another delegate to the Religious Conference, Sir Francis Younghusband. He was a British officer knighted for his successful handling of a delicate situation which arose in Tibet. The so-called conquest was not actually a military achievement, but it was an outstanding accomplishment to lead a punitive expedition over the Himalayas to Lhasa without a gunshot or the loss of a single man. We had lunch at the Officer's Club; and, when we looked at the menu, I asked what he would recommend. "You should order scrod; it is always

delicious." After lunch I noted that one of the chairs in the lounge had a cord and tassel across the arms to prevent anyone from sitting in it. When I asked Sir Francis why the cord, he said with a large smile and a note of justifiable pride, "That is the chair that His Grace, the Duke of Wellington sat in when he returned from his victory at the Battle of Waterloo."

A few days later I asked at my hotel how to secure cards to the reader's section of the British Museum. They told me that hotels were not accepted as an endorsement or reference, and I would have to apply directly to the Library. They treated me very courteously there but said that the card to the manuscript department required special processing which would take at least two weeks. As I could not stay that long, I was disappointed and mentioned the circumstance to Sir Francis. He immediately ushered me into a cab, which deposited us at the entrance to the British Museum. He walked in with me to a room of considerable size which had shelving on all the walls except the entrance. He nodded to an attendant, and a few seconds later one of the walls opened and I was ushered into the sanctuary of a major librarian. Sir Francis introduced me to the librarian and explained the difficulty and the delay required for the processing of a reader's cards. The librarian smiled and said briskly, "Will you sit down for a moment?" He almost immediately reappeared with the necessary cards remarking, "It is always a pleasure to serve you, Sir Francis." This reveals something of the British way of life. A man who had been honored by the country received special consideration when need arose. Money was not a factor in such transactions. As might be expected, I spent the next few days in the Library.

Item 364 in the Hauser sale at Sotheby's was a manuscript in French of Michael Maier's *Atalanta Fugiens*. It was bought by Marks, a London dealer from whom I later acquired it. It was an excellent alchemical manuscript, being illustrated with fifty emblems in full color and a hand-painted portrait of Maier. The volume contained a number of other works, including a curious fragment of eight pages written in a most complicated cypher. According to Sotheby's, the manuscript was produced in Lyon in 1676. Immediately after the sale

in London in April, 1934 an illustrated London newspaper reproduced one leaf with the editorial comment that it was probably one of the earliest representations of a sweat cabinet. A figure, apparently a king completely unclothed, seemed to be enjoying his ordeal. Actually, the illustration was one of a series of pictures setting forth the transmutation of metals; and this symbol represented the purification of gold. We reproduce the page here.

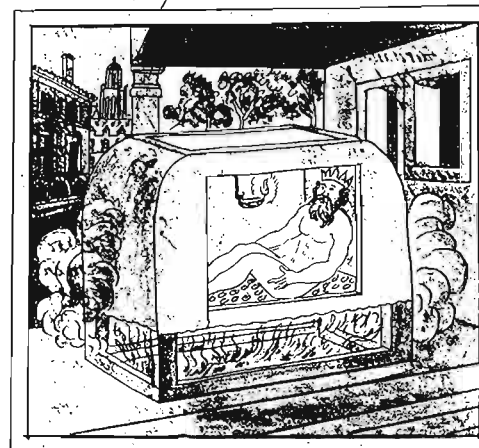
It was at Marks in London that I found one of the most curious and remarkable of alchemical manuscripts generally listed as "The Scrowle of George Ripley." At that time the store had two copies, one of the sixteenth century and one of the late seventeenth century. The scrolls were about fourteen inches wide and something over twenty feet in length. The early scroll was in black and white only and on vellum, a line drawing and rather faint. The other one was handsomely painted in full color with the text which always accompanies the scroll written in English. I decided on the latter one as being more interesting symbolically, and the earlier version reposes in the Mellon Collection at Yale.

Up to the present time the Ripley Scroll has been neglected, probably because of its shape and size. Intrigued by this rather fantastic document, I visited the manuscript department of the British Museum and saw three other variants of the scroll. They are somewhat smaller and fully colored, but there are many differences in the designs. Because of the fragile condition of the paintings, each of these scrolls was protected with a covering of semi-transparent silk. The Museum later sent me photostats of these three examples, and a section of one is reproduced herewith. While the covering disfigures the manuscript, this protective measure was necessary for its preservation.

At Marks I also located a very scarce book, *The Way to Bliss* by Elias Ashmole. He was a substantial scholar and highly regarded among the learned lights of English archaeology, astrology, and alchemy. When my belongings went through customs on my return to the United States, the inspector suddenly became interested and held up the little volume, exclaiming: "We do not permit erotica to come into the country." It took me the best part of an hour to

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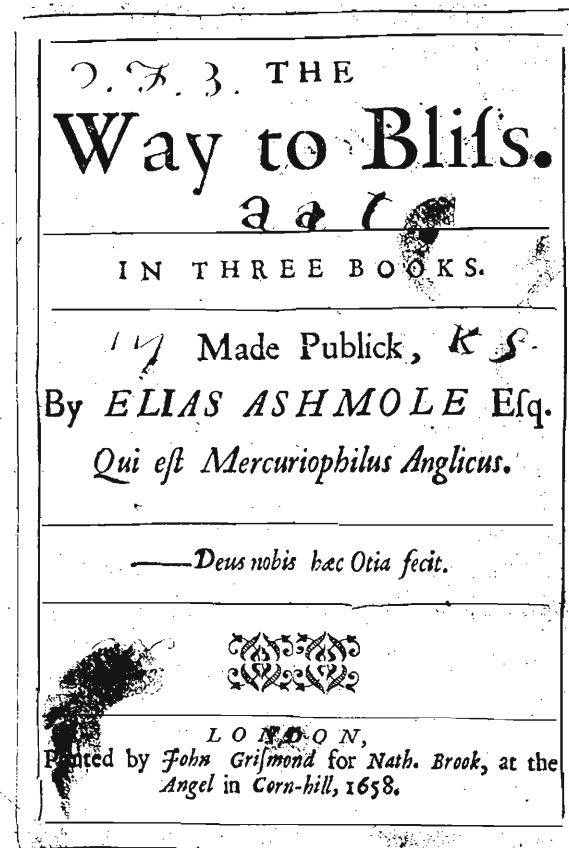
The purification of gold from the illustration in Maier's manuscript. All alchemical symbolism has moral values, and some day gold may be cleansed of the corruption with which it is now associated.



The concluding section of the Ripley scroll sent by the British Museum. No explanation is given for most writings on this subject, but it is the symbol of a messenger delivering a copy of the scroll twisted around his spear handle. The lower end of his spear has the traditional symbol of a messenger, that is, a horseshoe.

convince the skeptical inspector that the work was concerned with the sacred arts of chemistry and the transmutation of metals.

Watkins' was the coziest bookstore in London. It was not pretentious, but it was a meeting place for a select group of esoteric thinkers. The back room was dedicated to the British version of the tea ceremony. On a tall kerosine stove a teapot was always steaming, and an assortment of genuine British cookies (biscuits) was



Title page of the first edition of *The Way to Bliss* by Elias Ashmole, Esq., London, 1658. The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford is dedicated to the memory of this outstanding scholar. The text is devoted to an interpretation of the laws and processes for the purification of the spiritual life of a dedicated truth seeker.

placed temptingly nearby. Mr. Watkins had a special fondness for nineteenth century authors; and from him I secured the three volumes of the first edition of Lord Bulwer-Lytton's *Zanoni*.

On a wall of this sanctum was an intriguing photograph of one of Madame Blavatsky's teachers. I have never seen another copy of this picture. I tried to talk Mr. Watkins out of it, but with no success. Apparently, this dedicated bookman was involved in nineteenth century theosophy. At least this fitted into the dominant authors

whose works most intrigued him. Evidently, at one time he collected a group of membership papers of the Theosophical Society signed by H. P. Blavatsky as corresponding secretary. Mr. Watkins had carefully cut off H.P.B.'s signatures and thrown away the rest of the sheets. As a valued customer, I was duly presented with one of these autographs.

At that time I was very interested in securing the large printed work on Rosicrucianism, *Geheime Figuren der Rosenkreuzer*, the first edition of which is very difficult to find. He was able to produce two single leaves from the book. They were in terrible condition and did not tempt me. He later tried to get me a copy through London book dealers, but never succeeded. Mr. Watkins was indeed a gentleman and a scholar.

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Confucius was asked by his disciple Tsekung, "Is there one word which may serve as a rule of practice all one's life?" And Confucius answered, saying, "Is not Reciprocity such a word? What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others."

"Many people have been plunged into real poverty by winning or inheriting a fortune."

—Chinese Saying

"Prejudice springs up from a dislike for the unlike."

—Confucius

"Simplicity is often the result of very long and complex effort."

—Chinese Saying

PSYCHIC PERSECUTION

Problems involving cases of psychic persecution are rare, and most such metaphysical persecutions are due to mental or emotional disturbances. It is usually difficult, if not impossible, to convince the victim of such phenomena that he is in desperate need of a mental housecleaning. Such disturbances are most likely to occur to persons with neurotic tendencies, and there are common complexes that can lead to possessional susceptibility and to self-delusion.

The majority of those afflicted with hallucinational phenomena are women whose lives have been embittered by various types of frustration. Men live in a world of intense competitive activity and have little time to develop long-term phobias or grievances. The pressure of economic survival is not so intense as with women who are inclined to nurse their griefs and grievances over spans of years.

Of course, the individual who has no belief in psychic phenomena is not likely to be troubled. In some cases, however, bruised souls seek consolation in religion. The old orthodoxies seldom mention witchcraft, although there are references to it in the Bible. Supported by the congregational allegiances, the distressed ones accept the burdens which the Lord casts upon them with as much dignity as possible. If lured into the clouded atmosphere of negative mysticism, the sufferer is introduced to ghosts and goblins inhabiting the invisible realms and troubles begin.

Most people assume that they were intended to suffer to a moderate degree, and they will accept responsibility for the mistakes they have made along the road of life. Others find sufficient consolation in their religious beliefs but avoid entirely the type of melancholy which leads to an inordinate fear of trivia magnified to great proportions.

A lady whom I knew lived alone for many years after the pass-



A contest between good and evil spirits. This theme corresponds closely to the attempted miracle of Simon the Magician. He was lifted up by evil spirits in the presence of a multitude of people and then cast down to his death. Wood engraving from the Nuremberg Chronicle, 1493.

ing of her husband. She was constantly annoyed by ghostly experiences. Whenever she had one, day or night, she immediately called me on the phone and explained the details. On one occasion she had left an apple on a table, and a few minutes later it rolled off on the floor. It was obvious, at least to her, that a ghost of some kind had pushed the apple. About two o'clock another morning she reported that spirits were annoying her cat. It was crying piteously; but, when it was allowed out, the crisis passed. After several years of such reports the worried lady moved out of the neighborhood.

When a person has a strong superiority complex but is never able to reach the stations of dignity which he feels to be appropriate to his abilities, neurosis can often lead to bitterness and self-delusion. To escape from such frustrations the egotist comes to the conclu-

sion that some malignant force has destroyed the fulfillment of his exaggerated hopes and ambitions. In some of these cases the victim has created a private universe which he rules as an absolute monarch. If his new kingdom is not of this world, it still provides the fulfillment of extravagant imagination. Almost always, imaginary circumstances fall apart, and the individual is faced with the disaster of a wasted life.

A study of primitive people reveals the basis of what is called today demonology. Completely incapable of explaining the natural causes of mysterious happenings, the concept of spiritism provided an acceptable explanation of the incidents and accidents of living. Ancestor worship was one of the earliest religious beliefs of mankind. Even at the dawn of time, human relationships became more or less strained. Relatives did not get along well together and dominant ancestors, when they died, became dominant ghosts. The only way to attain at least relative security was to worship decarnate spirits and offer them gifts of food and handicrafts. To neglect these unseen guests was to be afflicted with plagues, storms, earthquakes, and tribal strife. In a sense, therefore, the living were ruled by the dead and had to pay tribute to ill-tempered specters.

These beliefs were sublimated to some degree but survived into the classical period. In China there were family spirits who lived under the earthen hearth, and in Greece Socrates seated in a grove of trees with his disciples always began his discourse with a prayerful tribute to the invisible spirits who inhabited that place. In his book *On the Mysteries* Iamblichus discusses at considerable length the beliefs of the Egyptians concerning the reality of a world of benevolent beings which had considerable influence upon the lives of mortals. His writings had a wide influence. To him, a natal daemon accompanied the individual from the cradle to the grave; and Socrates describes his sad parting with his invisible friend shortly before the old philosopher took the fatal poison. The natal daemon survived in Early Christian literature as the guardian angel. This concept was not officially part of the Christian religion but was permissible as a conviction of conscience.

In medieval times fairy lore, which had also survived from a dis-

tant past, regained popularity. Fabulists like the brothers Grimm perpetuated countless legends involving mythological beings and magical experiences. Even today these fantasies endure, and an occasional modern writer contributes to this type of literature. While it is obvious that in spite of the sophisticated way of life which we have permitted to dominate our beliefs and convictions, the mysterious lingers on and is becoming a staple element in television addiction.

A modern person driving his car in heavy traffic during busy hours is not subject to folklore. But take the same man or woman into a lonely forest on a dark night and their sense of personal security is weakened. A rustling in the bushes or the howl of a coyote may cause the twentieth century man or woman to have experiences similar to those of his remote ancestors of some thirty centuries ago. Congestion does not encourage fantasy, but even in some great condominium a person living alone with little spiritual consolation occasionally becomes involved in psychic phenomena. One rule seems to be effective. We become more dependent upon the unseen if our visible world fails to satisfy the longings of the inner life.

The early centuries of the Church seem to have been largely dedicated to the spreading of the gospel and the conversion of unbelievers. When this pioneering period was no longer strong, it was immediately necessary to fall back upon metaphysical factors. The Church, having cast out the demons of many cults, developed a demonism of its own. In so doing it borrowed considerably from the unpleasant customs of earlier times. The inquisition was largely a positive determination to destroy forever the demons of non-conformity. The Christian effort to obliterate all traces of demonology and witchcraft was a dismal failure. In the end most of the Christian denominations ignored the subject.

In the sixteenth century a kind of mediumship developed particularly on the outer fringe of Protestant Christianity. Deprived of the glories of the great cathedrals, the solemn mass, and the physical authority of the Pontificate, Protestants began to experience spiritual insecurity. The square-toed Protestants did not even want a religious picture in the church. All the color, beauty, and solemnity



The Temptation of St. Anthony by a fifteenth century artist, Israel van Meckenem. An assortment of improbable evil spirits are trying to annoy the saint while he is in prayerful meditation.

was denied to them, but excommunication or its equivalent was still possible. The result was a sort of spiritual phenomena. The Quakers developed a kind of bodily agitation, which was the source of their name. Some of them also spoke with tongues, in strange languages, and had visions, while the Pietists in Western Pennsylvania watched the stars at night for the second coming of the Messiah. Their leader, who died young, was believed to have metaphysical powers.

In the early nineteenth century spiritualism developed into a definite sect, the primary objective of which was to communicate with the dead. Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, a learned and substantial physician whose writings were largely devoted to the wonders of the afterlife, shared with an earlier mystic, Baron Emanuel

Swedenborg, the belief in the wonders of the unseen world. It has also been noted that national catastrophes stimulate the study of psychical phenomena. After World War I Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle more or less spearheaded the revival of psychic phenomena. The forlorn and the bereaved found little consolation in a world recovering from a bloody war. The eternal summerland beyond the grave where loved ones lived on where we will join them in due time made many converts.

After World War II we had another upsurge involving the victory of the invisible over the insecurities dominant in mortal affairs. In substance, after four thousand years mystical tradition and psychical believings have surfaced again a little more sophisticated but essentially for the same reasons and with an identical message of hope and a future life. It was perfectly natural that lonely, disillusioned human beings watching the devastation of the mortal world should transfer their allegiances from the prevailing materialism to the reality of things unseen and greatly hoped for.

Wherever there are mysteries exploitation is almost inevitable. Conjuring made a partnership with the supernatural and found ingenious ways to attain miraculous ends. In many cases no deceit was intended and nearly everyone enjoyed the stage magic of Hamon, Kellar, Thurston, Houdini, and Blackstone. It became comparatively simple to embellish psychic gifts with elements of stagecraft. This led to an easy way to deceive gullible believers. The Romans noted this, and there were serious outbreaks of chicanery in medieval Europe. However, it was risky business if the inquisitors decided that the person was a genuine wizard. His career ended abruptly.

The upsurge of scientific materialism resulted in a decline of interest in psychic miracles. Unfortunately, however, the scientific institution made no serious study in support of its conclusions. In the closing years of the nineteenth century devout Westerners became aware of Oriental mystical disciplines. The Swami Vivekananda received a warmer reception than had been expected. Again the doors between reality and illusion were once more opened, not to be closed again.

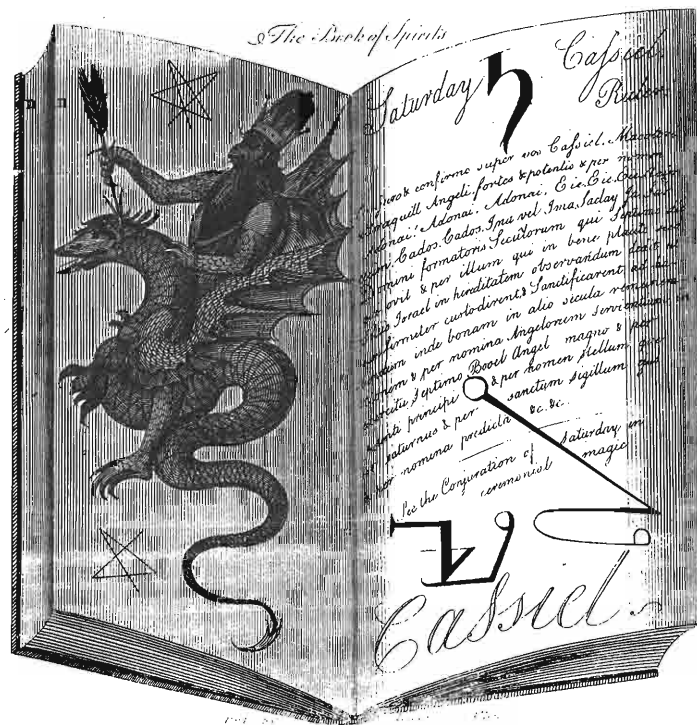
The disciplining of daily living and the meditative practices of

the four yogas were not a passing phenomena. They were backed by doctrines established thousands of years earlier and accepted without question by some two billion human beings not likely to be hoodwinked by silly superstition. The Easterners had their troubles also, for black magicians appeared among them practicing and propagandizing diabolic arts. It was inevitable that the belief in supernaturalism would be duly exploited and bring serious difficulties to the impressionable and uninformed.

Witchcraft became a heavy burden on European society. Timid folks were afraid to leave their homes after dark; and rumors of diabolic happenings contributed to a kind of panic, which, in turn, brought misery and death to many innocent persons. It was noted not long ago that nearly fifty percent of American schoolchildren wear charms or religious tokens to take care of extraordinary occurrences. For years there were stores in New York which sold protective devices at a high price and did flourishing business.

The main trouble is caused by the total ignorance of believers in transcendental matters. Many have become involved because they were neurotic, and a still larger number will become neurotic with the inevitable consequence of dabbling with the unknown. When one promiscuously opens the door between the unknown and the commonplace, he may be completely unaware of a larger universe governed by immutable laws. It is best to pause and consider before continuing dangerous practices. It may take some time to learn that the unknown is usually our own subconscious mind, which, escaping and taking control of conduct, can lead to tragedy. All kinds of messages, good and bad, divine and human, believable and fantastic, come forth from the deeper recesses of our own thinking to become dramatized by the emotions.

To live in a world in which two thirds or more of the population is religion-oriented requires some quiet contemplation of our spiritual heritage. Education can protect us, at least to some degree, against the machinations of our fellow mortals but gives us no assistance in the study of theology or the several religions which mingle in our society. We are not taught the difference between right and wrong. We do not understand the beliefs of our neighbors but re-



Two pages from a book of spirits. Usually these volumes were hand-written on parchment and included the imaginary appearance of the demon and the spells by which he could be controlled by a sorcerer. This illustration is from *The Magus or Celestial Intelligencer* by Francis Barrett, F.R.C., London, 1801. The demon is Cassiel, who belongs to the planet Saturn. He is the evil spirit controlling treasures hidden in the earth and terminal diseases.

main to the end convinced that our troubles originate outside ourselves and will plague us to the end of our mortal span.

Most of our troubles arise from within ourselves from the complex structure of a body under the control of spiritual integrities, soul convictions, intellectual speculation, emotional pressures, and a more or less abused corporeal constitution. If we are members of a nominal church, we can have a chat with the clergyman; but it is difficult to distinguish the difference between a psychical and a psychological occurrence. We do not have to explore the fields

of the hereafter in search of ghosts. We have plenty of them within ourselves, carefully perpetuated by our own dispositional peculiarities. Most hauntings are really the nagging of conscience or fear that our own wrong actions will turn back upon us. Dreams are mistaken for visions and nightmares appear to be malignant spirits determined to destroy another innocent victim.

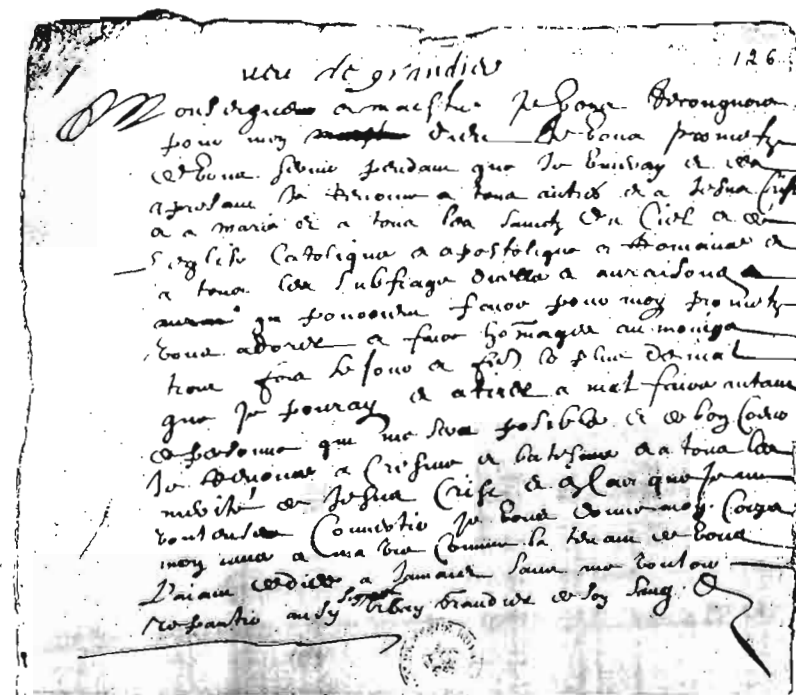
If, for some reason possibly not clear, one begins to have strange experiences, sees ghosts, hears voices, feels presences, or notes strange knockings and tipplings of furniture, it is wise to remember that evil has no power over virtue. It is probable that some part of conduct is contrary to a good life. Grievances and grievances, old harmful memories, grudges, or present policies which are contrary to integrity should be searched out immediately. For those interested in growing, the time to start is now; and, if there are strange shadows in the mind they should be purged before they corrupt the more cheerful side of the disposition.

It may happen that you have become the member of an organization to which you have devoted considerable time and some funds. For one reason or another you began to doubt the sincerity of this sect and finally decided to retire from the organization. You were then informed that should you resign manifold evils will descend upon you. If you are a dissenting brother, you will be warned that secret powers will be used against you and you will be open to every misfortune that the cult can cause. You do resign, however, and almost immediately minor difficulties which you never noticed before remind you of the threats of the vengeful organization. Anxieties can build up because all life has its hazardous moments and pains are never far away. Fears may then intensify because it is all in the rarified atmosphere of psychism, and it is difficult to believe that it is all imagination. You are persecuting yourself; and, because you believe in the supernatural, your fears can increase day by day until they completely dominate your disposition. Such imaginings may go on for twenty years. By that time the sect you once belonged to may have long disbanded; but you can continue to reinforce your older fears, and it may take additional inner strength to overcome them.

There is also another delusion that must be investigated. Perhaps a well-intentioned person remains with the sect and believes to the end that they have become highly spiritualized individuals. They have been convinced that they must unite with the small band of enlightened souls upon whom the salvation of the world depends. To believe this can be a very heavy burden, usually undermining the disposition, offending friends and relatives, and destroying physical health. There is a typical example in the case of a soldier who had a dream while asleep on the battlefield of Gettysburg. He was not wounded, but the horrors of war had deeply damaged his inner life. In his dream a beautiful being resembling an angel appeared to him promising that before he died he would be given an opportunity to end war forever. After he left the army, this soldier began a crusade for peace that lasted fifty years. He had no solution for anything, and no one paid attention to him; but the angel had promised that he would be guided. It never happened, but on his deathbed he was still waiting for a miraculous revelation.

In the contemporary picture the average person makes no effort to distinguish the difference between white magic and black magic. It is assumed that whatever brings wealth, fame, and fun has the blessing of God; but heaven is not interested in the ambitions of mortals. We are here to learn, correct old mistakes, improve character, and deserve a more secure and meaningful future. White magic cannot be regarded as concerned with any part of human ambition or estate which terminates with the grave. Man is a mortal being with an immortality locked within him; and universal law is determined that the best part of the personality, in this case the soul, is the proper initiator of conduct, having dominion over the rest of the body and leading it along the road of righteousness. As long as selfish attitudes are nursed in the mind of the truth seeker, black magic is an immediate temptation. When we try to buy salvation, it is always a bad bargain. We might feel like suing the false prophet, but what we need most is an intelligent realization of the part our own ego is playing. The real truth is that we have tempted ourselves and then blamed someone else.

If you were making a three month's cruise to some distant coun-



A pact between a magician and an infernal spirit. This is a binding agreement signed by Urbain Grandier with his own blood. The demon agrees to serve the magician faithfully over a certain period of years after which his soul belongs to one of the infernal lords. From *Witchcraft Magic and Alchemy* by Grillot de Givry, Boston and New York, 1931.

try, you would certainly secure the relevant literature, talk it over with friends who have taken a similar trip, study the political situation in the country to which you are going, and do everything possible to protect health from the hazards of distant regions. This does not seem to spoil the trip, but unless a few things are done we could spoil the trip ourselves by not taking proper precautions. The invisible worlds around us and the various teachings concerning them are a *terra incognita*. The basic punishment for ignorance is exploitation. Until a thoughtful man or woman puts life in proper order, corrects their common faults, studies the great systems of culture which have enriched humanity, and curbs habits and practices that

are contrary to integrity and good health, they should not adopt an unknown doctrine.

Nature lovers have learned how animals protect themselves from the dangers of their own existence. They have a strength we seem to lack. They obey a pattern of behavior peculiar to their kind and fully expect to be destroyed if they go contrary to their intuitions. Human beings undoubtedly enjoyed considerable assistance in the early stages of their development, but gradually the human ego came to consider itself superior to the still small voice of conscience. We break rules with deliberate rashness. The Ten Commandments were written for other times and other people; and it seems perfectly proper to live our own lives in our own way and according to our own appetites and attitudes, and, as we are beginning to realize, all this optimistic audacity is wrecking the planet. It is, therefore, not helpful to cater to any belief which does not demand a strenuous program of self-improvement. Today the great temptations are wealth and fame. Nothing will really be solved until each person in his way accomplishes the regeneration of himself. Religion should strengthen him for the ordeals of growth, but shortcuts or vicarious atonements should never be sought.

Failure to recognize temptation is the most common cause of negative psychical phenomena. There can be no denial that extrasensory perception does exist. There have certainly been exceptional cases of foreknowledge, forewarning, and protection in moments of emergency. This may well be because we all have extrasensory powers within ourselves; but, not realizing this, we suspect that some other being has come to our assistance. If the person is keeping the rules in personal living, psychic deceit is not likely.

Buddha observed on one occasion that the path to Nirvana begins with a single step. This first step must be made firmly and quietly, and the disciple entering the path must face not only the karma of the present life but also the unfinished business of former reincarnations. But even in this apparently difficult moment there are simple things that can be done. Both gentle attitudes and the beginning of unselfishness can be the first step. Growth is improvement; and, if the person does not change for the better, his hopes have no foun-

dation in truth. The public in general may look upon the dedicated life as a long process of self-denial, but this is not true. There is no denial of the self but a gradual outgrowing of the non-self. Progress is not measured in pain; it is resistance to progress that is forever painful.

It is estimated that nearly half of the population of the United States is nominally religious. Even a greater percentage recognizes the basic value of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. How does it happen, therefore, that every crime is flourishing among us and that morality is dissolving into emotional chaos? We like to hope that we can be given a safer world in which to grow, better ideals to lead us, and a greater commitment to the common good. Nature tells us that if we want to be safe we must outgrow the dangerous levels of our own psychic structure. We must clear the mind, purify the emotions, and dedicate our labors to the protection and advancement of all the peoples of our world.

Spiritism is one of the oldest beliefs of mankind. Evidences of it are to be found in most of the sacred books of the world, and Christian religious art depicts many creatures that are not inhabitants of the material sphere. The early Jewish people forbade all forms of magic, and wizards or witches were condemned to death. At that time, Saul the King went to the Witch of Endor and asked her to call up the spirit of the Prophet Samuel. She said that she did not dare to do it; but, when Saul revealed that he was the king and that she would not be harmed, she obeyed his command and called forth the spirit of Samuel from the misty depths of the afterlife. There are also references in the New Testament, and the Apostle Paul sums up the doctrines of the Apostolic Age when he commanded the faithful to "Try the spirits, whether they be good or evil."

The pagan worlds of the pre-Christian Era abounded in elves, gnomes, nymphs, dryads, and the ghosts of ancestors. The accounts are too numerous and too well-supported to disregard. Having established, however, the reality of things unseen, we must attempt to determine the effects of such traditions upon the lives of modern people. Here only a thin line divides the false and true. One of the most celebrated mediums, Eusapia Palladino, discussed her gifts with

some of her more intimate friends. She was extraordinarily accurate in her readings, but as demands upon her time increased she admitted that psychic powers cannot be turned on and off at will. All of the elements of a seance involve circumstances which a medium cannot control. Under such conditions it may have seemed sometimes necessary to indulge in a certain amount of imagination. She made the firm statement that the dead cannot be controlled by the living and that genuine mediumship must depend on factors that cannot be standardized.

Most mystic physicians, including Paracelsus and Robert Fludd, were aware of demonology and did everything possible to protect their patients from negative psychic involvements. The Church became active in combating demonology, but in the course of time the entire subject lost most of its influence in human affairs.

Europe abounds in haunted castles, chapels, and ancient ruins. An earthbound spirit is assumed to object to the presence of strangers and curiosity seekers. Even so, deserted graveyards were a favorite place for sorcerers to draw their magic circles. The accompanying plate is typical of the beliefs of the time.

In view of the ancient traditions is a modern individual likely to be disturbed by decarnate entities? The answer to this question has also come to us from the past. Genuine psychic persecution or deception arising from a decarnate entity are extremely rare. In a sense, psychic malpractice is very much like narcotic addiction. It is an ailment due to the misuse of natural law. Nature has created defenses against obsession or other forms of metaphysical malpractice. Many highly evolved mystics have never had a vision or been visited by a semi-celestial being. It is not often that we find psychic ailments in persons who have never belonged to some organization that promulgates hazardous development exercises.

When the gullible believer is convinced that malignant specters have access to his mind, his emotions, or his body, he gets into serious difficulties. When this degree of involvement is present, it is very difficult to determine where genuine psychism leaves off and self-delusion takes over. The best answer is to have no part in any form of spiritual unfoldment that does not begin with self-discipline



This engraving has been said to represent John Dee and his friend, Edward Kelley, conjuring a spirit in an old church cemetery. Timothy d'Arch Smith has shown, however, that the man with Dr. Dee is not Kelley but, rather, Paul Waring. The churchyard is at Walton in Lancashire; and the necromantic act occurred before Kelley met Dee. Dee and Waring are standing in a circle of protection and carry wands and probably a book containing prayers and the symbols of evil spirits. From *Key to Physics* by Ebenezer Sibley.

and a planned program of good works. It has been said that you cannot cheat an honest man; and, while this may sound like an exaggeration, it is essentially correct.

Most human beings are capable of self-improvement, but things get out of hand when a gullible believer is convinced that he is ready for cosmic consciousness. In the material world nearly all arts and

sciences require rigid self-discipline and proper instruction. With time and effort the daughter of the home can learn to play pleasantly on the old upright piano. She may even teach her own children what she has learned. Only on rare occasions does even a gifted amateur achieve distinction. How much more then does it require to release the spiritual overtones of a truth seeker. A great musician is never free from the responsibilities of maintaining his technical skill. Many artists in the musical world have practiced every day over a period of thirty or forty years to simply sustain their skill. Would not as much then be required of the truth seeker in keeping the rules of his own unfoldment? There must be patience every day, friendship for a lifetime, study extending over several embodiments, and complete freedom from ambition. Growth is slow, but each gain is permanent. Clairvoyance is by no means a proof of growth. Many primitive people have extrasensory perception. Ulterior motives of any kind lead immediately to self-deceit, and when the integrity is damaged delusions take over.

One of the reasons why religion has a tendency to become fanatical is the lack of mental and emotional discipline. The believer casts his burdens on the Lord and continues to insulate himself against the implications of a proper faith. Exorcism is now being practiced in a limited way after centuries of theological indifference. As the levels of our integrity are lowered, the spooks and demons have returned and encourage us to further delinquencies.

If you are having trouble with what appears to be some form of psychic phenomena, quietly check back through your life to discover if there are unusual circumstances which may have been registered in the memory but possibly ignored for half a century. Did things happen by which you were disillusioned about the physical environment in which you live? Did family difficulties turn you against humanity in general? An unhappy childhood, a poor marriage, wayward children, economic reverses, and a gradual decline in health lead to a general rejection of the physical world and its creatures. Did you feel that by getting away from it all you can get away from yourself? After experimenting with this concept, it is likely that you are inadequate to live by a code of isolation. Somewhere along the

way you may have joined some organization or group that promised peace of mind in ten easy lessons. Fifty lessons later there was still no freedom from negative attitudes and resentful feelings. By degrees, the mental nature has deteriorated and hallucinations have brought temporary relief, usually accompanied by a massive superiority complex. This could well be concealed behind the mask of religion. Nearly always the exploration of the psychic world begins as a glorious adventure and, like an addictive drug, ends in misery.

When a thoughtful individual starts to feel sorry for himself or decides that wealth and fame would make living endurable, he should pause and reflect. If uncertain and comparatively unequipped to make a basic dedication to a good cause or a disciplined life, he should educate himself properly and thus gain a sense of security and directed purpose, making his life a blessing to others and a fulfillment for himself. With this approach he will find very little psychic interference. In the end he may be rewarded with a genuine vision which helps him to understand the mystery of the universe around him and the world within him.



Make the best use of what is in your power and take the rest as it happens.
—Epictetus

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.
—Marie Curie

Doing good to others is not a duty. It is a joy, for it increases your own health and happiness.
—Zoroaster

A man's own character is the arbiter of his fortune.
—Syrus



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Dr. and Mrs. Dastur Framroze
Ardeshir Bode

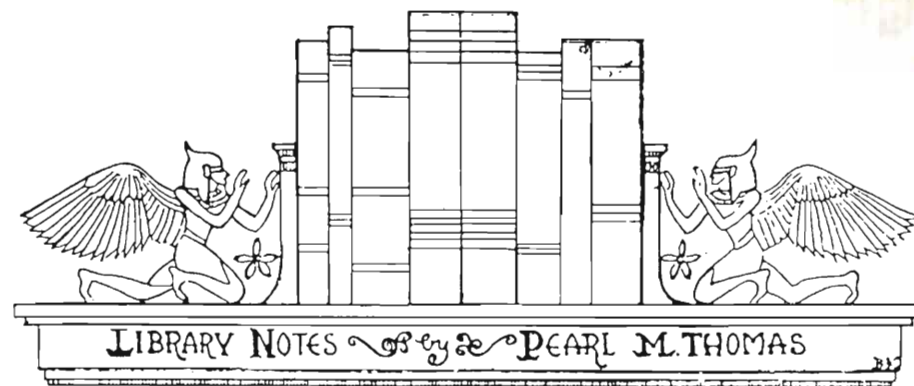


Esther Engler

We have just received word that Dastur Framroze Ardeshir Bode passed on in Bombay, India on February 1, 1989. Dr. Bode was for some years associated with our Society and gave courses of instruction on Oriental subjects. He was a distinguished priest of the Parsi religion and while in this country solemnized the marriage of Zubin Mehta with Parsi rites. He is survived by his wife Homai, a most gracious lady who made many friends in Southern California.

Esther Engler, who became a volunteer worker for the Philosophical Research Society in the middle nineteen fifties and a regular member of our staff since 1961, retired early this year. She is a truly wonderful person dedicated to the work of our Society. In the busy world of lower Manhattan, New York, when valued members of the staff retired a chair was assigned to them in a convenient and pleasant spot in the establishment and they were invited to visit with the organization and its members for the duration of their lives. We have a chair for Esther and hope she will visit us often.

Dr. F. A. Janssen, Director of J. R. Ritman's Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica in Amsterdam, dropped by bringing with him a list of works from our recent bibliography of alchemical material which he wished to examine. We had a pleasant time together comparing notes on scarce manuscripts and early publications.



THROUGH THE YEARS

In the Fall 1985 and the Spring and Summer issues of the *PRS Journal* for 1986 I recorded some cherished recollections in the *Library Notes* and also an appreciation and a review of the assistance of many volunteers who have so ably and willingly helped at PRS, both in the library and in the auditorium on Sunday mornings. Most of these dedicated people are retired from active duty in the workaday world. Many of them were formerly professionally employed and brought their expertise to provide valuable support at headquarters. These remembrances were my own and extended over a number of years.

Recently, I have been in touch with several friends who have been loyal PRSers through the years. I asked each of them to share some of the experiences that have particularly meant a great deal to them. The responses have been wonderful; and, though I have not been able to use all of them, a majority of these reminiscences will appear here.

It is remarkable that an organization of a philosophical nature could have existed for a great many years without benefit of membership. Now, after more than fifty years, the Philosophical Research

Society has remained active and prospers with many loyal friends who have continued their devotion to its principles throughout the years.

I personally know at least three people who started attending Manly P. Hall's classes when they were in their teens and are still active and cooperating with the Society. At present, one of these individuals regularly comes to volunteer in the library. She also donates books for our annual book sales, and it is with much gratification that we receive them each year. Even after two or three readings, her books are still in "mint condition." Her name is Jeanne Sims, and we most deeply appreciate her help.

Another of our devoted participants is Dorothy Bishop. She first heard of Manly P. Hall when she was very young and was working with a woman whose husband was a printer for Mr. Hall. One day, early in their friendship, Dottie (Dorothy's nickname) and her co-worker were discussing a quotation that they both had heard but whose author they did not recognize. The quotation was: "Every man should marry at least once; if it is a happy marriage, he's the happiest man in the world and, if not, he becomes a philosopher, and this is good for every man." Dottie's friend asked her husband, Orlando Beltran, printer for MPH, and David Murray, MPH's book binder, who was responsible for writing this interesting thought. The prompt answer was Socrates. Through her new friends, Dottie became involved in the work of the PRS and has been a part of our activities ever since. At Mr. Hall's home in the early days, friend Dottie recalls, the host entertained guests with his vast collection of stories, many in impeccable dialect, a sampling of magic card tricks, and a delightful sense of humor which is still thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Orlando Beltran, the printer, was in my estimation one of the most likable of individuals. He participated in drama with some Mexican actors, and during the lunch break at PRS he spent considerable time playing his violin and very well, too.

I became better acquainted with Dave Murray after I was appointed librarian at PRS. One day Dave, who had moved some distance away from Southern California, came to visit the Library.

Knowing that he was responsible for a great many of the fine bindings on our books, I took Dave into the vault. When he almost immediately spotted the eighteen volumes of Dr. Sigismond Bacstrom on alchemy, Dave became ecstatic. He took down one of these precious books and showed, not so much with words but by his delighted expression, how very much it meant to him. My husband and I visited with Dave several times in the Morro Bay area, and he remained to the last a very charming and enthusiastic person.

Many years ago, long before the auditorium was built in 1959, Mr. Hall and Dr. Drake held Saturday afternoon classes in the lecture room above the library. The classes were well-attended, and the audience was encouraged to participate. Agnes Finch, with her usual wit and forthrightness, often put in an appearance and had a way of enlivening any group.

It was while in this class that I daydreamed about a charming little French Provincial cottage across the street. The house was well set back from the boulevard with a wide expanse of lawn in front of it. I began to wonder if the people who lived so close in the attractive house had ever come across the street to explore PRS and its activities. How I would have loved to live so nearby! Some time later, after the auditorium was in use, ground was broken on that lovely lawn and a condominium constructed. My husband and I visited the place after one of Mr. Hall's Sunday lectures. We met the new owners who had taken over the French Provincial cottage and were transforming it into a Japanese-style house to harmonize with the new buildings being erected. The condos were far from finished; but we looked into four apartments, and it was the fourth one that really appealed to me. It had everything I would ever want in a home. As we walked back to the rear house, I asked the resident if she had ever been to PRS or had ever heard Manly P. Hall speak. "No," she admitted, but she said that she had wanted to do so during the eighteen years she had lived in the neighborhood. Naturally, I asked what her zodiacal sign was; and, this being January and the trends for the year were in progress, I said: "If you will come to hear Mr. Hall talk about your sign next Sunday, I will buy that upstairs apartment." We shook hands on it. (Incidentally, she

continued to come for many years.) Work was concentrated on that apartment for us; and in two months we were able to move in, long before the others were finished. Condominiums were not usual for most people in 1960; but the location and the appearance made us ignore the remonstrations of our friends who thought we were ridiculous to even consider it.

It was at this early Saturday afternoon workshop conducted by Manly P. Hall and Dr. Drake that I first became acquainted with Esther Engler and Winnie Rowell. It had been suggested to Dr. Drake that when hiring people to work at PRS he should choose staff members who were basically interested in what the Society represented, for they would be the ones who would contribute their devotion and best efforts to be of real help. When an opening occurred, Dr. Drake sought out Homai Bode who was working close by; and, while she told him that she would soon be returning to Bombay, she accepted the offer to join the staff. When she left Los Angeles, her place was taken by Esther Engler, a friend of the Society. This occurred twenty-eight years ago. Esther has very recently resigned her duties at PRS for health reasons. She has been bookkeeper during all this time; and, as is the way with any conscientious individual, she has taken on many other duties. Throughout the years, Esther has always been gracious and most willing to be of assistance in any possible way. We all cherish her friendship and keep in close touch with her.

Winnie Rowell took responsibility for the *Arts of the World Gift Shop* in the early 1960s. In those days Mr. Hall enjoyed visiting the gift shop on a regular basis and made trips to the Orient to purchase items suitable for the shop to carry. He dealt with a Japanese agent by the name of Mr. Yokoyama (a gentleman well up in years), who escorted MPH on buying trips in Japan. At that time it could be Christmas any month of the year judging by the splendid packages that this agent sent back to PRS at regular intervals. Those days of collecting fine antiques are over, largely due to the price of objects in the antique market being well beyond the average income. Mr. Hall took particular pleasure in the small Japanese netsukes, which were a much prized item from the Tokugawa period (1603-1867).

He has often written articles about them, especially in the *PRS Journal*.

There are a number of families that grew up under the philosophical influence of the lecturers and presence of Manly P. Hall. One of these families is that of Ray and Helen Baker. The family started coming to PRS lectures when the senior Bakers were in their twenties and their daughters, Louise and Laura, were respectively aged five and three. The family sat on the right side of the auditorium; and the girls, always very quiet, were occupied with their coloring books or else curled up in the laps of their parents. But, nearing twelve o'clock, they would very quietly ask: "Is it time yet?" "Time" meant that they had a duty to perform in helping the ladies who served refreshments after the lectures. Louise, as the elder, was usually in front as they walked very lady-like down the aisle of the auditorium. Many a head turned to observe those charming little ones with their broad but rather timid smiles. I always wondered what would happen if Louise had taken a notion to stop. Laura would have no choice. She would have collided with her sister. As the girls grew a little older, they brought in frosted cupcakes they had baked, and any particularly nice looking one invariably was taken into Mr. Hall's office. Both of their birthdays fall close to Manly P. Hall's, so at that period of the year they were very conscious of birthdays and invariably presented him with some token of gratitude from See's Candies, as well as hand-drawn birthday cards over which they had labored diligently. Laura, as a little girl, had a slight lisp and it showed up when she explained the meaning of "cow-ma" (karma) to her little friends. These young people are now grown, and both are in the film industry. Louise is an actress, while Laura is a wardrobe mistress. Their early introduction to philosophy has been a boon both for them and their parents. The Bakers now have an active PRS Study Group in their home, where Manly P. Hall's books are decisive in daily living.

Another family, also with two younger members, who have been active at the Philosophical Research Society even longer than the Bakers is the family of Judson Harriss. "Judd" jokingly tells the story that Nadine, his wife, is responsible for their discovery of the

writings of Mr. Hall. He explains that it is all her fault. Many years ago she came back from the public library bringing home a book entitled *Reincarnation—The Cycle of Necessity*. The name of Manly Palmer Hall was completely unknown to the couple. Both of them read the book, which answered questions they had long wondered about and even gave answers about things they had not even thought of. Judd took it upon himself to find out if the author was still alive, which he felt could not be possible as the book had been written in 1939. He, therefore, made it a point to visit the headquarters on Los Feliz Blvd. and was greeted by Agnes Finch, who not only assured him that Mr. Hall (or "Maestro," as Agnes called him) was definitely alive and speaking regularly both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This was six years before the auditorium was built! Since then, the Harriss family have had a PRS Study Group in their home and also attended the Group conducted by Manly P. Hall's good friend, Gilbert Olson. Their two children, now grown, visit PRS quite regularly, in spite of the fact that they live at considerable distances. Judd has written a book designed for young people and based on MPH's *Secret Destiny of America*. He calls it *The Magic Fire*, and it has illustrations by Drummond Riddell, another friend of PRS. Judd comes early to PRS every Sunday in order to assist the public at the book table in the foyer of the auditorium. Both Nadine and Judd are valued friends of the society. In writing some notes for me Judd included some quotations from the writings of Manly P. Hall. Included in his notes are some fine examples of Mr. Hall's love of "play on words." Several of us remember examples of these, and each remembers a different one. These will be saved for another article along with many other items of interest.

Some years ago, a member of one of my workshops took exception to some remark that I made and had attributed to Manly P. Hall. I believe the remark was in an early lecture given by MPH when he made the comment that, if one is truly interested in a given subject, he should study it carefully and obtain outstanding books dealing with the subject. Let us say that the subject is alchemy. If possible, the article continued, one should attempt to buy early books

on the subject and pay no attention to the fact that these books may be written in Latin, or High Dutch, or any other language not familiar to the student. He commented that one should not attempt to learn the language; that is unnecessary. The price may sound outlandish, but for a truly dedicated student this should not be a deterrent. The idea is to keep the book around and look at it regularly. Any pictures the book contained could be invaluable, if studied diligently. Mr. Hall assured the listeners that within three years the individual could, probably by osmosis, know everything that was written in the book.

The member of my class questioned this remark and asked me if I would mind if he checked with Manly P. Hall on the subject. It certainly was not up to me to decide for him. So he wrote, and Mr. Hall answered. That answer was a delightful gem. However, you could not be quite sure whether MPH was agreeing or not agreeing. It was simply up to the individual to decide which way he wished to read the letter, but everyone seemed satisfied with the result.

Early in 1973 there was a volunteer in the Library who had become a friend when she attended lectures on Wednesday evenings, and we took a course together through the UCLA Extension on the subject of books. One day I showed this lady a copy of a small Christmas booklet that Mr. Hall had published just fifty years previously in 1923. She was very intrigued and said that her husband, being in the publishing business, would gladly recopy it exactly with the only addition indicating that it was done fifty years later. She had many copies made with the idea that it would be an opportunity for the Library to raise some money. The copies are now gone, but they have been loved by many people. This lady, Edith Waldron, is now Vice-President of PRS. She was Manly P. Hall's secretary for fourteen years and started working at PRS on March 18, 1975. Since this was Mr. Hall's birthday, he considered the occasion a good omen. Edith Waldron brings great expertise to every job she tackles, and she takes on many. We owe a great deal to this truly dedicated lady.

Irene and Nicholas Bird have been friends of PRS (and of the Library) for many years. On July 20, 1969 Mr. Hall performed the

marriage ceremony for these two fine people. (Irene reminded me that on that day the first landing on the moon was celebrated.) Since retirement in 1980, Nick has been attending classes at the Long Beach City College, where he studies in areas as diverse as philosophy, poetry, and cooking. He is also very active in Freemasonry and seriously investigates its tenets. Irene leads the Sunday Discussion Group at PRS following Manly P. Hall's lectures. Among other interests, Irene has been working with foot reflexology and the hospice movement.

With her inquiring mind, Irene is always looking for new ideas to develop. Some time ago, she became interested in several small tiles embedded in the patio flooring at PRS and which are distinctly different from all the others. She asked me about the pieces, but I could tell her nothing. That day, with his usual good timing, Mr. Hall walked across the patio just when Irene was trying to find an answer to her question. Mr. Hall said they were given to him and came originally from Glastonbury Abbey! Irene was ecstatic. She repeated the story many times; and on the slightest provocation I did the same. Irene even brought up the subject to Richard de la Barcena, who for many years helped wherever needed at PRS—painting, carpentry, shipping, and whatever else was necessary. It was Richard who laid the flooring for the patio and distinctly remembered the day when Mr. Hall brought out these small tiles and asked him to include them in the patio floor.

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All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think, we become.

—Gautama Buddha

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