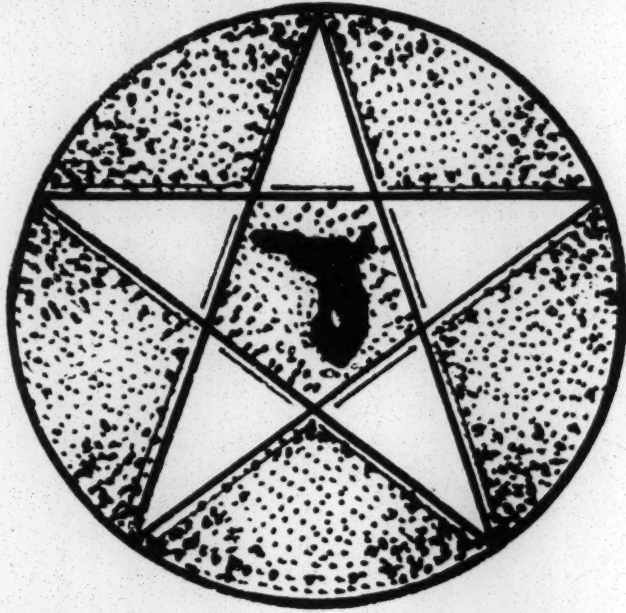


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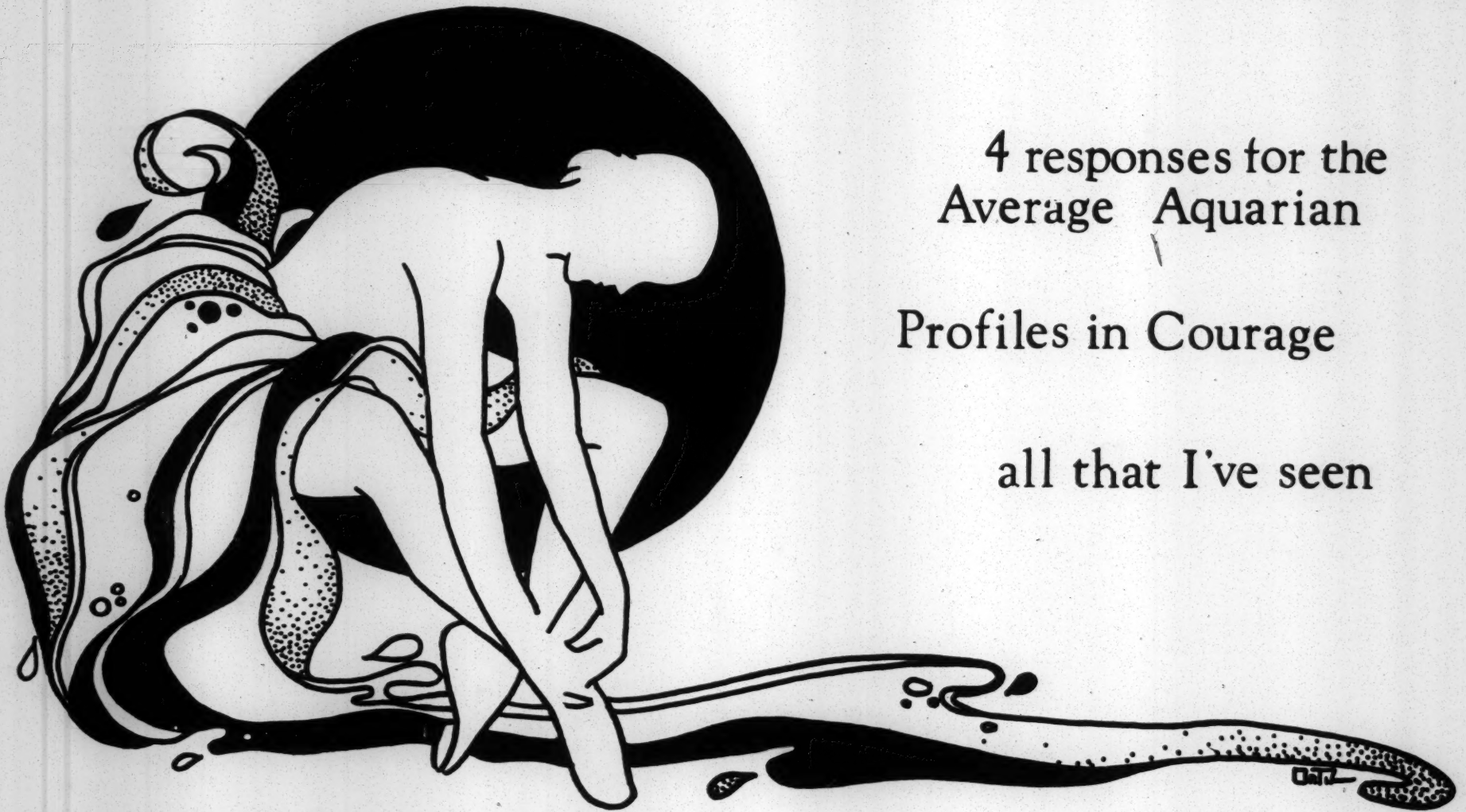


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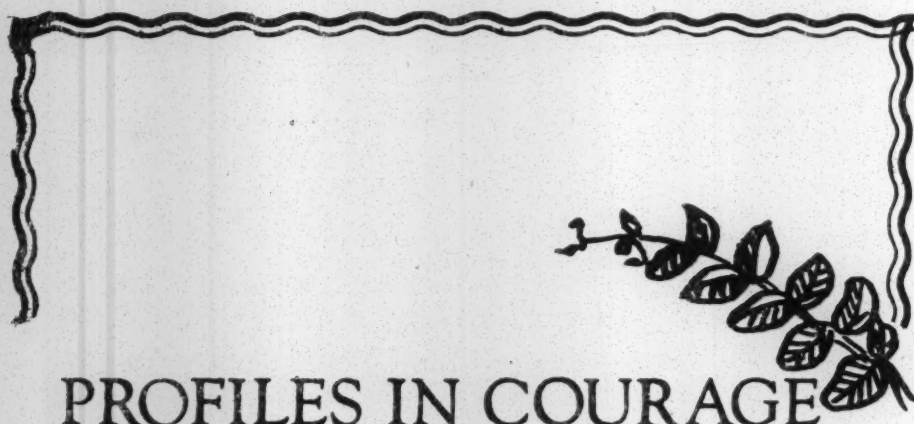
EDITORIAL—

Before you is our "Month of Aquarius" issue of the FA Newsletter. This issue marks a year and a half of production, and also marks the beginning of a new newsletter. Up to date the newsletter has been strictly reportive, and devoted quite a bit of space to editorial-like feature articles, such as the controversial "Psychic Soap Opera". No more. The newsletter will now be expressed through a duality, one part still reportive and exposing, the other half giving practical information and in depth research into specific areas of Aquarian thought. This change has come about after you, our readers, gave us such tremendous response for our "A Saint's Legacy" article, along these lines.

All that I've seen.....

I had risen in the dawn beyond the quilted folds of my mind. A grey cloud or two stood before the sun, and their weightless crystals seemed to rain down upon the earth. The mist formed arches in the early morning, earthbound rainbows which passed as ghosts over the lawns of dew-wet grass. All life was stirring, and a mass of heraldic birds rose singing and flapping furiously to their heights. They whirled in their play so high that in their pinnacle appeared as the humming life which buzzed round the pond before me. The two quiet hills stood before me, as they had stood before me in my youth, companions to my explorings and adventures of childhood. On the one with tongues of ferns and large oaks, I would hide from my sisters' calls to supper, loosing myself in hours of mystery. How they would scold, but what can anger at the face of a saddened child, bringing forth a single weed or a wilted

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PROFILES IN COURAGE

CHIK SHANK -

- LAREN BRIGHT

"Profiles in Courage" will be a two part series on two of South Florida's more courageous Aquarians, Chik Shank of Alternatives magazine, late of New Age News, and Laren Bright, late of "On the Bright Side" and of late, most any-

thing! In this first installment, we have profiled Mr. Chik Shank. Please watch for our profile on Laren Bright in the next FA.

Chik Shank, up to two years or so ago, had no understanding or real interest in the Aquarian movement. From birth, he had suffered numerous physical ailments, at times reaching climatic periods which left him hospitalized for months at a time. Medication of all modes and of high potency were prescribed for him by his doctors, and they frankly had little hope for his physical well-being.

About a year ago, Shank began exploring other areas. He sought to find "alternatives" for his previous life and how he might improve both his health and spirituality. This attempt to find higher states of being, the search for alternatives, now has become the title of the newest, largest, and by far most important Aquarian publication yet to hit South Florida. More "Alternatives" later.

Severing himself from his medications, Chik Shank began to experiment with biofeedback, yoga, and metaphysics. He changed his diet, his outlook, and soon his body began to turn around too. Within six months, Shank was completely cured of his ailments and has not needed the services of medication or doctor since.

He's a quiet man, a "speak when spoken to" type person. Yet, if you should ever direct a query to him, you will find an incredibly wise and old soul. Through his past experiences, knowing what he knows, he has a tremendous faith in the systems he has worked with and a tremendous knowledge of them. After months of diligent work on his condition and study and practice in various systems termed "Aquarian", Chik Shank feels that he has made a clean break from his old self. He feels that he has not found something new, yet rather has come home.

Feeling a great need to share what had helped him so much, and

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Chik Shank....

with only \$22 in his pocket, Mr. Shank became associated and began "New Age News" newspaper, an Aquarian newspaper coming out of Virginia Beach. His artistic and editorial skills left an indelible mark on that publication, and greatly improved it. Just before one of his monthly trips to Virginia Beach, Chik Shank, who's intuition and spirituality had increased in proportion to his physical strength, was informed spiritually/intuitively that New Age News would not continue, and a format for a larger, more important publication was revealed to him.

This publication has become what we now know as "Alternatives" magazine and reviewed in the last issue of the FA, its praises sung. We expressed that it was comparable if not more important than Occult Magazine or Gnostica. It is a highly informative and serious publication, the writing and composition of a professional caliber and composed by experts in the Aquarian field. This writer cannot describe its merits fully, since its beauty and relevance goes beyond words.

Alternatives magazine is available for \$6 (a twelve issue sub), or 75¢ singly. This is a meager sum for a most important publication nationally, THE most important Florida - wide. Please inquire. Any subs marked with the initials "FA" will receive a quarter year sub to the FA Newsletter for the same price. In this way, we hope to give a little extra encouragement for your obtaining of an Alternatives sub. Mind you, if you have seen issue one, you won't need it!

We sincerely hope that our readers will inquire about Alternatives, and help Chik Shank, and through him, the teachings and beliefs expressed in the magazine, to offer us a most welcomed alternative!



Alternatives Magazine
350 NE 82 Street
Miami Shores, FL 33138

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wild-flower, gifts of his love, making the wrong right? The brave mount is reddened with the first rush of the autumn wind, gone to sleep as I wake, till the first breathe of spring lulls it to life again. On the other one, floored with old, red needles, and where the sky was supported by the lofty pines, would my brothers and I play the games of war, of mischief, little rufians scurrying about the floor of friendship, kicking up the soil of devotion and loyalty. It remains green upon the mount.

And the quiet pond before me where we swam. Before me is my face reflected in the stillness. My profiles lie in the distance, on the ancient mounds where I grew where the voice of life spoke prose to me and the sun moved from his heights to revel in the laughter of a child. I have seen the heart of many years, and the blood of life, the earth from where I stood amongst the trees. And rose I with the wings of the birds, to see the globe in flight with greater wings, the wide stars in flight in the skys of space, and the face of God. That I knew it would all have been made small, for all that I am, all that I've seen, there is nothing more than you.

 **notice** 

It has been the practice of this newsletter in the past to mail out issues to individuals requesting the FA free of charge. We would like to continue to do this, but mailing costs have of late been almost insurmountable. For this reason, if you have been receiving the FA on us for sometime, or if your subscription has expired, the outside mailing flap will display a large star. This means that it is time to renew your sub or inform us that you're

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