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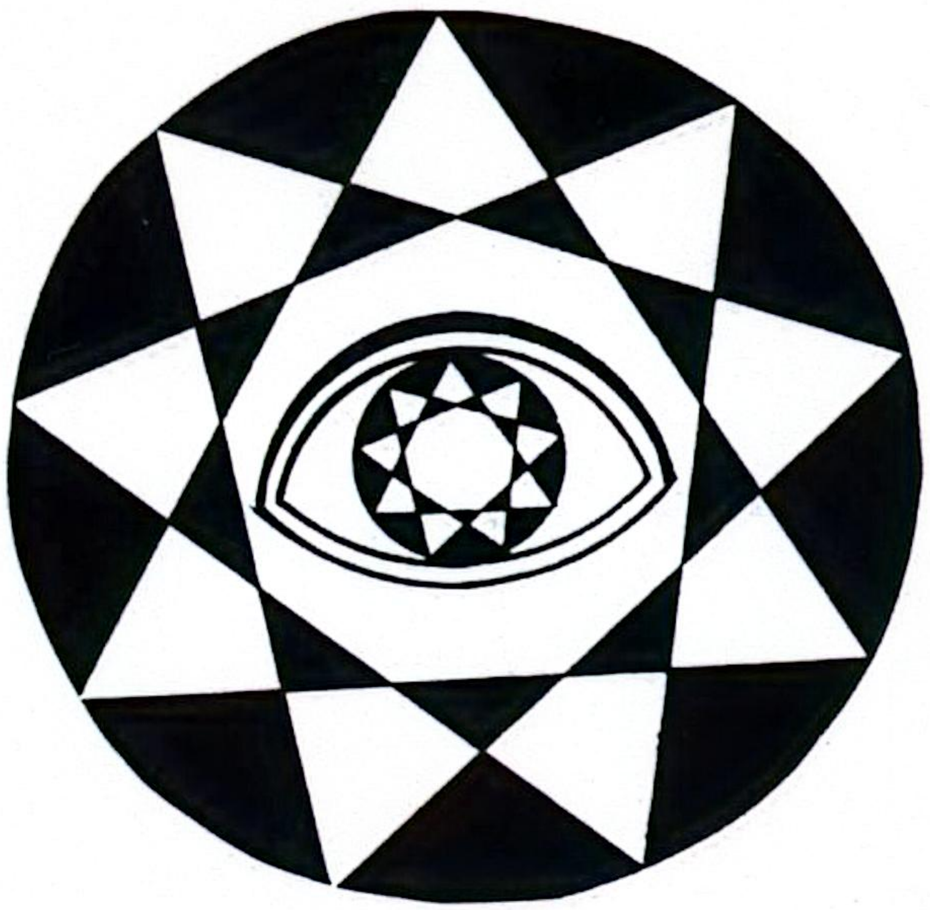

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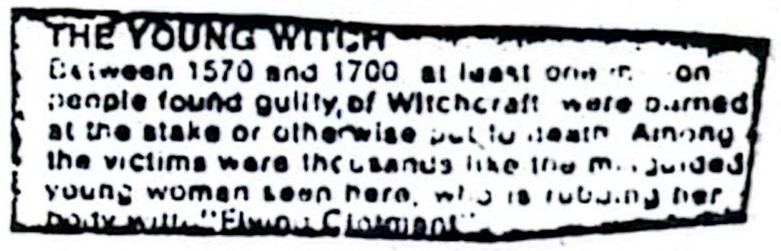


Recently I had the delightful experience of visiting the much publized Witchcraft Museum in San Francisco. Rita Kan, O. A. staff member, commented that Ripley's 'Believe It or Not' museum down the street seemed to have some left over exhibits. Indeed, there is a carnival effect with life sized motorized wax dummies representing such occult scenes as table tipping seances and vodoo dancers. If some of the sets seem a bit gimicky, the historical artifacts are well worth the $2.00 admission fee. The Gardner collection, formerly housed

in the famous Witchcraft Museum on the Isle of Man, included fascinating samples of correspondence of well known occultists and a bizarre group of objects used in ritual witchcraft, mummy's eyes, pickled hands and other such items. For the student of the occult, the Witchcraft Museum located at 235 Jefferson, Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco is worth the visit.

ASTROLOGY IN AMERICA

Evangeline Adams

A burst of astrological enthusiasm grew out of the late 19th Century Theosophical movement. Max Heindel broke away from the main group and founded the Rosicrucian Fellowship which has a strong interest in Astrology. His book, Message of The Stars, is his most famous book. Also located near Los Angeles is the Llewellyn College which was founded in 1908 professing to teach a scientific type of Astrology. The flamboyant career of Evangeline Adams was probably the most important impetus to popular Astrology in America. She began her career in 1899 by checking into the Windsor Hotel in New York. As soon as she had unpacked her charts she predicted a terrifying future for the hotel's proprietor. The next day the hotel was totally destroyed by fire and some of the guests, but not Evangeline, were killed. The proprietor told the story to the newspapers thus creating an overnight fame for Evangeline and her astrological abilities.

A radio program, articles and books and a studio at Carnegie Hall helped keep her in the spotlight and created a legend of fame for Miss Adams for many years.

Astrology For Everyone, one of Miss Adams' best selling books, is a very simplified account of popular astrology. The illustrations of The Zodiac used here are from her 1931 edition.

The hows and whats of astrology are explained to the laymen. The author includes anecdotes about famous people she has done horescopes for, always delightedly proving the accuracy of her astrological insight.

Her famous theory of vibrations is summed up by her by pointing out that since everything in nature influences everything else, why shouldn't the stars influence man?

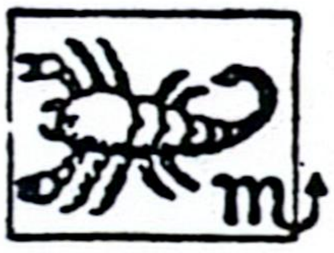
A famous trial where she was prosecuted for fraud, provided her with another spotlight. She cast the chart of the Judge's son for the court and so impressed them with the accuracy of her predictions that astrology was given legal accolade.

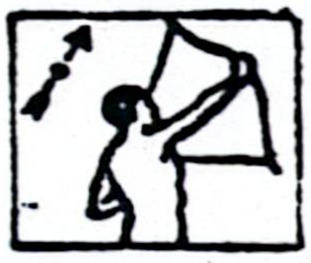
One of her proteges, Carroll

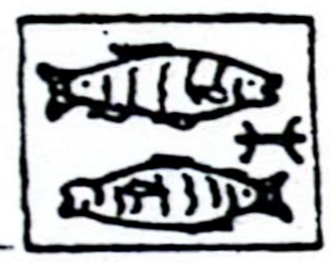
Righter, has been one of Hollywood's most important Astrological Consultants.

Popular astrology in America tends towards personality profiles. In the next issue we will examine some of the lesser known philosophic interpretations of Astrology in America.

Evangeline gives a brief sketch of the astrological chart of the United States. Keep in mind the fact that this excerpt comes from the 1931 edition of her book.







Certainly, nations have horoscopes—just as people do! France was born on such and such a date; Italy on another; Germany on still another; and our own country, as every American knows, on the fourth or July, 1776. All an astrologer needs to know to draw a horoscope of anybody or anything is this information about the birthday. It is better, of course, if she also knows the place and the hour; and in these matters, too, it is possible to achieve scientific accuracy so far as the United States is concerned.

and she continues by assuming ...

—that the life of the American nation dates from that moment in Philadelphia at 3:03 in the morning, when the signers of the Declaration of Independence reached a positive decision to declare to the world their independence of England.

The Sun was in Cancer when the United States was born, but Gemini, the third sign of the Zodiac, was "rising," as we astrologers say, at the moment of birth, and is, therefore, most influential in determining our destiny. Gemini is itself a very nervous, restless, versatile, and highly mental sign. The fact that the United States was born so strongly under its influence would be enough, according to astrology, to account for much which is significant in American character and history. But that is not all. The ruling planet of the sign Gemini is Mercury, "The Messenger of the Gods," which governs the mind, the imagination, and the nerves. This combination of celestial influences explains why we are the world's greatest travelers, greatest advertisers, greatest salesmen—and why, incidentally, we are so subject to the American disease of "nerves."

O.A. interviews people who have something of interest to say to our readers. If you know of someone whose story would shed light on contemporary, or historical, occultism, contact the editor.

The Berkeley Barb is just one of many newspapers offering classified ads of interest to the occultist. Tom's experience does not reflect the character of all persons placing this type of ad. I have made a few contacts through this media with sincere groups dedicated to the exploration of occult knowledge. I appreciate Tom's willingness to share this particular experience with us.

Satanic Worship
Classified Style

Tom Good - Free lance author and D.J.
San Francisco.....

Barb: "Tell me how you first encountered the worshippers of the Black Mass?"

Tom: "Well, there was an ad in the Berkely Barb's classified section. It ran, 'Attention; those interested in Black Masses and the Occult, contact Box No._____.' I answered tersely, "Allistar Crowley and I have been on intimate terms for millenium." A few days later I received a call from Al who showed intense interest in my knowledge of Crowley. Al told me that his group had formerly been with Anton LaVey which is the professional group of Satanists for the tourists. We set a date for our first meeting but that evening the orgy master, Les, a plump, fiftyish, cigar-smoking owner of a dildo factory, called to request my cooperation in lining up more girls and for the use of my place for the meeting. I said, "Sure, fine, I didn't realize that I was worthy." First Al showed up with some gin, then Kathy, a gal I had invited, then Les and then Rudy the transvestite. This seemed to be The group -- the hard core -- the purists.

We drank for a while and talked about the phoney put-on's in Anton's group until Kathy's boy friend showed up wanting her to leave.

Les became surly and called his secretary -- threatening her with her job if she didn't come over right away. He said she was one of Anton's most popular sacrificial virgins. She told him he could toss his job because she couldn't get a baby sitter this late. Kathy's boy friend insisted that they leave. My last impression of this black mass cult was that of Al running after Kathy yelling, "Don't leave, is that any way to treat a High Priest?"

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Seeking information about the Warren family involved in the Salem witch trials. Believe myself to be a descendent of the 'Bewitched ones'.

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Occult A

Occultism in America today is being expressed in contemporary media; newsletters, classified ads and the Little Magazines. Ms. Janet Wiggins comments on such items that come to our attention. Literature that is considered psuedo-occult will be identified as such.

Media Editor, Ms. Wiggins, is a free lance writer for religious publications...

THE MOVEMENT
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The Movement is the newspaper dedicated to the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness, a light and love religious group based in Rosemead, Ca.The articles tend to be very intense in their tone, spiritual and subjective. Much of the business of the MSIA ministers and council members is also discussed. The reader almost feels like a tresspasser reading some private accounts of religious activity.

The advertising is very mundane after the spiritual quality of the articles, but MSIA seminars and study courses are also advertised along with Real Estate brokers brokers and Country Fried Chicken. If you are truly spiritual, and feel a need to to communicate with others who are filled with inner light, this is the newspaper for you.

BEYOND REALITY
This magazine is one of the slick commercial publications available on the newstands. It has had a successful year of existence that is envied. by all of us in the field of occult sciences.

It is a serious magazine with an excellent format. The articles are well researched and well written, with attractive professional illustrations.All occult interests are covered at random and from a serious or studious viewpoint. The only 'fakery and sham' to be found in this mag might be in the various advertise=

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ments. Many of these are defintely 'unreal', but since they are paying customers they are given space. Obviously the advertisers do not reflect the editorial opinion expressed in the main text. They are kept distinctly separate and do not interfere with the interesting reading material. Although some articles are trite or too scholarly to be readable, this mag is one of the best available.

THE CENTER
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This is one of the most complete and serious magazines of a metaphysical nature to come from the west coast. It is in simple and beautifully organized format.

The editor, obviously a dedicated professional, has dome a fine job of clear, concise writing and editing. Though only one year old, this magazine has shown steady improvement and can compete journalistically with the best.

The articles are both readable and informative. None of the ;sensational' appears in these pages. Astrology,(including the most accurate sidereal form) eastern religions, macrobiotics, herbal lore and book reviews are some of the serious topics discussed in each issue. Even the advertising stays away from the lurid, unreal occult ads found in most of the other mags. One gets the feeling that The Center endorses each of its advertisers. The Centerfold is a program of coming events and classes to be held at the Metaphysical Center. It is so marvelous, it makes the reader want to move to San Francisco to be able to take advantage of the offerings. Don't miss this one for $3.50 per year!

A Metaphysical Magazine

BOOKS

The Occult
A History By Colin Wilson

The author denies being an occultist. What he says though, throughout his magnificant history of occultism, is that the power of higher consciousness is not hidden or secret. This Faculty X is simply the directly experienced awareness of a purpose to life.

He dazzles the reader with flashes of insight into a broad spectrum of events and ideas from evolution, the 'Tarot , Gurdjieff, time experiences.. ... just to mention a few. His evolution is manb expanding capacity to enjoy subtle vibrations. He points out that the higher the form of life, the deeper its capacity for registering meaning and the more powerful its hold on life.

The Tarot is described as a 'lunar knowledge' system whose symbols stimulate the subconscious to link with the conscious. The lunar system refers to occult knowledge rather than scientific knowledge. The moon goddess was the inspiration of poets and mages while the masculine sun god captured the rational mental drives of western civilization.

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Science clings to the idea that truth can be seen more clearly in the sunlight than in the moonlight. The author points out that certain things become invisible in a strong light and highly rational modes of thought are like a wide net through which all the smaller fish escape.

Mr. Wilson offers, as I see it, a valid criticism of Gurdjieff's system. While underlining the brillancy of his psychological insights, Mr. Wilson points out that Gurdjieff fails to make enough of man's intentionality as a mechanism of consciousness.

In the final chapter, 'glimpses', the author describes what he calls 'Time-Three'. From his own experiences and observations he shares his belief and hope of humanity's upward psychic evolution.

The Editor

COLIN WILSON's *brilliant first book,* The Outsider, *gained him an international reputation. He has since written almost thirty books: science fiction, detective and spy stories; penetrating psychological studies; scholarly works and encyclopedias; and a number of novels. Mr. Wilson brings a background of many years of personal interest and exhaustive research to* The Occult. *He lives in England with his wife and two children.*

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Mystic Cauldron (scr pot)

By David

Favorable reader response to a foods article by Darius inspired us to seek the expertise of a well known local herbalist and chef.

In America, frontier gardens and kitchens furnished both food and remedies for the settlers. As years passed, much of this early plant knowledge became lost or forgotten. Today, with the reawakening of interest in our planet earth, lost lore is again a fascinating hobby and the mystic powers of certain herbs and foods are being explored.

Let us explore for instance, an old friend and common herb, allium satioum , or garlic. Miraculous and curative powers have long been claimed for garlic.

The following recipe for garlic soup is still known as a popular cold remedy.

5 garlic cloves, peeled and pressed, 1 tblsp. cooking oil, 2 qts. chicken boullion, salt and pepper to taste, pinch of thyme and rosemary, 1/2 cup light cream, 3 egg yokes beaten and 1/4 cup grated cheese.

Saute' garlic in oil until brown. Heat bouillon and add garlic and seasoning to it. Simmer for one hour. Add cream to eggs, then add a little hot liquid. Add eggs to soup. Remove soup from heat after 5 min. Serve with croutons and grated cheese. Makes about 2 quarts.

To merely season food with garlic, pierce each clove of garlic and drop it into the food. Remove the clove before the food is served. The flavor of garlic is supposed to give strength and toughness to the diner.

An early American remedy for acne or boils was thought to be a special garlic salve made in the colonial kitchen.

This salve was also applied to the chest to alleviate congestion.

Remember, to rid hands of strong garlic smell, use lemon juice.

It is my contention that the leap from comprehension, to comprehension of comprehension, of the mammilia species was not completed without the singular moment of self-awareness through awareness of natural beauty and...
of course; Laughter.

COSMIC LAUGHTER

From the gaseous swamps of this spongy land,
the beast-men slump, for only trees do stand.

Cries of terror as mud-caked knees collide
in battle in a bileous breeze.

But wait! What's this? what do they hear..
this scream, this cry, it's not of fear.

A distant shape does stand erect,
something different, this is not correct.

This tall dark shadow, a beast-man? why?
Strangely screaming at the star glittered sky.

From where does this beast-man's screaming derive
as he yells HA HA HA I'm Alive! I'M ALIVE!

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This is the readers page. Share your interests with other readers - you may discover that your next door neighbor or even your mother-in-law has similar occult concerns! Subscribers, send in a write-up about yourselves up to 100 words.

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ASTROLOGY IN AMERICA cont

Several important and influential planets were in the ascendant at the time this child among nations was born among them, Mars, Venus and Jupiter. Mars is not only the God of War, but it is the planet which gives ambition initiative, courage and aggressiveness. It is not difficult, therefore, to see how this intrepid planet has placed its mark on our countrymen. Venus, although popularly known as the Goddess of Love, performs many other gracious duties in the astrological scheme of things. She governs musicians, painters, actors, and artists in general—and surely no modern nation has done more than America to encourage and reward these professions; she also governs makers of toilet accessories, clothing manufacturers and dealers in articles of adornment —all of them activities in which America has attained front rank. Jupiter, the third of this heavenly trio, is the most powerful and the most American, because it gives honor, glory, wealth and the most sought-after thing in America, success.

Uranus, the planet which discards worn-out customs and forms of government, which breaks bonds and often causes estrangements, was also rising when our country was born, making July 4th, 1776, the predestined moment for us to shake off the yoke of monarchy and to set up in the New World a new form of government. Uranus has also had a marked effect on our later national life, for it is the planet which rules inventions in general and electrical inventions in particular, fields in which American genius has set a new pace for the world. But not all of Uranus' influence is good. It is, as I have already said, the heavenly planet which stirs revolutions and rebellion; and it is a fair assumption that whenever it completes its journey through the twelve signs and returns to the sign Gemini, ruling the United States—a cycle which takes eighty-four years—we may expect trouble of some sort. Uranus was in Gemini in 1776; and we rebelled against England. Exactly eighty-four years later, in 1860, Uranus was in Gemini again; and we had war between the North and the South. In 1942, Uranus again enters the sign Gemini— But I have said enough at this point to show you how the planets affect both character and destiny in their never-ending progression through the signs!

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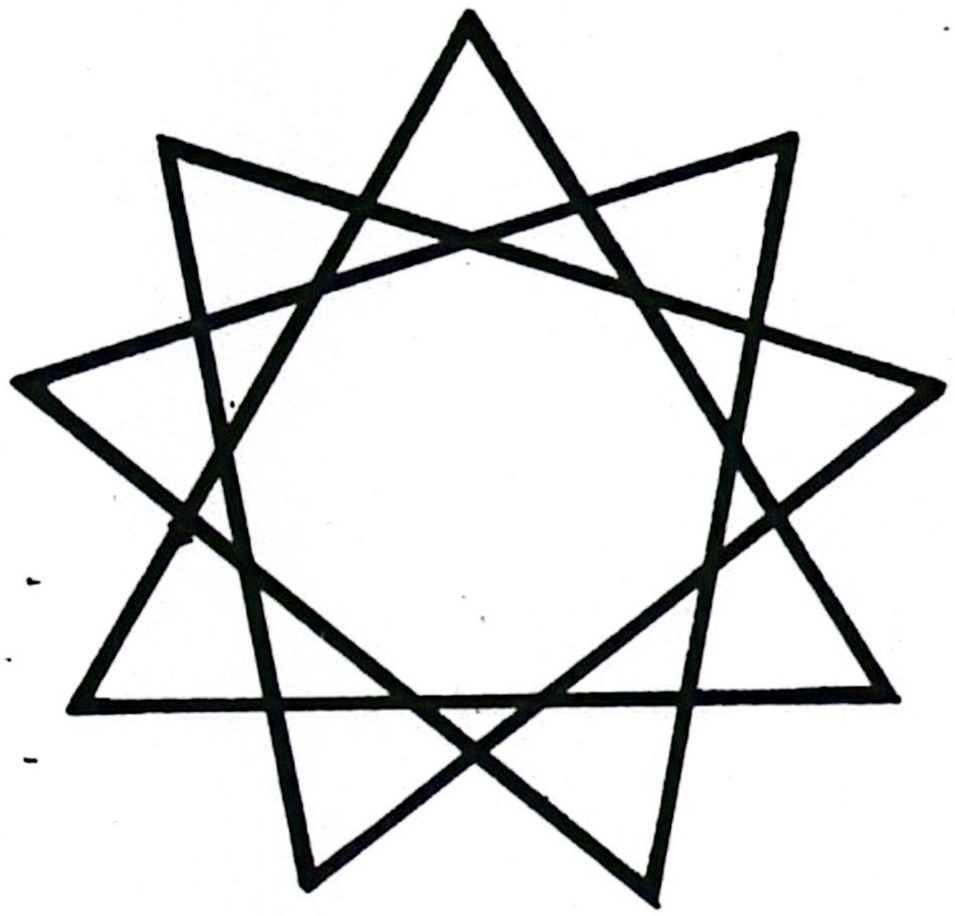

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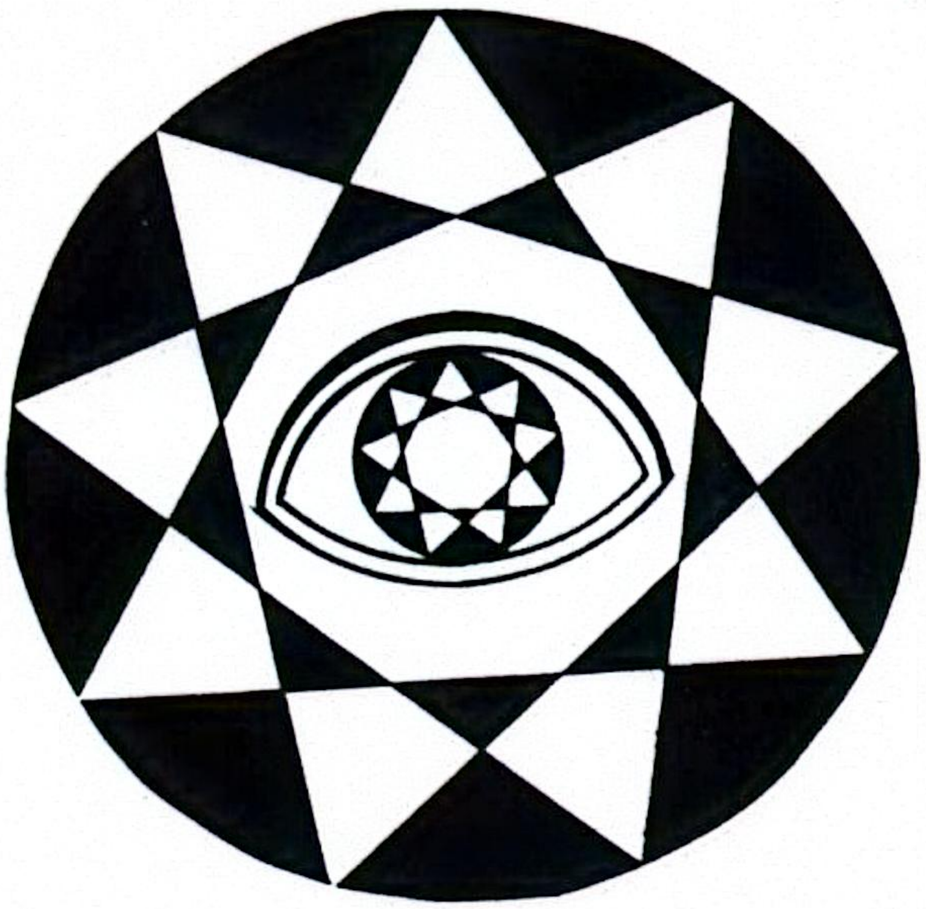

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Spirit Talk

The hysterical response of the general public to the movie, The Exorcist, inspires me to transcribe a tape of contact with one of the 'good guys' of the spirit world.

I am disturbed by the irrelevant intensity of horror that was produced by including several one frame shots directed towards the moviegoers vulnerable subconscious. I thought subliminal suggestion techniques had been banned.

The theme of this film and the excellent acting and production were sufficiently fine without such 'hitting below the cerebelum'.

And so, O.A. offers this trance-endent experience witnessed in Elmyria New York. Tim is the guide, Mary an occultist friend, I am Barb, Andrea a young lady with occult interests, and of course, Bob who talks through Karen.

Tim-Are you there Bob?
-Very much so.
Tim- Is she fighting you today?
-No, not half as much as she usually does.
Tim-Good.
-It's because of the company she's keeping at the moment.
Tim-Who is she with?
-Questions, I feel you have many questions.
Tim- What about Karen's company?
-Karen has been keeping very psychic company.It's very good for me. But she fights me a great deal... out of fear.She is very strong willed. She will accept me to a point.. then she will turn away.
Tim-Would it insult you if we tried some E.S.P. experiments?
-No, We all have the powers and we all have the energy, the energy is very strong.
Tim-If I were to think of a color would you tell me what it was?
-You would do better to think of a color among yourselves.. You have to pick up the energy from among your selves.
Tim- I intellectually accept you, but deep down I have a difficult time believing in your existence and I'm searching for a way to completely believe you, to spiritually feel that you are. Do you feel what I mean?
-I know what you mean.

Tim- I don't wish to insult you, it's just that.....
-There is no such thing as insult. But you must let yourself come into acceptance. There are little games you could play among yourselves. Mental telepathy , color games, or you can concentrate on the dream state. The dream state is a wonderful state.
Mary-I'm concerned about the possibility of becoming lost in the dream state.Isn't this a danger to the young people? Perhaps they could become overwhelmed with this concept?

-You can never be lost from yourself. There is no denying our existence,

conscious or unconscious.
Mary-This is not the giving up of one's atonomy?
-Not at all. Because your atonomy is a combination of many.
Mary-Many what?
-Many things that you have been and that you will do. People tend to think of themselves as one, and they are not. They are many. Many ideas and thoughts. Fear clouds issues.. ideas and and thoughts, fear misinterprets ideas and thoughts.. but you can't change the original energy.
Mary-Is fear then something we can control with our will?
-At times, depending on Mind. If the mind is healthy.

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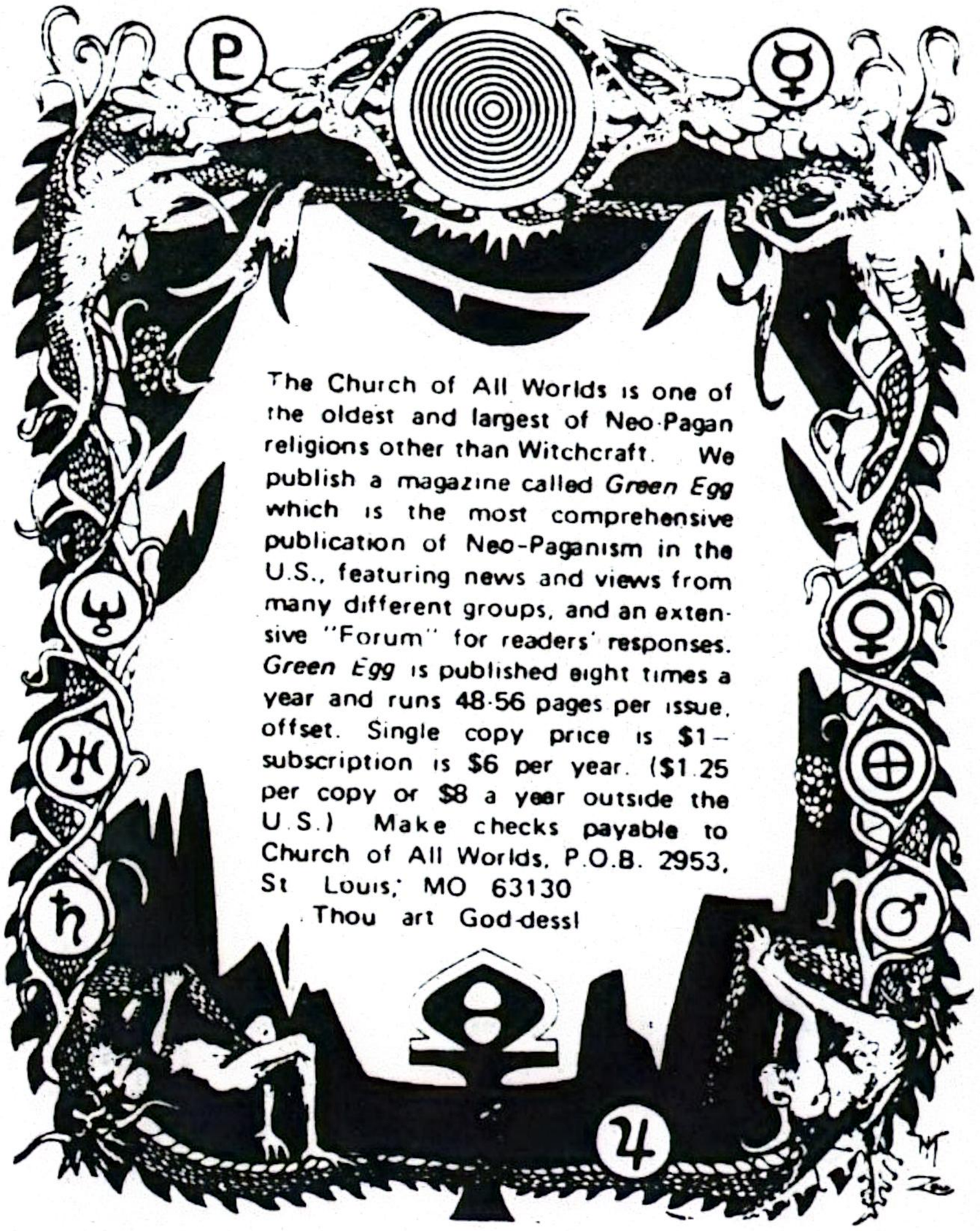

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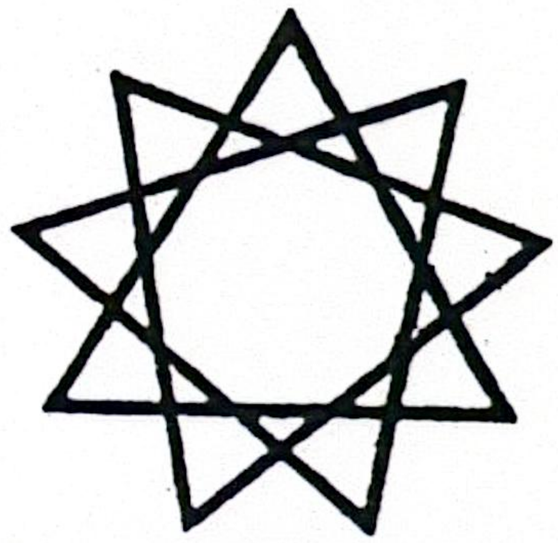

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The author of Graphotherapeutics , Paul de Saint Colombe, proposes that the use of graphology in the form of writing excercises will actually reverse personality traits. Historically the accepted view has been that handwriting communicates in two ways, what one says and how one says it, it is reflective of a current mood or emotiional stance. The author includes in his book, case histories with writing samples and biographical accounts of individual personality changes.

Letter examples with a verbal description along with their personality significance are also provided,

I include here samples of some of his letter M's.

Some of my questions concern other possible factors that could have caused personality changes in his case histories. For instance, the effect of contact with an authority figure, the concern and interest by another person, the setting up of a schedule and specific goals, the acceptance of the client for the responsibility to follow through with the writing excercises prescribed by the author, and the success of attaining a mutually important goal.

I am impressed with a tool such as graphology which the author has evidently used so effectively, but I think that it is simplistic to believe,

Case of Neurotic Disorder

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Here is her letter to me a little more than a month after starting treatment:

Thanks so much for all your efforts.....
Gratefully yours

249	*M*	All relatively even	Poise, high-mindedness, intelligence, excellent taste
250	*MO*	Three humps instead of an initial stroke and two humps	Traditional M of the English Court—denotes pride, thirst for honors and glory
251	*CM*	Initial stroke very large or flourished	Snobbism, affectation, pretension, manual ability
252	*M*	Initial stroke a hook	Selfishness

Some unhealthy minds cannot.

The mind is energy.
Barb-Can you tell us more about the nature of the mind?
-The mind is full of thoughts tiny little electric currents running back and forth from the tips of your fingers to the bottom of your toes. Think of your body as a mass of electrical wiring and that the mind is a battery. The mind sends sparks all around these wires, now sometimes, if you've ever seen a spark which has gone astray, you know that it won't follow the right connections.
Barb- What's the relation - ship between the mind and the the soul?
-The mind is the soul. Mind is everything.

Mary- Do you have anything special to tells us?

- The special things I have on Karen's mind are about people closing themselves off to people, to energy. Not exchanging their energies out of what you might call fear or hate or even love. They become so wrapped up in the word that they are completely losing themselves within it. The word, that all that it is. But it happens, many many times and it's happening here right now.
Tim- I find it hard to receive this from you right now. You don't look happy, you don't look like you're enjoying yourself.
-I'm not particularly happy.
Tim-Can you explain why, Is there something we caN do?
-No. A lot of what you are accepting of me depends on the consciousness of whom I'm communicating through at the moment.
Mary-You mean you have some limitations because of Karen?
-There are bound to be limitations because she doesn't accept me.
Mary-Do you blame her?
-I would say that she would of all people.
Mary-Why?
-Because I'm very real in her.
Barb-Let's talk more about what is your reality.
-What is my reality? My reality is your thoughts.. and yours..and yours...
Barb-If I say something can you tell me if this is the way it is to be understood by me and by you?
-Yes.
Barb- I understand that the purpose of physical existence is to achieve a certain spiritual level.
- I would look at it this way Consider this life as a little village that you are going through. As you're wandering. It's only a small part of it. Each time that you live, so to speak, you are becoming more ... you. What you identify with as yourself now, you will identify with again,

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STELLAR THEOLOGY and MASONIC ASTRONOMY.

An americanized version of the relation of freemasonry to astrology is from a book by R.H.Brown published in 1882. Freemasonry in America at that time was under attack and many defences were attempted. This is by a 32° mason who writes a "defence and a vindication of the claims of American Freemasonry." His format is that of the question and answer.

Q. By what name were masons anciently known?

A. Long before the building of King Solomon's temple, masons were known as the 'Sons of Light'. Masonry was practiced by the ancients under the name of LUX, light, or its equivilent, the variety of languages was great.

Q. What is said to be the origin of the word 'masonry'?

A. We are informed by several distinguished writers that it is a corruption of the greek word mesouraneo which signifies "I am in the midst of heaven" alluding to the sun which is the great source of light. Others derive it directly from the ancient Egyptian Phre, the sun, and Mas , a child.

Phre-Masen-i.e., Children of the sun or, Sons of Light.

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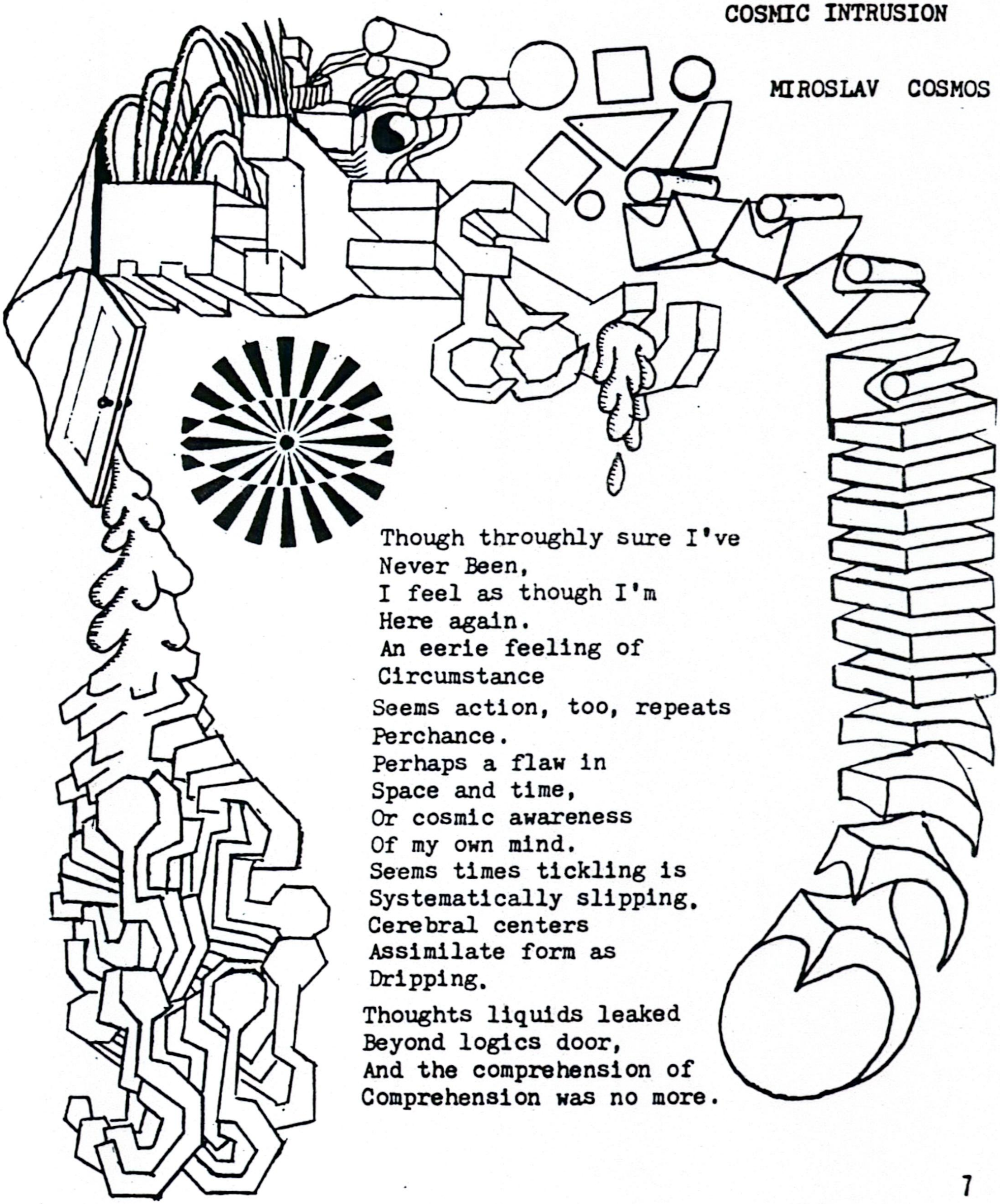

Though throughly sure I've
Never Been,
I feel as though I'm
Here again.
An eerie feeling of
Circumstance
Seems action, too, repeats
Perchance.
Perhaps a flaw in
Space and time,
Or cosmic awareness
Of my own mind.
Seems times tickling is
Systematically slipping.
Cerebral centers
Assimilate form as
Dripping.

Thoughts liquids leaked
Beyond logics door,
And the comprehension of
Comprehension was no more.

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Occultism in America today is being expressed in contemporary media; newsletters, classified ads and the Little Magazines. Ms. Janet Wiggins comments on such items that come to our attention. Literature that is considered psuedo-occult will be identified as such.

Media Editor, Ms. Wiggins, is a free lance writer for religious publications...

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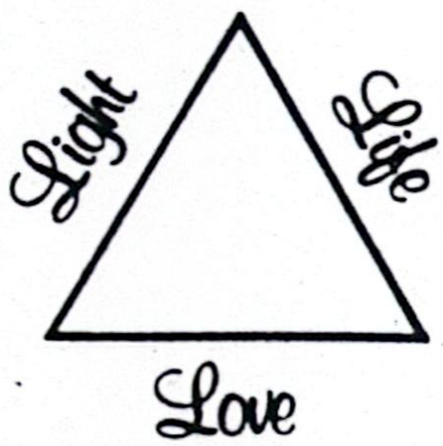

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These newsletters from the institutue of Psychic Astrology and research seem to be in the form of lessons of a spiritual as well as medicinal nature. The founder of the institute, Alice Lane, also offers personal counseling and lectures which are advertised throughout the letters. Donations to support the newsletter are also solicited.

The text seems disorganized and one never knows exactly what topic is being discussed. Apparently, spiritual healing, minerals, the soul and Christ consciousness are very important and then there are the homosexuals, who are on earth as a result of bad karma. All of this very hard to follow, but perhaps if you joined the institute you could find out more about it. One thing they do provide is a good place to order occult books, which are reviewed in the newsletters. They even provide handy order blanks.

A lot is said about enlightenment and truth in the main text, but I feel that once one is enlightened , the truth of the matter is that one has been 'had'.

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Editor Richard Cavendish is already an established authority on magic and witchcraft. Most of his contributors are outstanding in related occult fields with literary publications of various kinds to their credit. All in all it is a very impressive anthology of serious occult information.

On the other hand, it is a shame that all of this schoarly text and professional photography is wasted upon such a low quality printed presentation.The issues are small, on poor paper considering the investment. These issues are available commercially at supermarkets, drugstores and newstands for .95 per issue, or $106.40 for 112 unbound issues. If complied into the bindings, also offered by this company, the cost will then become an even $120.00. Quite a hustle Mr. Cavendish has going for him.

Were all of the material published and bound like a proper encyclopedia at this price, it would be a bargain for serious students of the occult. As it stands, these students would do better by borrowing the original books from the public library.

As for being, 'The Most Unusual Magazine Ever Published', Mr. Cavendish and company obviously have not seen some of the publications which cross our desk!

O.A.'s Media Review Editor
Ms. Janet Wiggins

Mystic Sauldron (sex pot)

By David

The role of Sassafras (Sassafras Albidum) in American folklore and early exploration is unique. In the century following the journey of Columbus, explorers visiting northern Florida and South Carolina were given samples of this aromatic root by the Indians, who called it'pauame'. The native Americans claimed it to be a remedy for malaria, high fever, comfort for the liver and stomach and a powerful aphrodisiac. This plant with a strong pleasant smell was was supposed to ward off evil, and evil, rather than bacteria, was believed to be the real cause of sickness.

Impatient to secure adequate supplies of sassafras, the English charged their early explorers to search for it. Sassafras became one of the first exports sent by Capt. John Smith from the Jamestown colony. However, since it was not curing all the ailments it claimed to cure, a disappointed public lost faith in it.

Much later, and many miles away, the dried and powdered leaves of this tree were introduced as an essential ingredient in Creole Cookery, particularly in Gumbo. Known as File' powder, it is believed to have been a legacy of the Choctaw Indians.

Today sassafras is popular as a delightful non-addictive beverage. Oil of sassafras is distilled from the bark and roots of the trees and used in soft drinks and candies. Old timers like my Grandfather Elliot, age 96, regard the brew as a general tonic necessary to rejuvenate sluggish body processes as winter fades into spring.

The tree, which grows wild in the eastern United States from Maine to Northern Florida and as far west as Louisiana, is sought by the new generation of natural food enthusiasts.

Like them, I use a mattock to grub out the sassafras roots, which, contrary to popular belief, may be harvested at any time of year. I have found that the trees growing in the poorest soil produce the best tea.

A strong, pleasant odor will tell you if you have found the right root. Note the illustration, the leaves have three distinct

shapes.Scrub the root with a brush and chip off the bark with a knife. The bark chips can be used at once, or dried and stored indefinitely .

For those who are not interested in harvesting their own, many independent grocers in the country carry a supply of the prized red root. They are tied in neat miniature bundles. The large split roots are to be avoided as they are lacking in flavor.

To make sassafras tea, put a few chips in a little water, cover and bring to a boil. Let simmer for about five minutes, then pour through a strainer into a cup, stirring in honey to taste.
Your tea should have a bright orange color, a pleasant odor, and a delightful taste.

Here is a File' food favorite for cocktail party use...

FILE' SPREAD

Cream a stick of margarine , blend in 1 tblsp. File' powder, 1 tsp. paprika, and a few drops of of lemon juice. Spread on crackers. Garnish each with a tiny shrimp rolled in finely minced parsley.

File' powder, as mentioned above, is made from sassafras leaves. Since it is a thickening agent, it can become stringy if boiled. It should be added to boiling liquid gradually, and after the dish has been removed from the heat.

CHICKEN OYSTER GUMBO

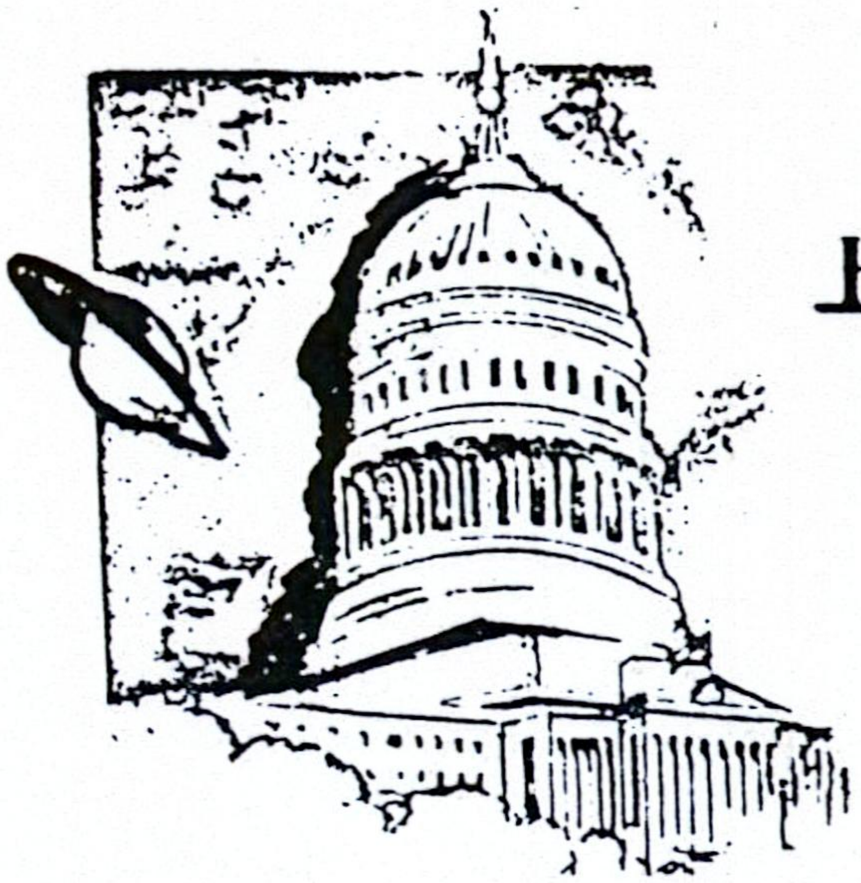
1 small chicken
1 lb beef stew
1 cup diced okra
1 tblsp. butter
1 onion
3 pts. water
2 dozen shucked oysters
1 1/2 tsp. File' powder
salt and pepper

Cut up chicken and stew it with beef and okra in water. When a strong broth is made and meat is tender, remove chicken bones and cut meat in small pieces. Add oysters with liquor and season to taste with other ingredients except File'. Remove from heat and gradually add File' after oyster edges curl. Serve at once.

Although the occult properties of sassafras seem to have been reduced over the years, Verta Mae, the famed Vibration Cookbook author says, "It cleans you out."

I hope our readers will write to me if they want more information or have some to share.

David, O.A.



Happenings

Dr. Frank E. Stranges, chairman of the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects,announces that the 6th annual UFO, Space and Science convention will be conducted at the Anaheim Convention Center. It will begin with the international banquet on Friday night June 28th at 7:30 P.M., followed by all day sessions on Saturday and Sunday, June 29th and 30th. The convention is open to the public and will feature speakers from various parts of the United States. Films, slides, etc. as well as general and space sciences will also be featured. Additional information is available by writing to UFO , P.O. Box 5, Van Nuys California, 91401 or call 213 - 780-7703.

Another Children's crusade?

Rev. James Welgos of Guttenberg New Jersey, is in the process of seeking adults who would wish to become 'mentors' to coveys of children between the ages of 11 and 18. These children would be in the process of developing their latent psychic capabilities and learning how to make use of them in the world around them. It is the contention of Rev. Welgos that the best people to stop vandalism , do healing, prediction, etc. are those who are the young among us. They are also, he says, the easiest to train.

These coveys can be of any size from 5 to 100 children . They would all receive 'general instruction' and then also receive 'special instruction' according to the specialty they may have selected for development.

Adults wishing to become 'mentors' to such groups would need to become more capable themselves. Rev. Welgos has materials already prepared for much of this work and is preparing other materials. About fifteen years ago he walked away from an organization of more than 20,000 students with a branch office in England to go on an extended sabbatical. He says, "I no longer have any questions. I am ready to become a true teacher as I wanted to be originally. My sabbatical is now ended."

Adults interested in such a program should write to Rev. Welgos at PSI, 115 - 69th St., Guttenberg N.J. 07093

CONTACT

This is the readers page. Share your interests with other readers - you may discover that your next door neighbor or even your mother-in-law has similar occult concerns! Subscribers, send in a write-up about yourselves up to 100 words.

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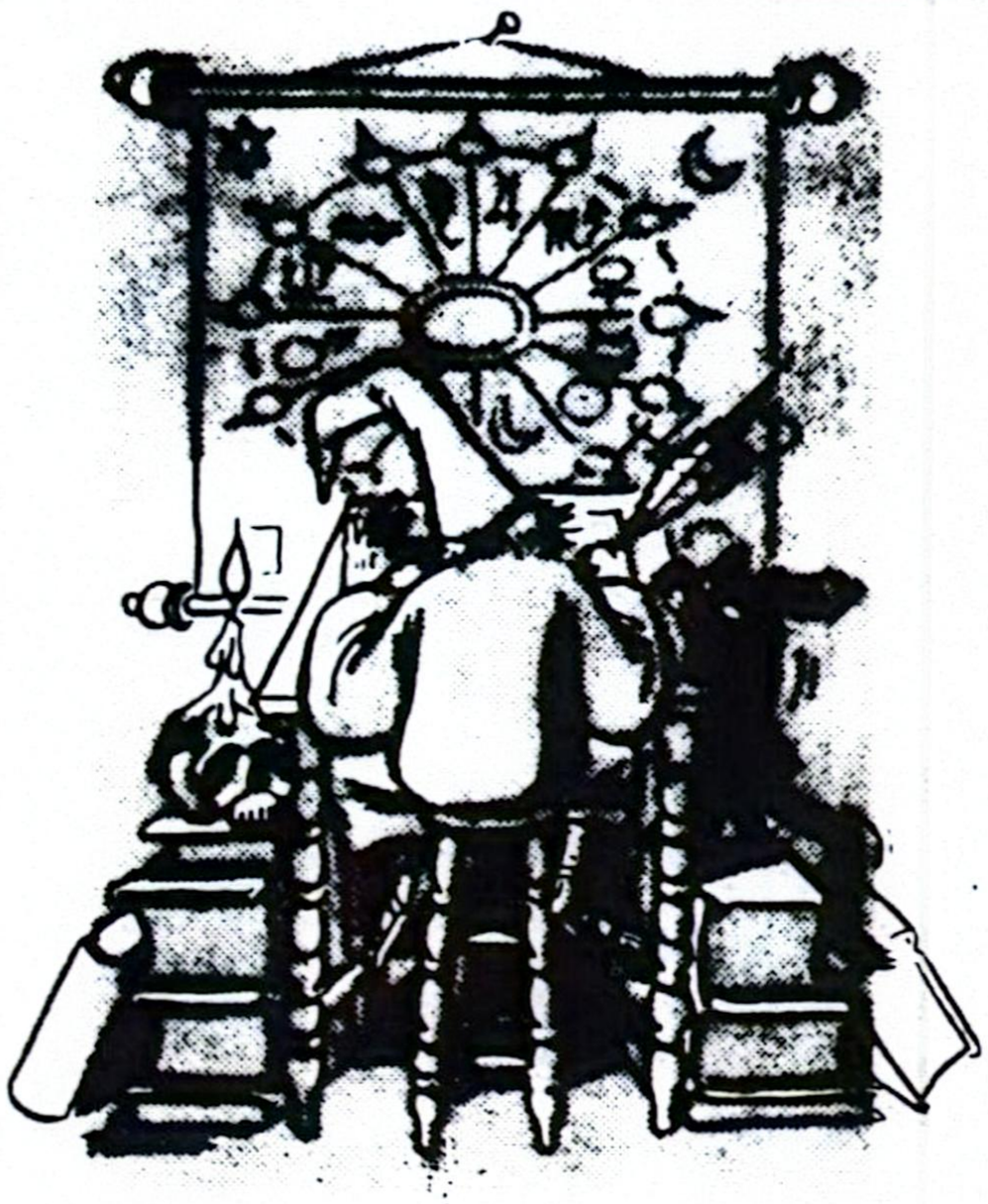

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though not completely.
Barb-Until?
-Until you become all.
Barb-All spiritual?
-Complete, whole, one people.
Barb-Which is non-physical?
-Physical as in your body, no it is not.
Tim- In other words, Karma, and the whole relationship to God, is not, in fact a definite must but an action reaction. What I do in this life may effect what I do in the next life simply by my own decision.
- That's right, you have the power to decide.
Tim-In other words, If I were to kill someone in this life it is not mandatory that I die in another life unless I so will it.
-That's right. You have control over what you do because of the energies.
Barb- But can you change your sense of what is right and wrong?
-Your sense of what is right and wrong are your strongest senses.
Barb- So this will determine whether or not you can will things to happen. If you can't change the reaction only by wanting to , you have to believe that it is not justified, is that correct?
-You can change the reaction, because the basic, what you call moral sense, is inbred in all. Now, if in the future we were to live in a society where killing was a way of life and it was not what you considered what you call a moral issue, but was considered to be right rather than wrong, as it is in this society, then you could kill again because the morals are different. You would be raised in a different manner.But you still have the energy to change at will. Many people that you read about in your earth's history, changed at will. Many people that you know about, Joan of Arc, the early Christians, changed at will. From one complete manner, code, of thinking to another.
Barb-And what motivates them?
-Their own conscious energy.
Barb-Desiring to change?
Is there a way of going with an expectation of something to be accomplished? I take it that there is, that we have something to do as we go through this village.
-The main thing that you have to do is to pick up the part of you that is waiting there. At each village that you go through there is going to be a little part of you that you are going to gain.
Tim- Experience.
-Thank you.
Andrea- Can I ask you a question?
-Certainly.
Andrea-What are you and why are you called Bob?
-Bob is merely what I am being called so that you can identify with me.
Andrea-What would you call yourself?
- I would call myself many things. One of them part of

the whole. Many people are trying to identify me as something that they can touch or feel or taste or hear or smell.
Andrea-What I am saying is, could I ever reach you?
-I'm always with you. I'm a part of your consciousness.
Andrea-How is it possible that you are talking to me?
-I am speaking through Karen. She is here, her heart is beating, her mind is working, she can stand up or sing a song or whatever. She is here. But let's just say that she's pushed away the cobwebs of the mind and she's let me in.
Mary-And are you always there?
-I'm always there. Just as I am always with you.
Mary- Would it be correct to say that we all share one soul?
-You all share a part of me. We will cover that again some other time.
Tim. I think Bob is leaving. Who is there now?
- Karen, Karen is here now.

EDITOR'S COMMENT....

The change in personality when Bob spoke through Karen was intense and dramatic. Karen is a lovely young woman in her early 20's not particularly devoted to reading metaphyscial treatises but bright and personable. She heard this tape with us after she returned, this was the first time she had heard Bob's voice and thoughts. I was difficult for her and all of us to understand what really happened.

Recall how she kept reminding us that Bob was not a person but energy, into which all of us could tap. I believe that this is the underlying psychical unity that exists and can be tapped by a latent capacity that some of us have in varying degrees. Karen, obviously, more than others. Notice how Bob chides us, especially me, with playing too much with words. I'm sure that he is right. That the self manifests itself through the organism but there is always some part of this self unmanifested, held in reserve. When this manifested itself through Karen as Bob, her higher consciousness was the ultimate in self-confidence and love.

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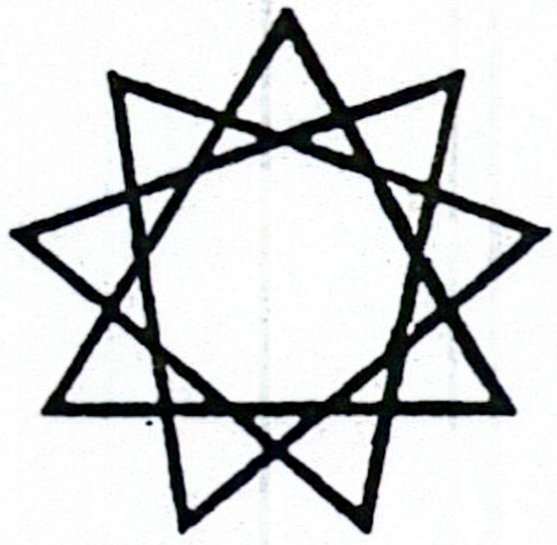

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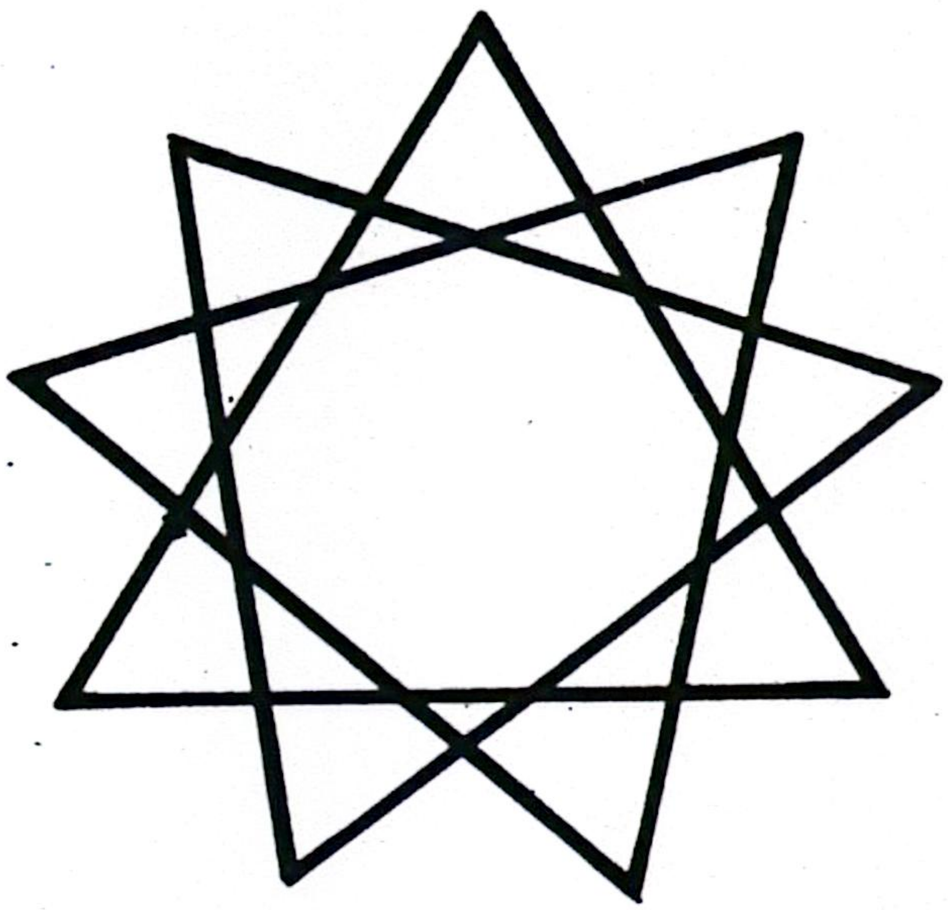

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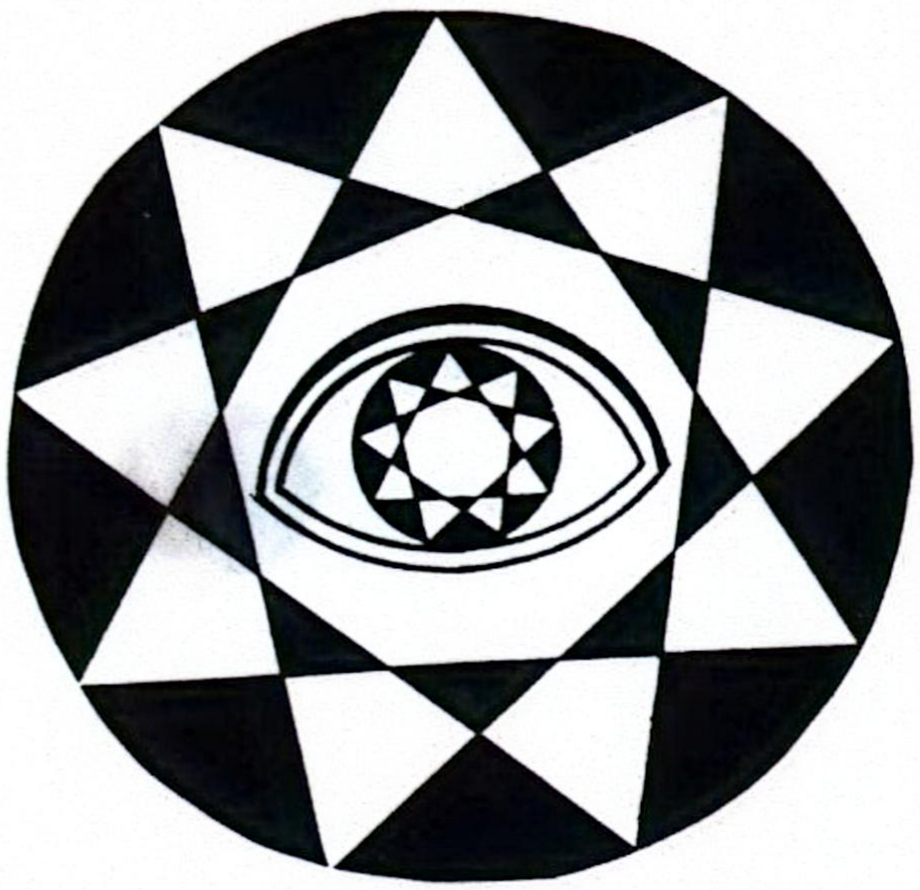

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AMERICAN OCCULTISM

Occult history in America draws from such diverse backgrounds as the ancient witchcraft of native Indians, Voodoo rites brought from Africa and South America and the belief in sorcery carried to the new continent by the early English and Dutch settlers to the distinctly American heretical varieties of traditional Christianity.

The religious trend in America was experimentation, the discovering of new paths to personal salvation. The Europeans who came to America had left behind them a religious way of life directed for them by politicians and ecclesiastics. The religious groups in America were destined to be controlled and inspired by credulous but practical 'ordinary citizens'.

Historians have not always agreed on the definitions of 'Occult' and 'Religious'. The common characteristics most often accepted are, the element of secrecy and an emphasis on the 'unknown'. If a society includes some secret rituals permissable only to the initiated, and its sacred literature includes

answers to the 'unknown', it would be considered Occult rather than Religious.

According to this definition, such a purely American sect as the Mormons would be classified as having a semi-occult origin.

However, other than the infamous witchcraft trials in Salem, Massachusetts, colonial America offers little to the history of occultism in comparison to the intensity of later activity in America.

Experimental occult communities such as the Mountain Cove Community of Harris and the famous society of Hopedale flourished briefly. American history also contributes to the list of occult personalities Thomas Harris, Brigham Young, the Fox sisters, Andrew Jackson Davis and Adin Ballou would just begin a long and fascinating list.

Theosopy owes much to America since it was in New York City in 1875 that Madam Blavatsky founded her spiritualistic society, inspired by astral communication with two Tibetan mahatmas.

Pseudo-occultism finds fertile soil in America and those who exploit this fact find fanatic enthusiasm for such cults as Isis-worshippers, Devil Devotees, and sex-oriented rituals, and yet the same soil produces scientific and academic studies of psychic phenomenon, mysticism and dream analysis.

The most successful, in terms of membership and political power, religious groups to come from pure American soil, is Mormonism.

It is a fascinating story of the credulity and plain but beutiful American kind of talent and a perfect example of enterprising esoteric enthusiasm. Included here is a picture of the handsome young Jospeh Smith, founder of the sect.

JOSEPH SMITH : the Prophet

Modern occultists refer to the strip along the New York Thru-way from Buffalo to Albany as the 'Psychic Highway'. Historians refer to this district as the 'Burned-over District'.

For the first few decades of the 19th century the fires of revivalism swept over Western New York preparing souls for an intense spiritual awakening. The highway was soon crowded with religious 'free-lancers' who preached moral and spiritual reform to eager listeners. These preachers had little formal education and only the vaguest affiliation with the orthodox ministry.

One of the many major American faiths born of this strange mixture of time and place was Mormonism. A fourteen-year-old boy named Joseph Smith was converted by a 'hell-fire' methodist revivalist near Manchester, New York. The preacher advised the young boy Joseph to seek God in solitude so that He could guide his path. Joseph prayed for this guidance in a grove of trees on a hill not far from his father's farm. The Lord told him not to become affiliated with an established church because he, Joseph Smith, was to become the instrument for the establishment of the True Church of Jesus Christ.

Three years later, in 1823, the angel Moroni came to Joseph and told him of a sacred book that was buried in the same near-by hill. The angel led Joseph to the sacred spot and it was there that the golden plates were found. Soon after the plates were translated into the Book of Mormon the angel removed them from the earth. This book is considered the fulfillment of the Christian Bible for the religious group known as the 'Latter Day Saints'.

The Book was originally written in a form of Egyptian hieroglyphics and it chronicle the history of the American continent.

The history of the original Americans begins in the seventh century B.C. with a man named Lehi, his wife and four sons. Lehi was told by the Lord to flee his country of Judea. He and his family went to the Arabian desert where the revelations of God continue to pour in on Lehi. He was told to build a large ship. He and his family set sail and after many months landed in South America. Here they prospe and multiplied. Two of Lehi's sons were named Laman and Nephi

Nephi was god-fearing but Laman was wicked. The brother quarreled. The descendants of Nephi were fair-skinned and beautiful. The descendants of Laman had dark skin and were unpleasant. The tribes contin their quarreling through the years. At the time of the ascension of Jesus, who came and counseled the descendants of Lehi, it was the Nephites who received the blessing.

Their troubles continued un 429 A.D. when a final battle was fought and the Nephites were destroyed by the Lamanites The battle occurred on the hill which is known as Cumorah and is located near Manchester New York.

The Nephites left a record in the form of gold plates and it was this book that Joseph translated into the Book of Mormon.

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With Korra Deaver

On a recent visit to Little Rock, Arkansas, I was fortunate to find the founder of the "Institute of Psychic Science, Inc." and editor of the bi-monthly publication BREAKTHROUGH! available for an interview. She was most gracious and answered Miroslav's and my questions with a very appealing sincerity.

The institute was established in 1971 with the purpose of promoting education and research in the psychic field. I am always interested in the financial arrangments of institutes such as this one, since I have found some claiming to begin the delicate task of revealing directions only after receiving several hundred dollars from the student. But in this case the fees are remarkably small and there is evident a genuine desire to share knowledge. Korra Deaver does much of the teaching but there are also other instructors and Ms. Deaver seems to have the talent for encouraging her students to tap into their own creative talents.

Ms. Deaver studied a variety of psychic disciplines, including Unity church, Silva Mind Control and Hypnosis. she is emphatic about using the term 'esoteric' rather than metaphysical to describe her teachings. She explains this term as a synthesis of systems including knowledge of the invisible world, masters and planes and theosophy. She is able to teach this to her beginning students in very basic terms. There is a variety of course offerings but the basic group

KORRA DEAVER

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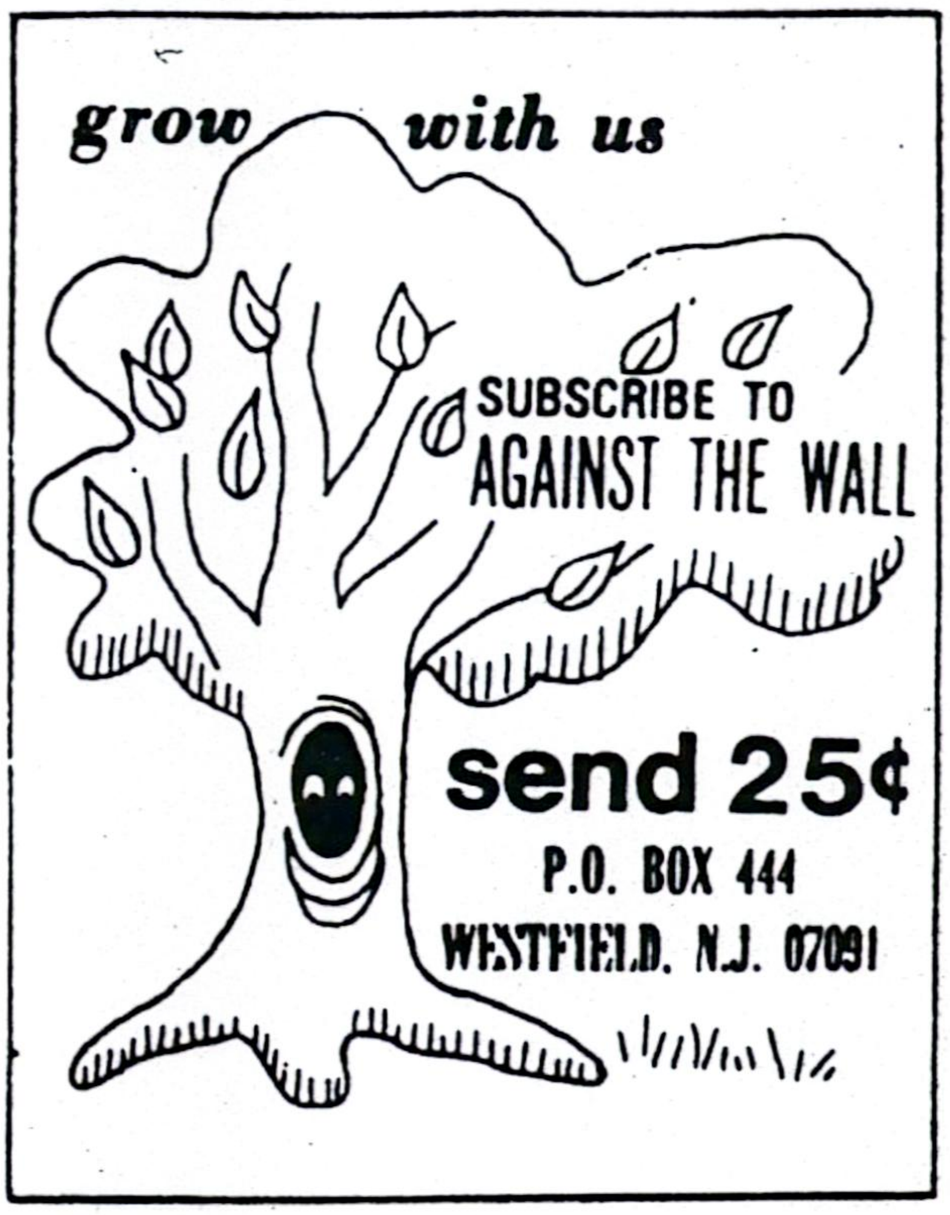

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Mystic Cauldron (scr pot)

By David

Favorable reader response to a foods article by Darius inspired us to seek the expertise of a well known local herbalist and chef.

Mint came to America with the earliest settlers. As a naturalized herb with over thirty species, it has been unkindly dubbed as unwelcome weeds in many places.

Nevertheless, the uses of mint leaves for cooking are indeed as many as the 'sparks from Lucifer's kitchen'. With the scarcity of doctors at the time the colonists were struggling for survival, mint was far from being an unwanted nuisance. Garden mint was widely used as a poultice for such ailments as stings from mosquitoes and bees, headaches in small children and when brewed in a broth it was known to relieve the discomforts of menstruation.

When mint was used in baths along with 'baulme' and other common herbs it comforted and strengthened the nerves and muscles.

To bring things a bit more up to date, extracts of mint are widely used in commercial medicines, candies, gum, toothpaste, skin lotions and shaving creams. Mint has many medicinal uses. Its high content of vitamins A and C explain why it was effective in curing scurvy , night blindness and illnesses connected with deficiencies of these vitamins

Here are a few of my recipes for mint .....

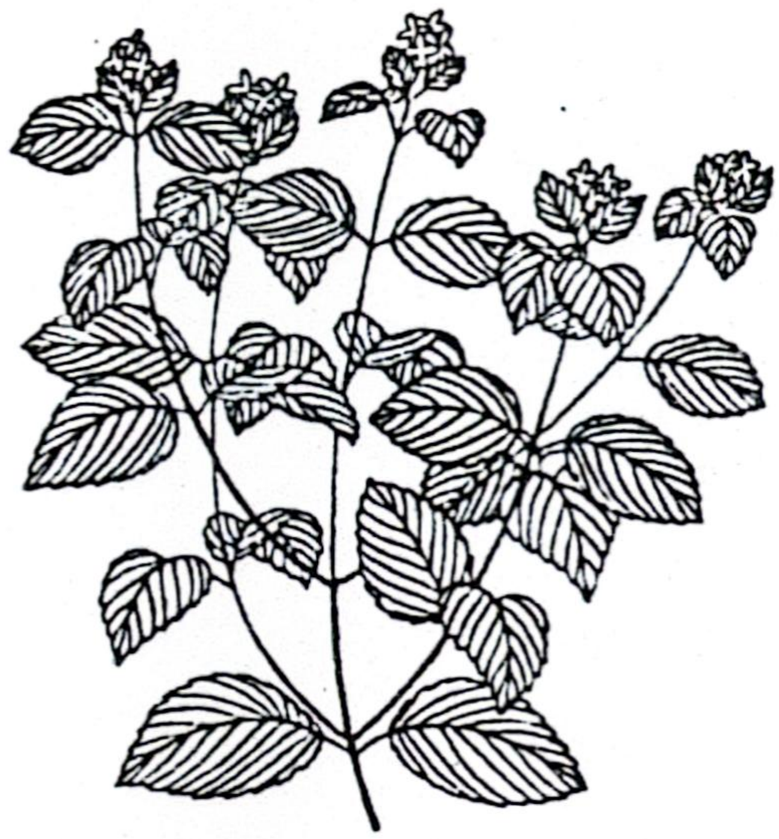
MINT VINEGAR

1 good handful of fresh mint leaves
(or 3 tablespoons of dried mint)
1 quart of pure apple cider vinegar
(or 1 qt. distilled white vinegar)
Wash the fresh mint, shake it well and bruise it with a pestle or wooden potatoe masher.
Pack in a glass quart jar, pour in vinegar, (when using dried mint, bring vinegar to a boil before adding mint.) Cover tightly and let stand for two weeks. Strain and bottle. You might want to add a few drops of food coloring which produces a verdant 'artists green'.

This is an excellent mint vinegar with lamb. Mint vinegar is delicious in iced drinks. You might want to freeze a tray with

a mint sprig in each cube....it makes an interesting conversation piece.

American pioneers learned many survival trade secrets from the Indians. They had been relying on the forces of nature , herbs as their main source of medicines, long before the white man arrived. A pep tonic using mint leaves is an adaptation of an Indian brew. They would steep a heaping teaspoon of mint leaves in hot water , strain and then drink when warm. Usually this tonic would be taken an hour or so before mealtime.



MINT

MINTED APPLES

1 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup chopped mint
2 large apples

Boil the water, sugar and mint for 3 minutes. Add a bit of green food coloring. Peel and quarter the apples and cook in syrup until tender.

Strain syrup and pour over the apples.

UNTIL NEXT ISSUE..

DAVID

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This magazine has been a **whimsical** potpourri of occult **information** for almost three years. In all this time, its editors have never decided on a specific focus, a fact which they readily admit. They cover witchcraft, UFology, demonology, the orgone theory of the hollow earth, parapsychology, E.S.P., paganism, metaphysics ad infinitum; both past present and future. All of the articles are readable and interesting. The format of the magazine with its wealth of illustrations suggest an expensive publishing operation and the price of a subscription is not prohibitive. Only $3.00 for 6 issues. This is a lot of unknown for a small price, but reading the whole thing at one sitting does tend to give me **indigestion!**

P.S. The title of the mag would seem to suggest that the editors do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed therein.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

A sequel to my remarks about MAN MYTH and MAGIC discloses that there is a bound version of the encyclopedia of M M and M that is more than worthy of Mr. Cavendish. Our editor received two volumes as a gift and is now trying to discover the source of supply . They are beautiful and impressive. Serious students of the occult would surely prefer them to the cheaper news-stand editions.

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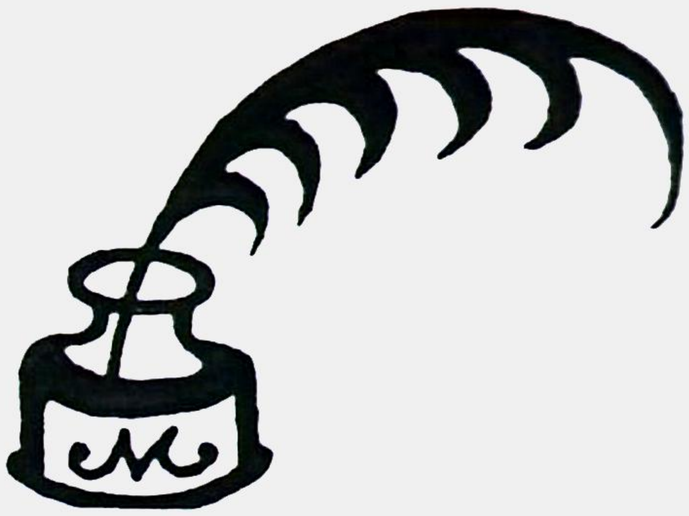

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Judging by a clever caricature in volume 6, the editor of Universe Quarterly is a very attractive young woman named Levedi Virat. Who would have thought that far away Alaska would be the source of such a thoroughly recommended publication? !

The Great Invocation

From the point of Light
within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into
the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.
From the point of Love
within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into
the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the
Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little
wills of men —
The purpose which the
Masters know and
serve.

From the centre which we
call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and
Light work out.
And may it seal the door
where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and
Power restore the Plan
on Earth.

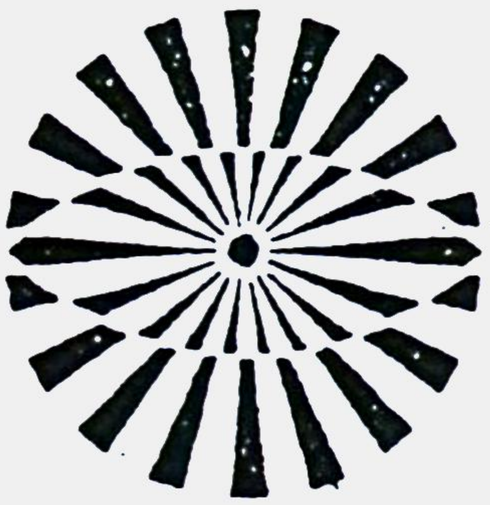
dogma 1
I am god

From the Gospel of Thomas
log 22

"Jesus said to them,
When you make the two one,
and when you make the
inner as the outer, and
the above as the below, and
when you make the male and
the female into a single one
so that the male will not be
male and the female not be
female, when you make eyes
in the place of an eye, and
a hand in the place of
a hand, and a foot in the
place of a foot and an
image in the place of
an image, then you shall
enter the kingdom."

From Luke 17;21

"The kingdom of God is
not coming with signs to
be observed, nor will they
say Lo, Here it is or There!
For behold, the kingdom of
God is in the midst of you.



Does one and one make two?
Am I I , are you you?
If you think, you may well find
you're god-controlled by your
subconscious mind.
When you eat you don't decide
whether you'll feed hair or hide.
When you sleep you've no pre-sight
about the world you'll visit tonight.
The incessant music of breath and heart
go with the flow until spirits depart.
Atom and galaxy's complete coordination
despite the mind's interpretation.
You think you're yours but this is
not so,
For what makes up you body was here
eons ago.
And things are not always as they seem
in external life or internal dream.

For as we see the sun rise and set
our symbolic mind seems to forget
the sun sets not nor does it rise
yet thus we see this with our eyes.
We still believe in up and down
but whose up is up on opposite ground.
We were all endowed with trust and
blind faith
believe you did that four and four
means the eighth
and questioned not that A was A
Or you would not comprehend what
I speak today.

But things are as they are
without who why when or how,
and they always will be
with the intensity of now.

MIROSLAV COSMOS

"The entire planet is a life-form made up of non-living portions and a large variety of living portions (as our own body is made up of non-living crystals in bones and non-living water in blood, as well as of a large variety of living portions). (Isaac Asimov, "The Case Against Man," St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1970

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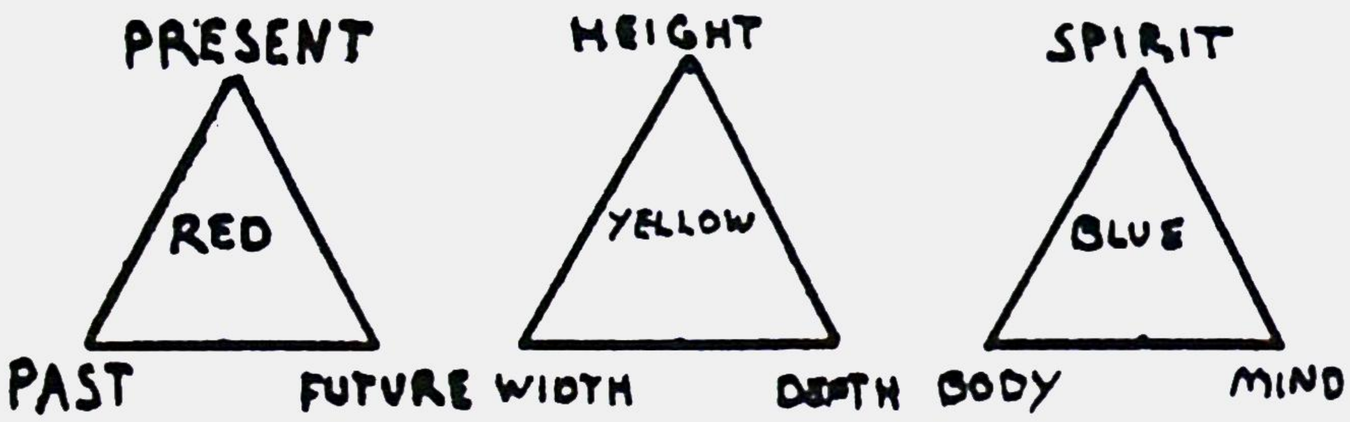

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and so on.... and seem to all direct to one basic underlying energy of cerebral sun of soular self

MIROSLAV COSMOS

"Thus, while the Biosphere is her flesh, the Lithosphere (rocks and minerals; solid; Earth) is Her skeleton; the Hydrosphere (sea, lakes, rivers; liquid; Water) is Her blood; the Atmosphere (sky, wind, clouds; gas; Air) is Her breath; and the Ionosphere (Aurora Borealis, etc.; plasma; Fire) is Her aura. And since these elements are parts of our living body, they partake of that life, and so have a form of life of their own, however rudimentary."

(from an article by Tim Zell, Primate of the Church of All Worlds)

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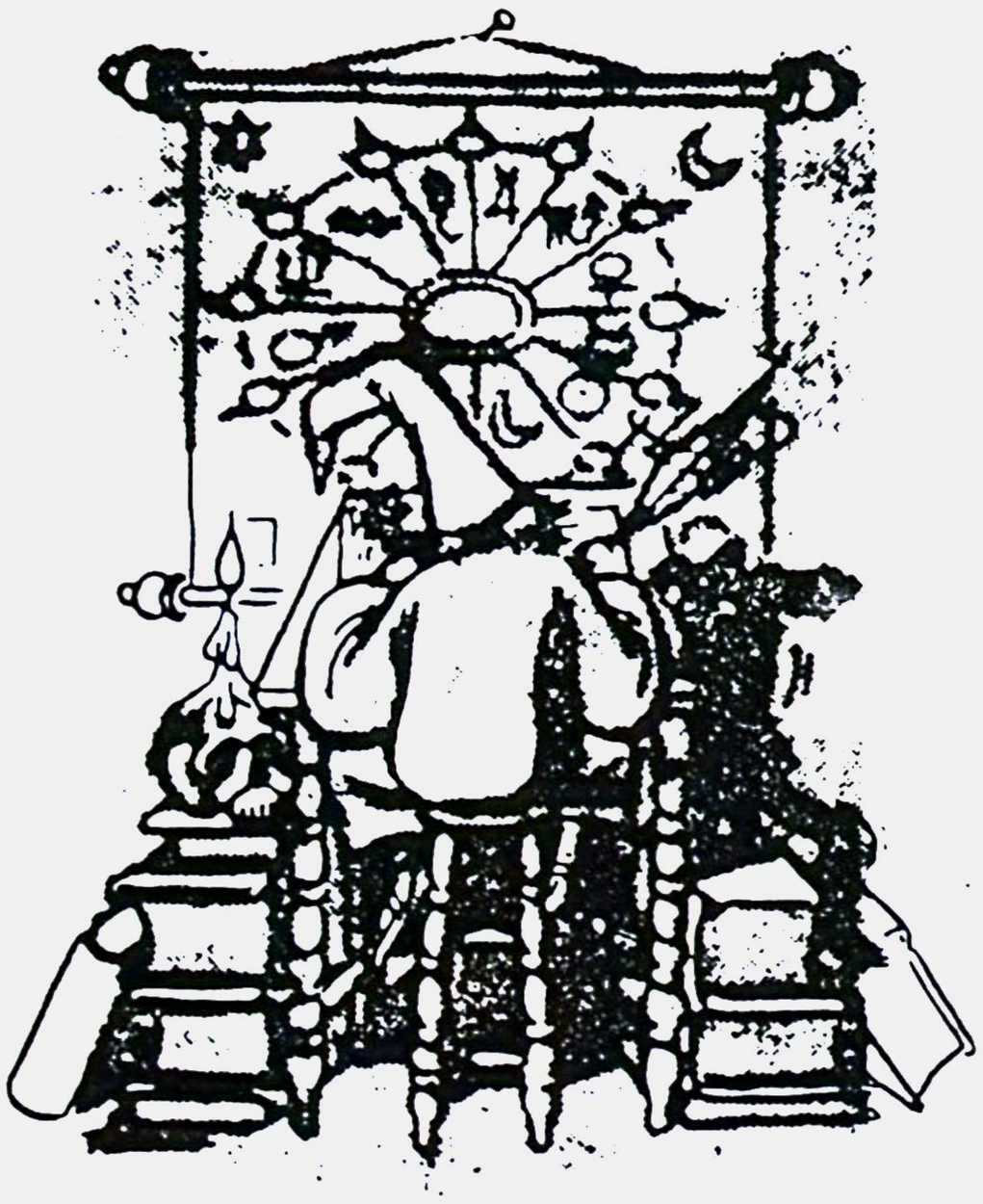

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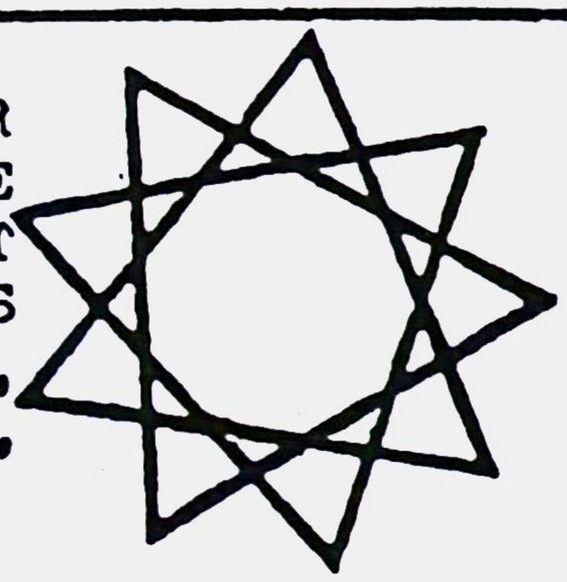

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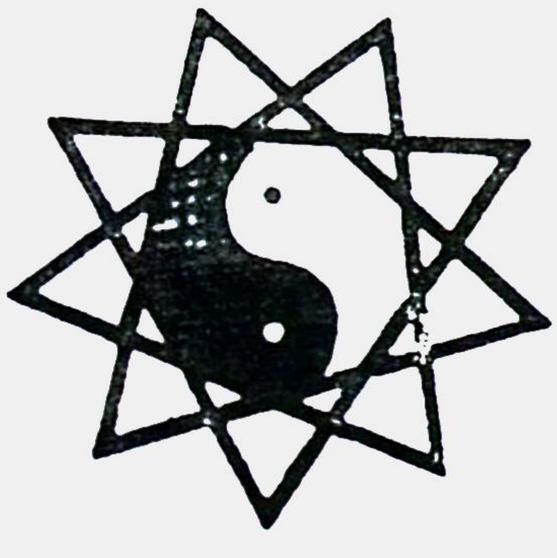

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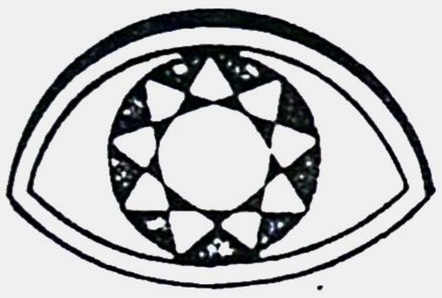


Occult Americana

President Andrew Jackson Joined 1821 Hunt for a Witch

By The Rev. WEBB GARRISON

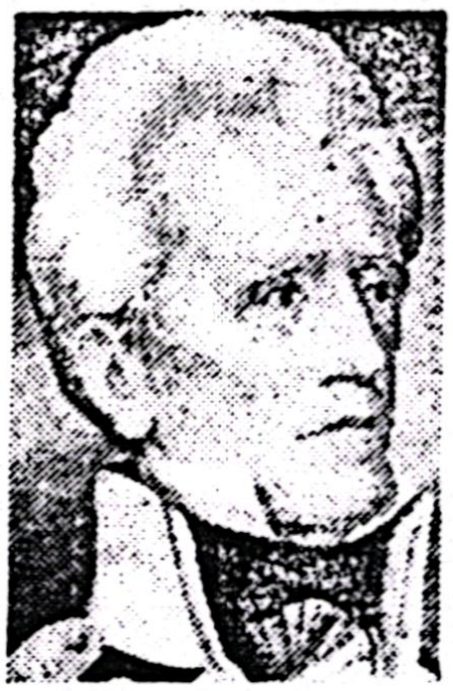
Andrew Jackson is the only U.S. president ever known to have taken active part in an investigation of witchcraft.

And "Old Hickory," hero of the Battle of New Orleans, found the supernatural tougher to overcome than the British troops he routed in 1815.

Jackson launched himself on the witch-hunt partly as a lark and partly as a favor to an old friend, John Bell, a wealthy plantation owner who lived several miles north of Nashville, Tenn.

Bell's family had been plagued by the pranks of a mysterious being known as the "Bell Witch" or "Kate," who apparently objected to the engagement of Bell's youngest daughter, Betsy, to a store owner.

Kate would appear to the Bells as a strange-looking beast, a giant bird, a rabbit or a "pretty little girl."



ANDREW JACKSON
"Worse than fighting the British."

Jackson, then semiretired in Nashville and eight years from his first term in the White House, decided in 1821 to go witch-hunting.

According to historian Col. Thomas Yancey: "Gen. Jackson and his men were riding on horseback discussing how they were going to do up the witch . . . when just within a short distance of the (Bell) house, traveling over a smooth, level piece of road the (party's supply) wagon halted and stuck fast . . . as if welded to the earth."

Then, according to a member of the Bell family, "a sharp, metallic voice came from the bushes, saying, 'All right, General, I'll let the wagon move on.'

"Gen. Jackson exclaimed, 'By the Eternal, boys, it's the witch. This is worse than fighting the British!' "

The wagon freed, Jackson continued on to the Bell farm house, where he spent two unsuccessful days trying to find an explanation for the mysterious goings-on.

Then Jackson returned to Nashville.

Today, a historical marker stands alongside U.S. Highway 41 near the spot where Jackson's wagon stalled.

An inscription says in part: "The witch scared off Betsy Bell's suitor . . . No satisfactory explanation of the witch has ever been advanced."

Salem witchcraft trial testimony released

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SALEM, Mass. — Witchcraft hysteria swept this seaport town nearly three centuries ago. Now the witch trial to their deaths is being published.

An old English record of courtroom testimony reveals the fear that gripped the village in 1692 when teen-age girls said they'd been put under spells. Within a year, 19 persons had been hanged and one crushed to death.

The Eusex County commissioners are in the process of signing a contract for publication of the Salem Witchcraft Papers, testimony from the witchcraft trials.

Included in the trial records is Benjamin Hutchinson's statement that his wife was tortured by a witch:

"My wife was much afflicted after the last execution with violent pains in her heart and teeth and all parts of her body . . . she being in such excessive misery that she said she believed that she had had a spell cast upon her.

"Whereupon I went to Mary Walcott, one of our neighbors, to come and look to see if she could see anybody upon her; and as soon as she came into the house she said that our two neighbors — Sarah Buckley and Mary Witheridge — were upon my wife; and immediately my wife had ease and Mary Walcott was tormented."

AMERICAN occult BOOKS

Dream Telepathy

by Montague Ullman, Alan Vaughan and Stanley Krippner - MacMillan 1973

Dream Telepathy is an historical survey of dream studies, detailed accounts of experiments conducted at the Maimonides Medical Center in New York, and fascinating theories about the humanistic implications of such studies. Their method of study involves an experimenter who 'beams' thoughts to the dreamer and later these thoughts and dreams are compared. The jist of the book is that there is scientific proof that there is a significant relation between what is sent and what is received.
In the forward, Gardner Murphy says, 'It is difficult to imagine today, a study more important, more nearly central to our fundamental problems in parasychology..'
The authors do get into these problems and include comments by other experts, pro and con, about the authors theories.
Basic to the question of what happens in the dream state is the question, what is the dream state? I was very much drawn to Ullman's theory which he calls the PSI vigilance theory. The dreaming state is a possible linkage to a primitive danger sensing mechanism. It is a system of survival vigilance, one that responds to symbolic threats rather than physical threats to his social existence. What the dreamer is doing is scanning his psi field to see if anything, internally or externally, must be dealt with. This is why the dream state offers such a favorable state of consciouness for E.S.P.
But this is by no means the most accepted theory and others just as fascinating are presented. I agree with the authors that this kind of investigation has importance to the future of mankind. "Man's psychic potential suggests that in the basic fabric of life everything and everyoneis more closely linked than our discrete physical boundaries would seem to suggest. Perhaps all forms of life are vitally interrelated in ways we do not yet clearly understand".

THE EDITOR

DR. MONTAGUE ULLMAN, a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, and DR. STANLEY KRIPPNER, a psychologist, head the dream research team at Maimonides Medical Center's Dream Laboratory in New York City.

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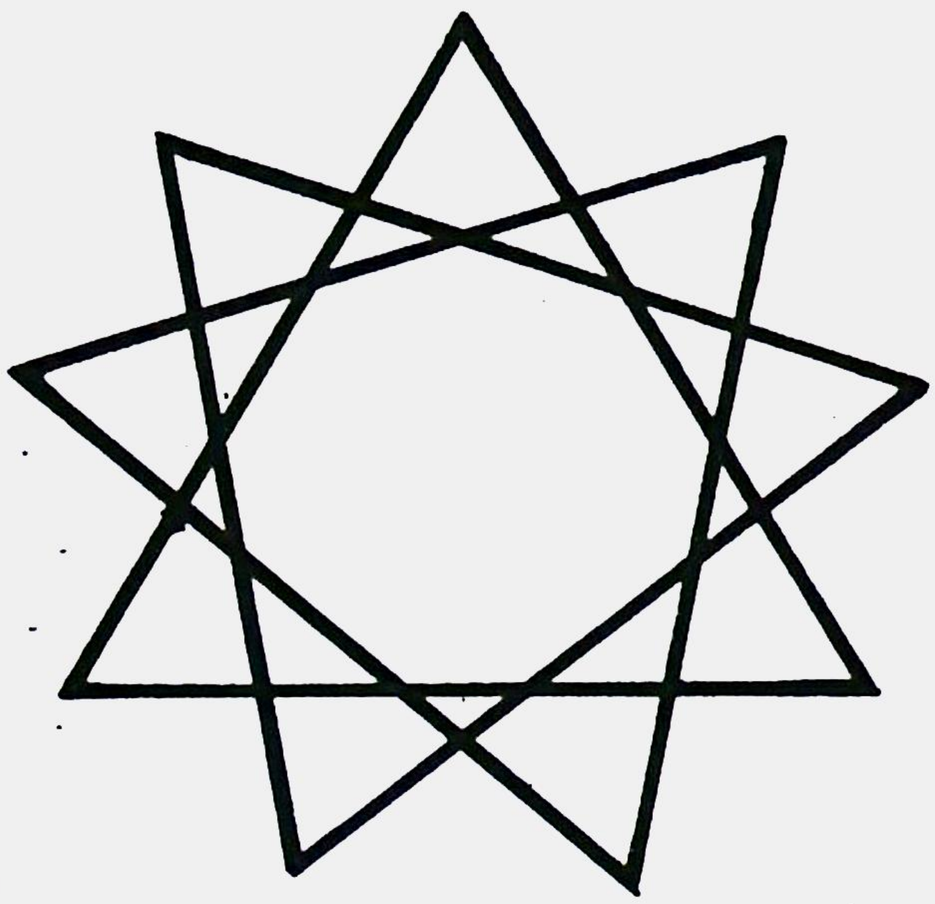

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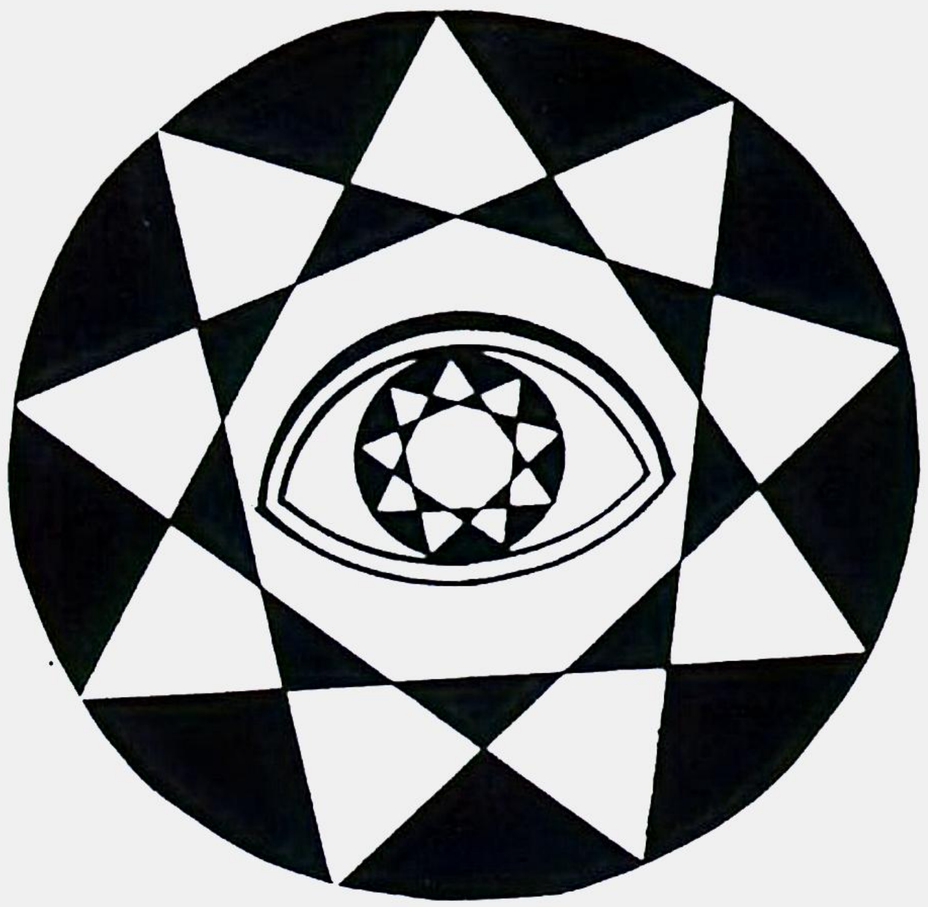

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SWEDENBORGIANISM

Swedenborg, the engineer turned mystic combined these two talents to solve the problems of the relationships between soul and body. To 17th century Sweden he was respected as an inventor, politician and scientist. To the world he became known as one of the greatest mystics of all times.
To him the mystery of the origin of the universe was a problem solvable by man, and he devoted his remarkable talents towards this end.

At about age 55, Swedenborg received a revelation from God to unveil the spiritual sense of and scriptures to mankind.

Scientific Theories of Swedenborg stated in his book Principia published in 1734 include; the atomic theory; the solar origin of the earth, the undulatory theory of light, that heat is a mode of motion and that magnetism and electricity are closely connected.

TESTIMONIALS FROM FAMOUS AMERICANS

Henry James wrote in his book Substance and Shadow; "I fully con-

cede to Swedenborg what is usually denied him, namely, an extreme sobriety of mind displayed under all the exceptional circumstances of his career, and which ends by making us feel at last his very words to be almost insipid with veracity.... .. Such sincere books it seems to me were never before written."

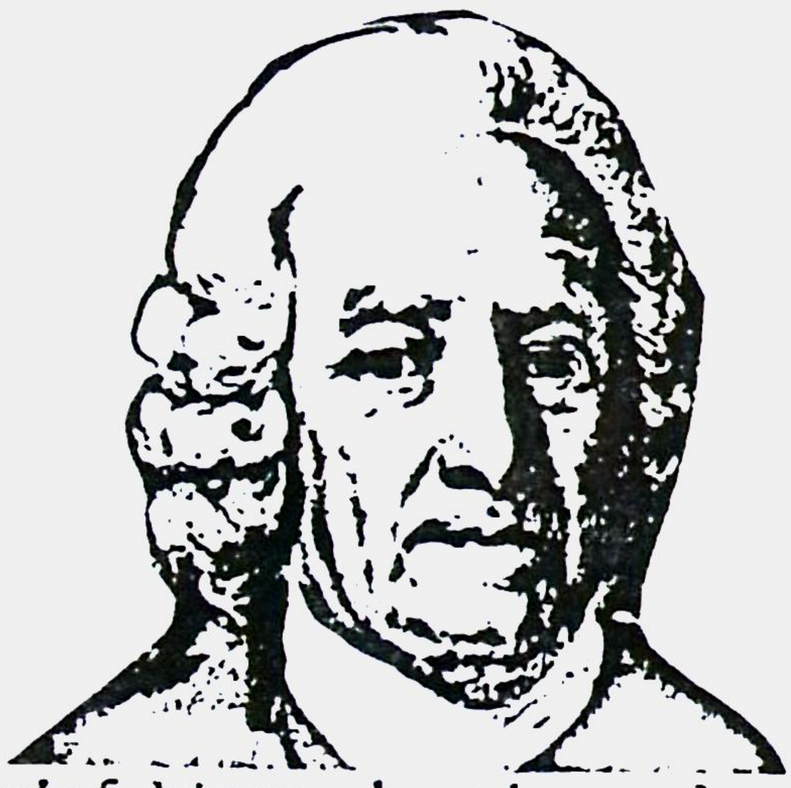
Ralph Waldo Emerson referred to Swedenborg as; "one of the missourfurns and mastodons of literature.. .... not to be measured by whole colleges of ordinary scholars A colossal soul,... who requires a long focal distance to be seen."

Andrew Jackson Davis, famous 19th century American clairvoyant, claimed to have been taught by the spirit of Swedenborg during Jackson's many out-of-body experiences. The writings of Swedenborg influenced the American transcendentalists and was held in high respect by the spiritualist groups of the 19th century.

Helen Keller pays tribute to Swedenborg in her book, My Religion Miss Keller was unique in history because she was prevented from learning about the world through ordinary means of communication, sight and hearing, but yet learned how to articulate her experiences. She found delight in Swedenborg's ideas because she too knew about the power and infinite potential of the mind. The mind, and not the senses, was her key to overcoming almost unbearable limitations.

MYSTIC OR MADMAN?

Historical references to the life and writings of Swedenborg always do something with the question of his alleged madness. Not all mystics demand such attention by their historians. Why Swedenborg?



The brief biography given alone suggests perhaps that his mystic visions were more extreme than most and that before his conversion he had a scientifically practical mind, superior to many other mystics. It is this severe and sudden contrast that intrigues his historians. Those who defend Swedenborg emphasize the effect of this contrast by pointing out that because of his scientific training he was more able to observe and record the smallest detail even while on the very pinnacles of ecstasy. Even though some of his detailed descriptions of the flora and fauna on the moon, for instance, do not now square with scientific knowledge, his defenders say that what he saw was true for him only and in no way takes away from his insight with the scheme of divine humanity.

the writings of Swedenborg:

" The universe is an image of God, and was made for use. Providence is the government of the Lord in heaven and on earth. It extends itself over all things, because there is only one fountain of life, namely, the Lord, whose power supports all that exists.

" The influence of the Lord is according to a plan, and is invisible, as is Providence, by which men are not constrained to believe, and thus to lose their freedom. The influence of the Lord passes over from the spiritual to the natural, and from the inward to the outward. The Lord confers his influence on the good and the bad, but the latter converts the good into evil, and the true into the false; for so is the creature of its will fashioned.

" In order to comprehend the origin and progress of this influence, we must first know that that which proceeds from the Lord is the divine sphere which surrounds us, and fills the spiritual and natural world. All that proceeds from an object, and surrounds and clothes it, is called its sphere.

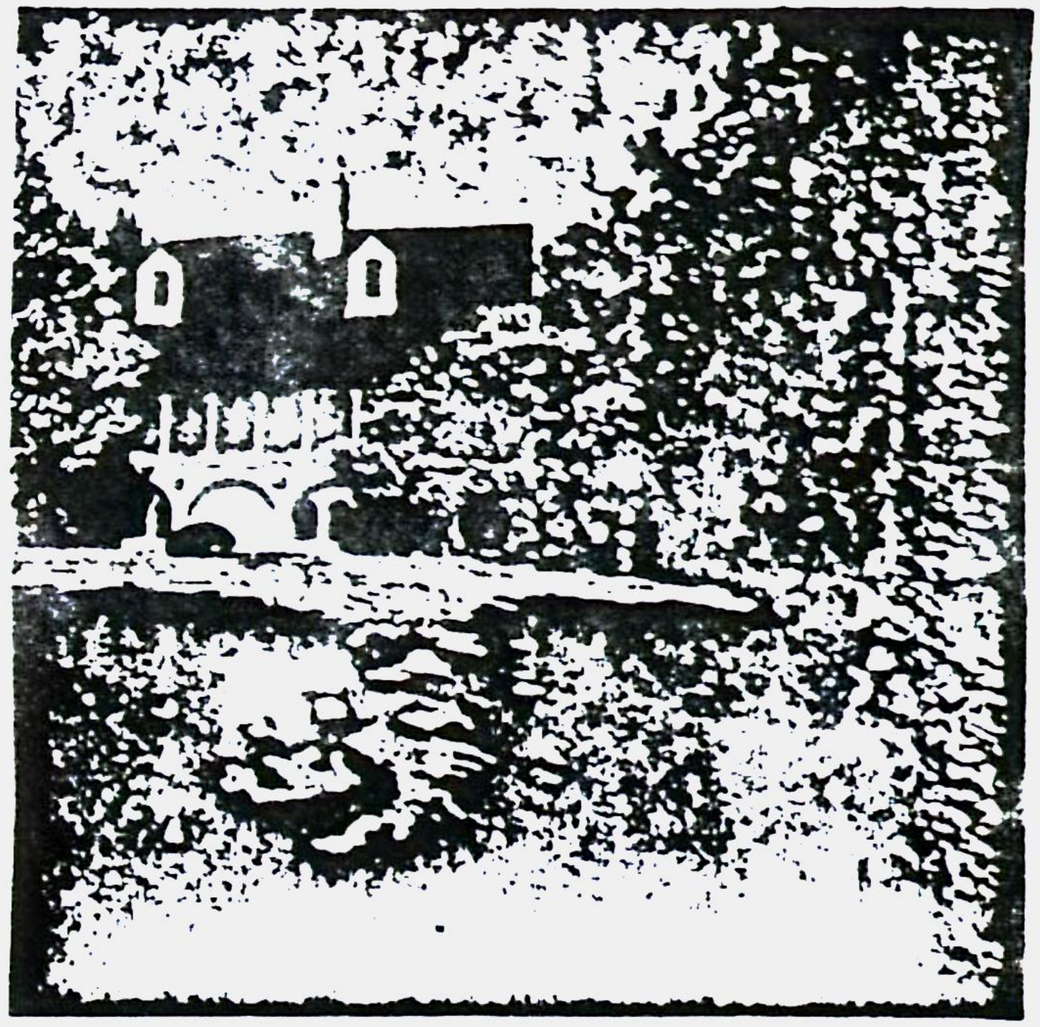
" As all that is spiritual knows neither time nor space, it therefore follows that the general sphere or the divine one has extended itself from the first moment of creation to the last. This divine emanation, which passed over from the spiritual to the natural, penetrates actively and rapidly through the whole created world, to the last grade of it, where it is yet to be found, and produces and maintains all that is animal, vegetable, and mineral. Man is continually surrounded by a sphere of his favourite propensities; these unite themselves to the natural sphere of his body, so that together they form one. The natural sphere surrounds every body of nature, and all the objects of the three kingdoms. Thus it allies itself to the spiritual world. This is the foundation of sympathy and antipathy, of union and separation, according to which there are amongst spirits presence and absence.

" The angel said to me that the sphere surrounded men more lightly on the back than on the breast, where it was thicker and stronger. This sphere of influence, peculiar to man, operates also in general and in particular around him by means of the will, the understanding, and the practice.

" The sphere proceeding from God, which surrounds man and constitutes his strength, while it thereby operates on his neighbour and on the whole creation, is a sphere of peace and innocence; for the Lord is peace and innocence. Then only is man consequently able to make his influence effectual on his fellow man, when peace and innocence rule in his heart, and he himself is in union with heaven. This spiritual union is connected with the natural by a benevolent man through the touch and the laying on of hands, by which the influence of the inner man is quickened, prepared, and imparted. The body communicates with others which are about it through the body, and the spiritual influence diffuses itself chiefly through the hands, because these are the most outward or *ultimum* of man; and through him, as in the whole of nature, the first is contained in the last, as the cause in the effect. The whole soul and the whole body are contained in the hands as a medium of influence. Thus our Lord healed the sick by laying on of hands, on which account so many were healed by the touch; and thence from the remotest times the consecration of priests and of all holy things was effected by laying on of hand. According to the etymology of the word, hands denote power. Man believes that his thoughts and his will proceed from within him, whereas all this flows into him. If he considered things in their true form, he would ascribe evil to hell, and good to the Lord; he would by the Lord's grace recognise good and evil within himself, and be happy. Pride alone has denied the influence of God, and destroyed the human race."

THE CHURCH OF NEW JERUSALEM TODAY

The first society was organized in the U.S. in 1792 at Baltimore. Today there are 63 Swedenborgian churches in America. The general Church of the New Jerusalem is an educational movement looking toward a full acceptance of Swedenborg's doctrines. Their periodical New Church Life is published at their headquarters in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania.



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Handbook of *PSI Discoveries

By Sheila Ostrander & Lynn Schroeder

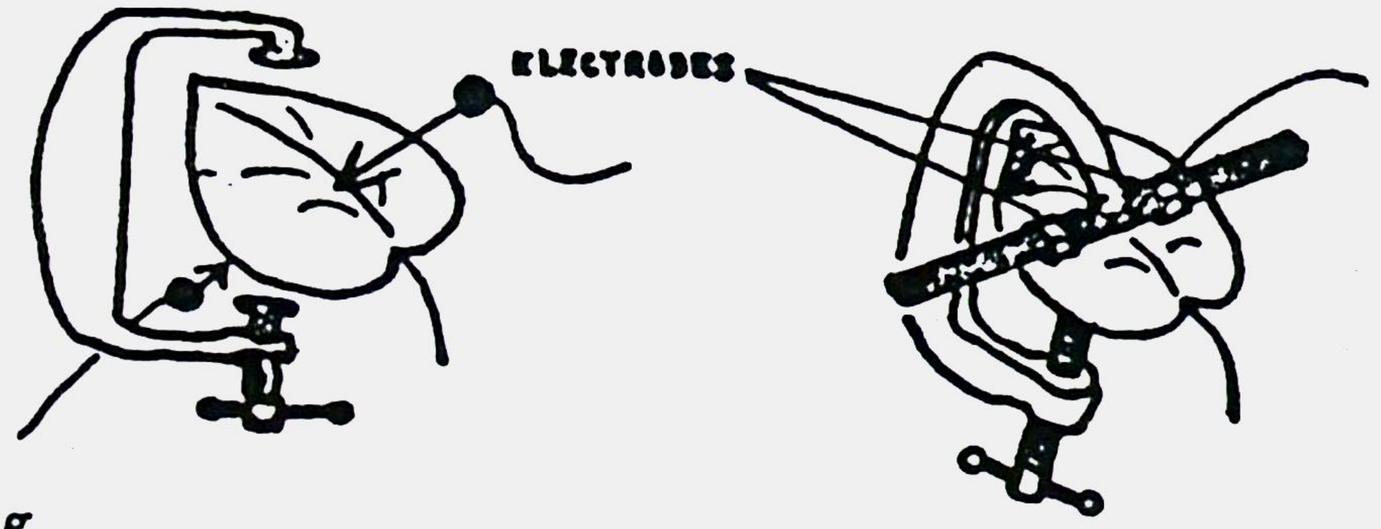
**A letter of the Greek alphabet used to define all types of psychic phenomena.*

The authors of "Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain" have just published a remarkable 'do-it-yourself' Handbook of PSI discoveries. Their basic theme is that since PSI is a normal human mental dimension, people who try it out will be convinced of that truth and hopefully help change the climate of public opinion. This is an important objective and as the authors point out, ".. only when the climate shifts will claims such as those of Reich and many, many others avoid dismissal by fiat. They can be evaluated intelligently and developed if anything promising should turn up."

This is an important book for serious searchers, as a reference work, practical guide for PSI experiments with instructions and sources

An illustration from the chapter on plant PSI.

Plant hooked to amplifier. Two close-up arrangements of C-clamp and electrodes are shown. Electrodes may be placed top and bottom over plant vein or at different spots on the same side. They may also be placed on two acupuncture points on a plant.



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THE AMERICAN GREY WITCH

BY FRANK DALE

Do The Dead Really Talk?

"What is a Grey Witch?" will be the question that will come to most of you. I will try to explain why I am a "Grey" witch.

Black Magic vs. White Magic - is there really a difference between the two? A person who practices black magic must be in league with the devil and the white magician is one who performs works which only can help people - unselfish acts of good. But is this the way it really is? When I was growing up in a small town in the mid-west, local 'fortune tellers' and spiritualists kept an open Bible on their 'working' tables to counteract any workings of the dark world or its lord.

Throughout the ages the designation of 'black' has become synonymous with evil and 'white' with all things good. The villain in a horse opera wore a black hat, and the hero a white one. The difference between Black and White magic has been said to be the 'purity of motivation'. but this does not fit every situation. A better distinction is the'degree of control'. Anything you say or do exerts a form of control on others. Example, when you say, 'Hello, how are you?', you expect a response. The only difference between the black and the white is a force of will, the degree of control exerted. Both want to gain something, be it riches, job advancement, love, etc., but it's how you go about gainin and if you are harming others i doing so. I like what Dr. Leo L. Martello had to say on this subject. Magic per se is neither white nor black, ' just as a knife is neither good nor evil' I believe that there is good in both areas and thus I have tried to take the 'best' of both , becoming a Grey Witch, a blending of black and white.

Witches can be born or made, in my case I was born of a woman who possessed psychic powers. Due to the fact that she, like most people of her day, feared such powers and felt that it was all the work of the Devil, seldom used them nor would she educate me in their usage. But I possed them by birth and as I reached adulthood I realized that I too possessed these psychic powers and that I could read 'trees', minds, and see future events in the cards. But it was during my study of physics that I discovered and formulated my personal theory of Spiritualism.

Since everything is built of and consists of electrical energy, protons and neutrons (plus and negative atoms) then what we call our soul is nothing more than a form of electrical energy. This electrical energy, as with our own speech, floats through space, never disintegrating for eternity. There are certain individuals who act as

receptors who can pick up these electrical waves. The process can be compared to the electrical waves sent out by a radio station to be picked up by radio receivers. The medium is the 'radio' receiver and the ' spirit world' the radio station. I have often illustrated this electrical energy by the use pf a simple button-bell system, which is enclosed inside a plain ungimicked box, through the use of spirit energy, this bell can be rung without human touch. It has been predicted by this country's scientists that some day we will be able to build a receiver that will be able to pick up and unscramble these voice waves floating in space and we will be able to hear the voices of such famous personalities as Gen. Washington and Edwin Booth.

While practising as a medium some years back I made the acquaintance of a middle aged woman who had lost her husband several years before. She had taken on a much younger lover, who worked as a merchant seaman. She often came to me to ask questions of her dead husband and he would give her advise about her various problems.

On this one ocassion the young man had taken a job on a private yatch which left out of Miami, Florida. It was to be only a short trip, but she became worried since she had not heard from him for some time. I had tried to contact her husband several times , but without any result. One day while speaking to her on the phone, her dead husband spoke to her. This is not surprising since the tele-phone is an instrument based on electrical energy. Her husband told her that he was unable to speak to her since he was very busy with her lover. We could not understand this message at the time, but it became quite clear later.

A month later I had a visitor at the theatre where I was working, it was the woman's lover. He told me a story of how he had been ship-wrecked and that he and one other fellow were the only ones to escape. They spent two weeks in a life boat, the other fellow died after a week. The sailor had never believed in the occult or in my powers, but he now had doubts about that belief. He told me that the only reason he was able to survive without food or water was because there was someone or something in that boat with them that kept tell-ing him to hang on. If it was not for the protection and presence of that third 'person' he would have given up as his friend had and he would have died of starvation and exposure. The question he asked me was of course, what was the power that had saved his life?

Who or what was that 'third person'? Was it her dead husband, or what some would call a 'thought form' or an extension of my own psychic energy? Who really can say, possibly it was a combination of all three, but it did happen.

The Grey Witch

POST SCRIPT.....

Re this issue's book review.. PSI Handbook.. The theory of electrical waves and energies as described by the Grey Witch is one of the important chapters. The methods of picking up spirit voices by tape recorders is described so that the reader can try his own experiments.

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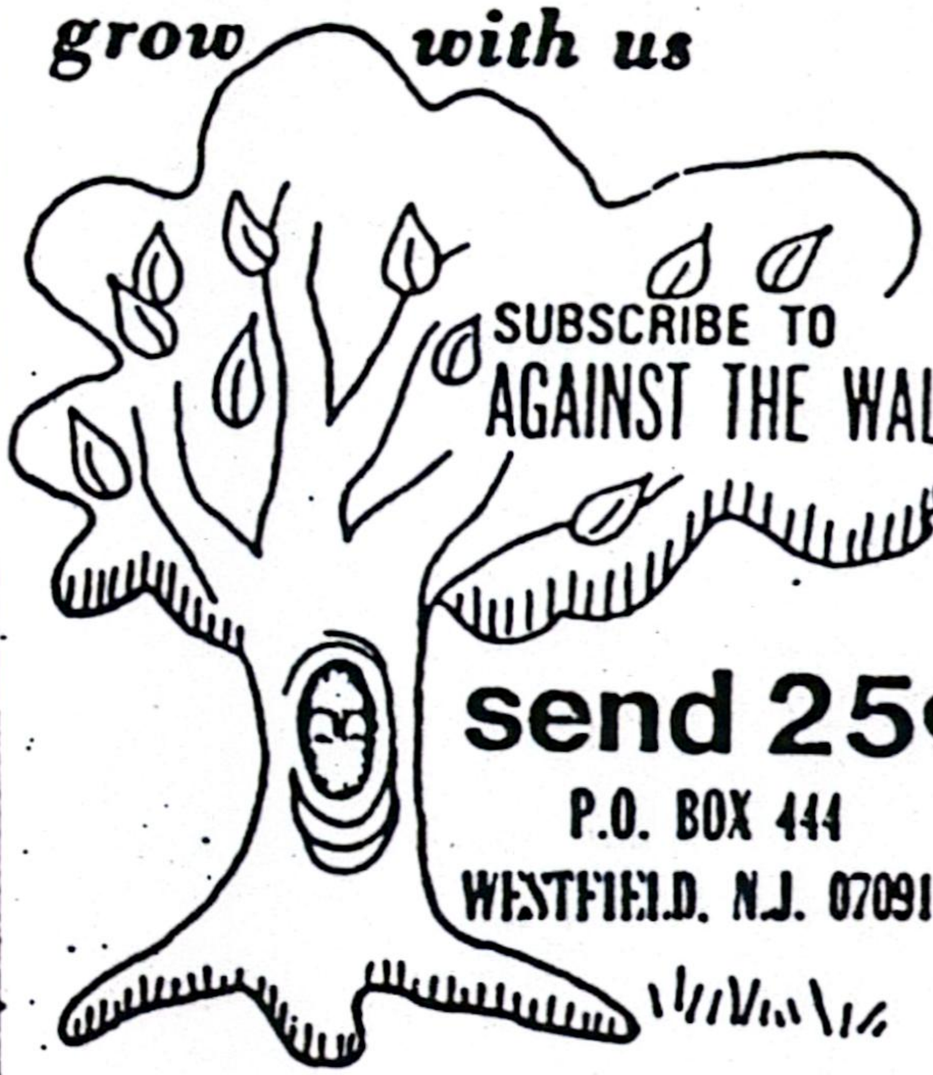

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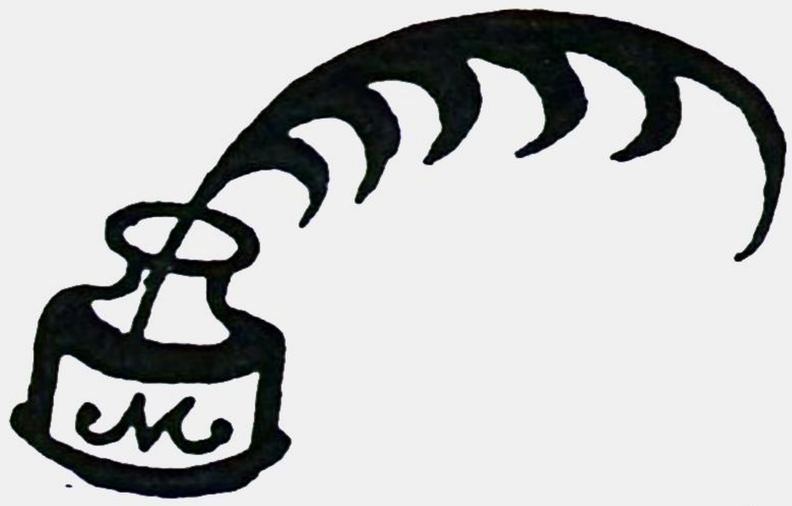

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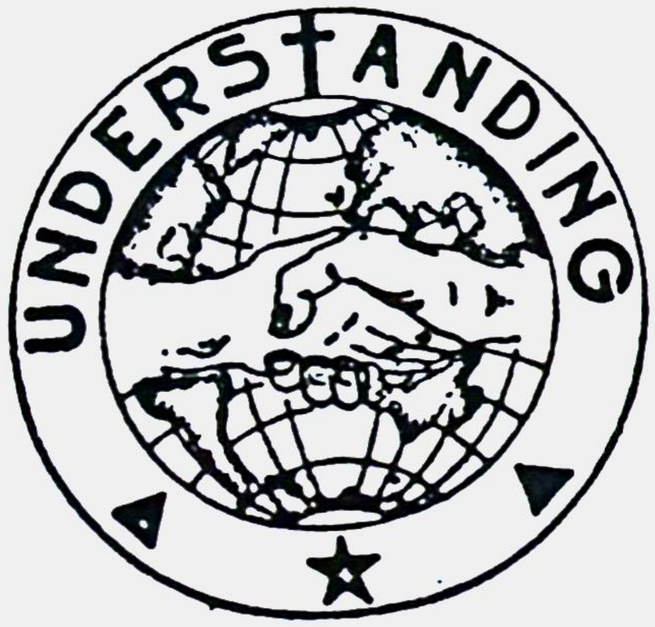

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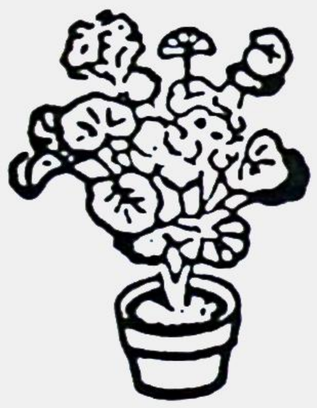
Leaf notes rush, brush, hush
the sound ground by sun's feathery touch.
Fluid wind spirals of sympathetic scales
follow a butterfly melody through augmented
tree themes.
Music of the spheres clears the cut crystal
tears of fear and loves sonic waves search
soulfully for an esthetic's near ear,
the chorus of creation, Chaldeans cosmic chant.

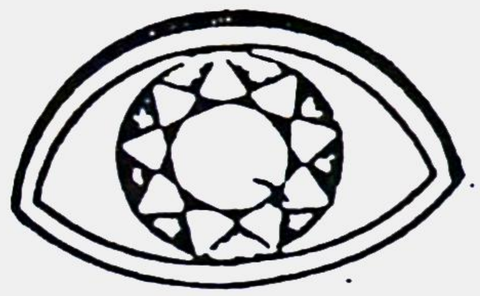
INTRODUCING MIROSLAV COSMOS

Our guest Herbalist this issue is a subscriber who tells us about a curious little-known American cult. Members of the O.A. staff have tried some of these recipes and found them delightful to the taste and sight.

I have been intrigued with the 'return to nature' movement begun by the young people in our society. I remembered a manuscript of my grandmothers which has been long collecting dust in my attic. The readers of Occult Americana might be as fascinated as I was with some of the more basic aspects of this strange cult which was popular in my grandmother's time. About 150 years ago in the mid-west these 'People of Sekonarah' lived their own 'back to nature' style. They left behind them only their handprinted manuscripts including their sacred texts and detailed directions on " how to BE nature incorporated within the Spirit" :

When I was a child my grand-mother told me stories of this commune that remind me now of the flower children of a few years ago. One of the basic prerequisites of the Sekonarah people was that they live in and with nature and constantly detail the Beautiful. Flowers were a staple ingredient of their diet. They were cultivated for food and the petals were dried to be used during the long winter so that each day could begin and close with the physical incorporation of the Beautiful.





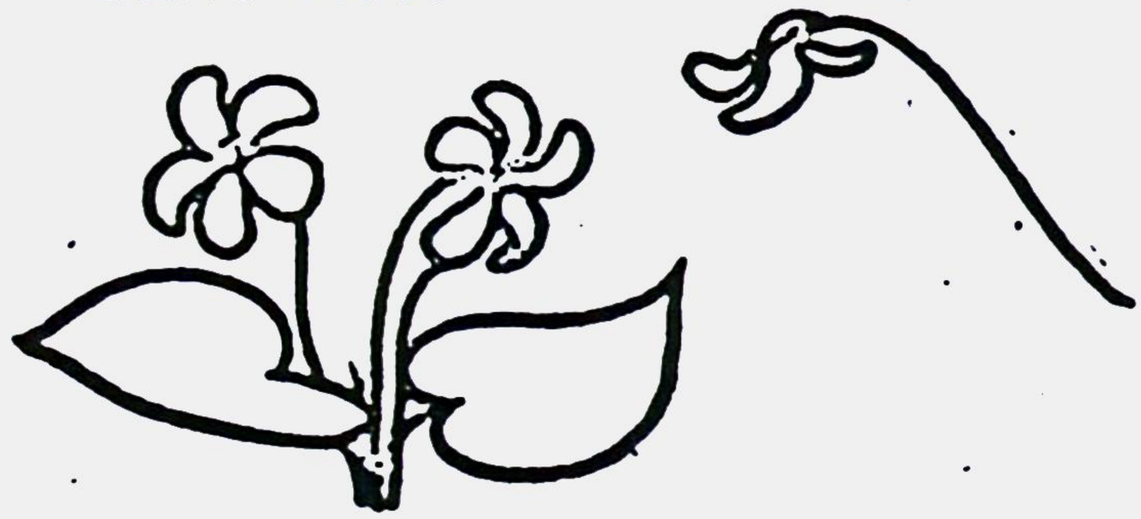
SISTER ABIGAIL'S BLUE FLOWER OMELET

4 eggs
4 tbsp. milk
dash salt and pepper
1 tbsp. minced parsley
1 tsp. minced chives
2 tbsp. butter
12 chive blooms (or violet blooms)

Gently beat eggs, add milk, herbs and seasoning. Melt butter in heavy pan, pour in mixture. When the edges of the omelet begin to set, reduce heat. When set, sprinkle washed blooms over omelet and fold. Serve immediately on a hot platter.

VIOLET SALAD

Mix together 1 cup each: (washed and cubed) marinated artichoke hearts, cucumbers, endive and cantelope. Toss gently with thin sweetened mayonnaise. Add Violet blooms and toss very lightly. Serve cold.



FLOWER BUD GARNISH

Flower buds steeped for an hour in boiled vinegar with 1 tbsp. sugar. Dandelion, Marigold, Rose and Calendula buds are suggested. Used to garnish salads.

TEAS

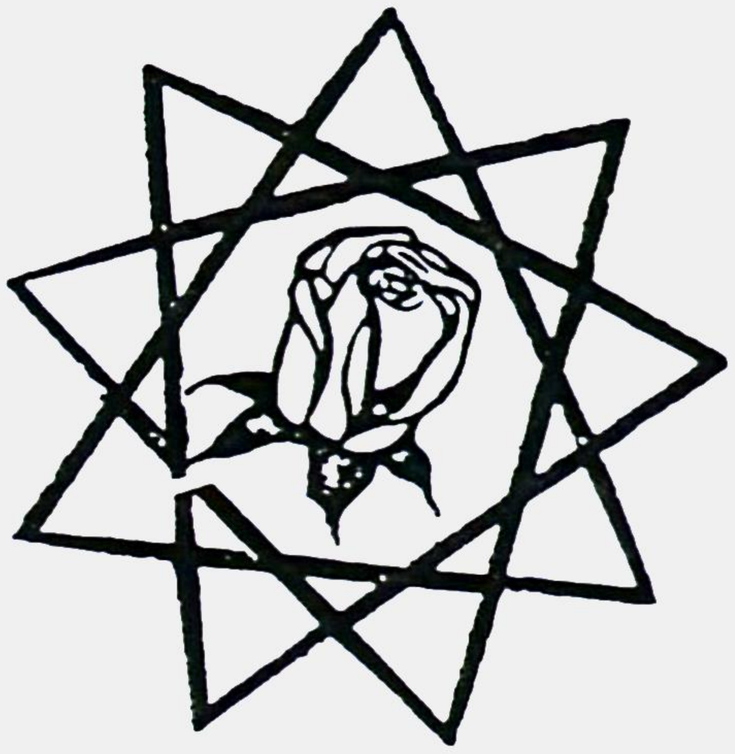
The dried petals of any of the flowers listed above may be used for making flower teas. A crockery tea-pot should be used, or any earthenware vessel with a lid. The petals are put into the pot and covered with boiling water. The lid is replaced and the petals left to infuse for about 5 minutes before the liquid is poured off.

GERANIUM VINEGAR

Fill a jar with clean-freshly picked Geranium leaves the are free from moisture. Cover with white vinegar and leave standing for at least 3 weeks. Strain off vinegar into bottles, add a fresh Geranium leaf to float and then cap.

FLOWER PICKLES

2 cups fresh blooms, one kind or in combination - Violets, Primroses, Marigolds, Nasturtiums. Place in pot and cover with water. Cook until tender. Drain and spread on paper towel. Salt gently after they have cooled. Place in jar with lid. Cover with a mix of water, vinegar, salt and sugar to taste. Serve cold.



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WATER OF PINKS

Macerate 1 lb. of the petals of red pinks and ½ drachm pounded cloves in 10 pints alcohol for 8 days. Distil in the water-bath, add a syrup made with 5 lbs. sugar and 3 pints water and color a deep red.

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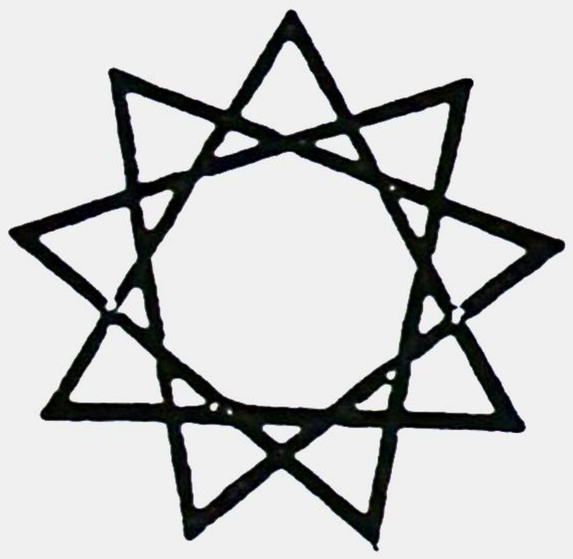

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From the chapt. RELIGIONS

All existing world religions have errors both of doctrine and of practice. Yet, avatars have arisen in all religions and there are truths of spiritual science buried and distorted in all religions.

The Middle Eastern religions all erred in making divinity external, and in attributing personality to it. Christianity, as it is today, is a particularly noxious superstition, completely corrupting the teachings of its avatar (indeed, not even possessing any record of that teaching). Christianity is noxious because of the fanaticism of its Jesus Freaks and revivalists, with their Puritan asceticism, sectarian intolerance, and their anti-empirical emphasis on faith (euphemism for superstition and dogma). The asceticism is a misunderstanding of the methods and ideas of the early Christian mystics, who practiced physical austerities in order to have religious experience. These hermits never claimed that everyone should follow that path. Christian asceticism is also a reaction to the spiritually empoverishing form of Roman debauchery. Puritanism, which is asceticism for no purpose, ultimately leads back to the same spiritual empoverishment suffered by the Romans.

Emphasis by reformers on faith in the Christian bible over experience is what led to the protestant revolt and to puritanism. This is idolatry. The bible is what the scholars call a corrupt text. It was so mangled and corrupted by Jewish and Hellenic ideas that Christ's true ideas of reincarnation, the law of karma, and the law of grace, and the divinity within are almost totally obscured.

Of course, there remain certain uncorrupted passages in the new testament. with their explanations omitted. For instance, 'as ye sow, so shall ye reap' is only 'those who live by the sword, shall die by the sword.' The entire turn-the-other-cheek philosophy makes no sense except as a way of avoiding getting entangled in other people's karma, in which case it is the same as Krishna's basic advice. Forgive your enemies, become indifferent to their action against you, or you will waste future lives being part of their punishment. In saying that he was the son of god, the carpenter did not imply any <u>special</u> divinity; rather we know from modern avatars that he taught the divinity within, i.e. we are <u>all</u> sons of god, which must have seemed either blasphemous or totally unintelligible to the Hellenized Jews and Romans of his day. So his idea became translated as a special divinity, not unlike that claimed by the Roman emperors.

The chief problem with Hinduism and Buddhism is their rejection of worldly concerns, their rejection of evolution and emphasis on other-worldly and timeless

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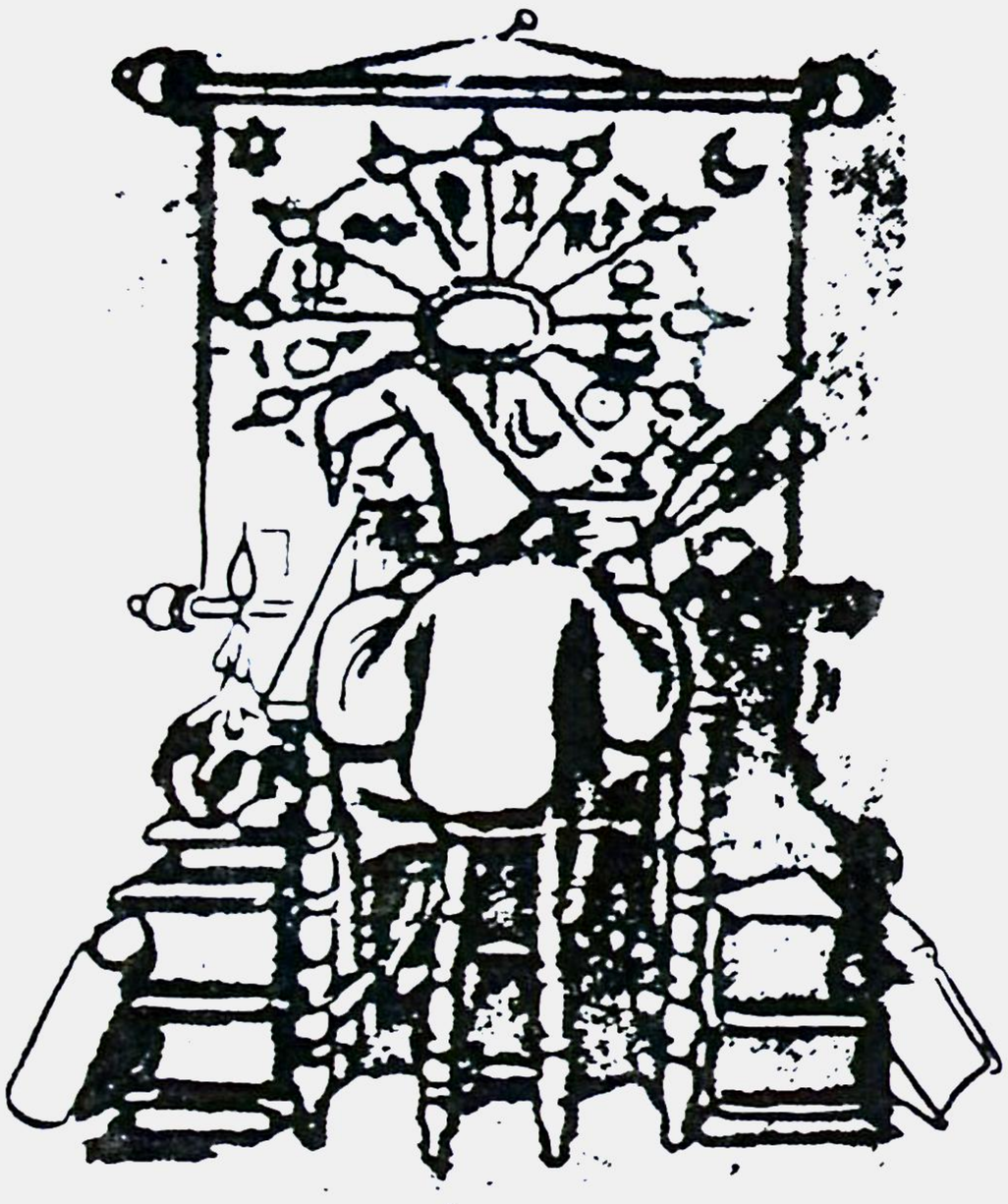

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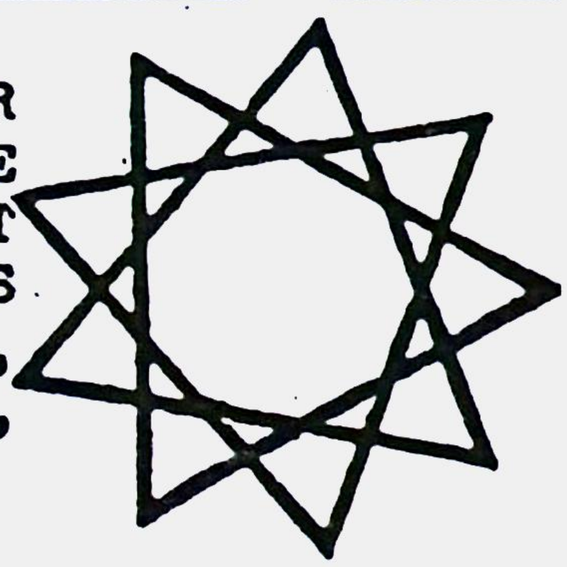

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meditation. They wish to get off the wheel of reincarnation, not knowing of the evolutionary path we must follow. The Hindus and Buddhists also destroyed the purity of their avatar's ideas by externalizing internal archetypes as a pantheon of gods and demons. Hindus also have certain overly rigid views about reincarnation and karma which tend to deny the role of free will. Belief in a mechanical and external karma and in a rigidly cyclical history have been India's excuse for sacred cows, caste, over-population and every other failure to meet the requirements of life. Speaking of sacred cows, Cayce makes it plain that animal consciousness is quite different from human, and human entities do not reincarnate as animals.

These criticisms really apply to the unintelligent followers and fanatics in every religion; the intelligent and creative thinkers in every religion have always been in accord.

Religion begins with certain questions: 'what is man and what is his relationship to the universe?' What about survival of death and what about immortality?' 'What is the law of retribution or reaction in the universe?' 'What is the meaning of it all?'

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in a mind, encased in a psychonic body, encased in a physical body. Our souls were once part of oversouls and have participated in the drama of the physical evolution of the universe over billions of years. We are now going through a stage of evolution as psychonic bodies incarnating in Homo Sapiens. In this form we shall regain the status of cosmic citizens of the universe. This stage sill last billions of years. Ultimately, the physical universe will collapse and explode again, having different basic particles and geometries. Long before that we will have reintegrated into the Great Spirit.

The law of retribution is 'as ye sow, so shall ye reap.' This is a subjective and psychological and internal law. It appears that the superconscious center of self decides fate as a lesson, and a spur to evolution. This is true of higher centers as well as individual centers. As Edgar Cayce put it, karma is the self meeting itself. What is the point of it all? Several phrases which all mean the same thing: LILA, novelty, creativity, free will, evolution.

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Dr. Humphrey does give us theory and some very practical suggestions.

This is not a book to browse through. In fact I didn't even see it until a month after it arrived. Miroslav had found a home for it in his jean's pocketand by the time I saw it it was much dog eared and filled with marginal comments. The excerpt I have chosen is at random, from the Book of Acts. There is also the Outer Book, the Inner Book, the Book of Values and the Book of the Humanist to choose from. Next issue...

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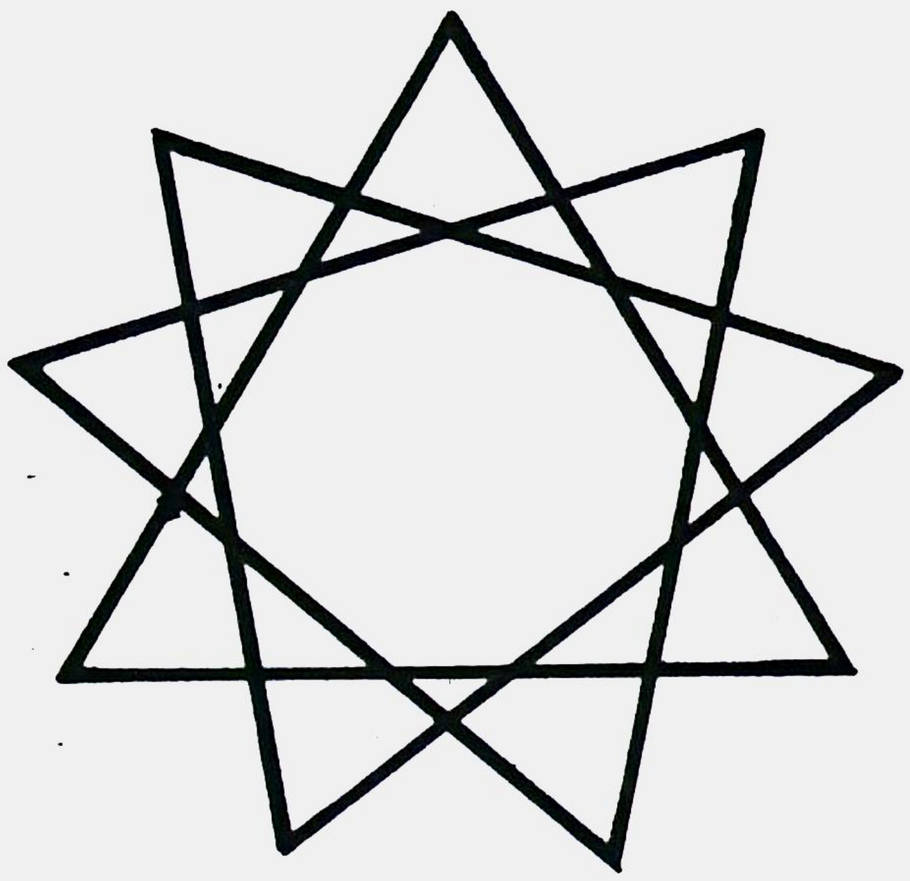

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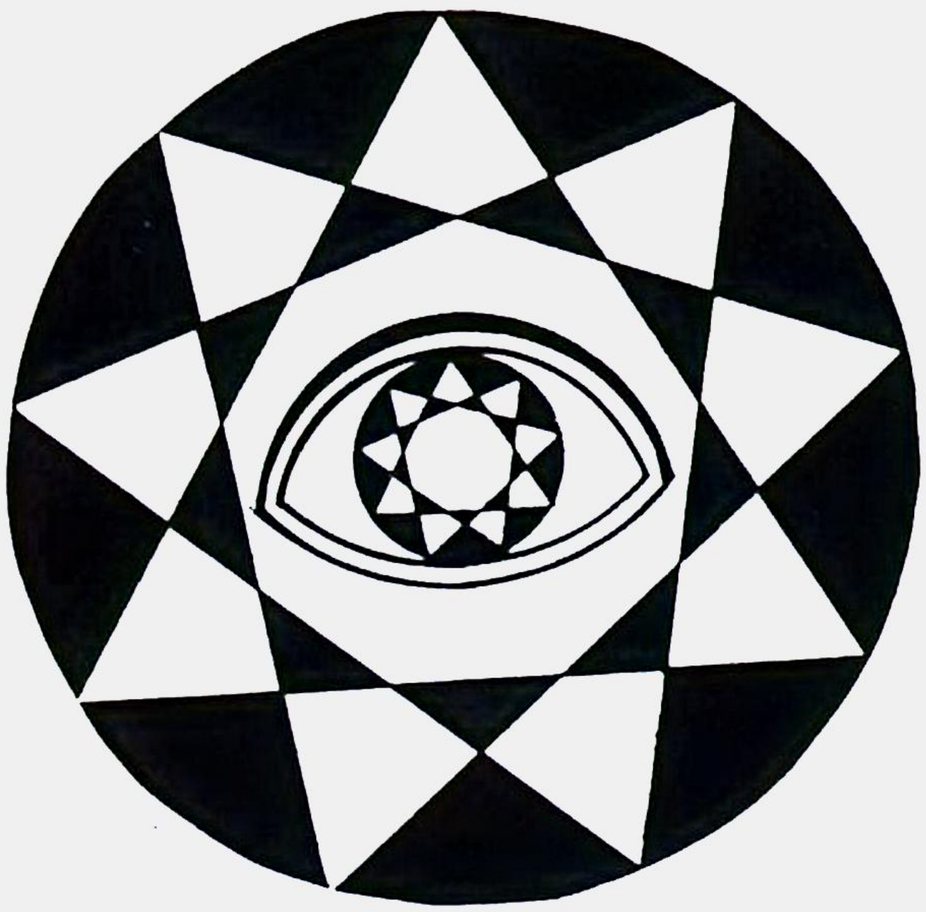

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THE POUKEEPSIE SEER
Out-of-Body Travel a Century Ago

Andrew Jackson Davis began his career at the age of seventeen and became an important leader in the American Spiritualist movement. Upper New York again provided the background for this strange and exciting spiritual traveler.

It was during a visit from a traveling lecturer on Mesmerism that young Davis discovered his clairvoyent abilities. Dr. J. Grimes used Davis as a subject in his lecture series and discovered that he was a rare and talented receiver. Together they experimented and learned that Davis was capable of diagnosing disease while in a trance state. This was accomplished by Dr. Grimes by placing Davis in this state and then asking him questions about a third party who wished to know the cause of an illness. Davis was able to 'see' through the person's physical body into his interior, thus describing the malfunction of the organ or bone structure. His correct use of technical language was corroborated by medical authorities. Often he would suggest curative remedies of a natural origin and in many cases the results were favorable to the patient and were testified to by responsible medical persons.

During this stage in his clarivoyant

experiences, he had no recollection of his own knowledge. He began to be able to place himself in this 'extended state' and then he gradually limited his medical diagnosing and began a career of automatic writing. He continued to use a second person to place him in the trance state as he dictated several philosophical works. In the third stage of his career he was able to work without a control and he wrote his philosphical and theological works in full awareness of his ideas.

The basic theme of his writings is the evolutionary pattern of man in his up-ward journey towards spiritual unity. The following excerpt is from his autobiography, 'The Magic Staff'. He reports his first flight through space in vivid and specific detail.

"By placing myself in sympathetic relations to the operator.. by turning my thoughts inwardly, and shutting out the interruptions of the outer world.. I passed readily into the third magnetic condition. This particular event occurred, I think, on the eve of the first of January, 1844. At that time, and during the four subsequent years, I could not recall to my mind, when out of this condition , anything which I had seen or said while in it. But now the vast scene breaks upon my memory, in all the vividness and beauty with which it was originally invested; and I can view and investigate with far more certainty and with deeper satisfaction the same fields in connection with still higher planes of existence and thought.

Before I seated myself, facing the operator, I observed a few individuals in the room; as usual, they were after tests and wonders; but I had, at the time, but little idea of having anything resembling a successful experiment. I knew as yet but very little of the nature of magnetism; had not learned of the wonderful phenomenon of clairvoyance; did not, in fact, entertain a clear conception of any such condition. Never-the-less the mystic magnetic state was completely induced in less than thirty minutes. As usual , my mind was rendered incapable of controlling the slightest or of realizing any definite sensation, except a kind of waving fluctuation, between what seemed to me to be either decided action or intertia. This was a very strange feeling, but not at all unpleasant. In a few minutes, however, all this mental commotion subsided; and then I passed into the most delightful state of interior tranquility. Not a discordant sensation rolled across my spirit. I was completely 'born again' - being in the spirit.

My thoughts were of the most peaceful character. My whole nature was beautifully expanded. I thought of the joys of friendship, of the unutterable pleasures of universal love, of the sweetness and happiness of united souls. And yet, strange to say, I experienced no unusual heart-emotion, which one might suppose would be a natural consequence of themes so pleasurable.

Notwithstanding the fact that my mind was exalted and meditating in this manner, I perceived as yet not the least ray of light in any direction. Therefore, I concluded that I was physically in a deep sleep, mentally engaged in a peaceful revery, and nothing more.

But this conclusion had no sooner settled among my thought, as a probability, than I observed an intense blackness before me, apparently extending hundreds of miles into space, and enveloping the earth. This reminded me of my first night's experiment. Gradually, however, this midnight mass of darkness lifted and disappeared; and as gradually, my perception was awakened and enlarged. All things in our room-together with the individuals in it- were surprisingly illuminated. Each human body was glowing with many colors. The figure of each person was enveloped in a light atmosphere which emanated from it. The same emanation extended up the arms, and pervaded the entire body. The nails had one sphere of light surrounding them, the hair another, the ears another, and the eyes still another; the head was very luminous the emanations, taken into combinations, spreading out into the air from four inches to as many feet.

The utter novelty of this view overwhelmed my mind with astonishment and admiration. I could not comprehend it. Again I felt confounded, and could not feel perfectly certain that I was living on earth. It seemed that the whole earth, with all its inhabitants, had been suddenly translated into some Elysium. I knew then of no language, that would describe my perceptions: hence, I did not yield the slightest exclamation nor attempt an utterance; but continued to observe, as one in solitude, with a feeling of unutterable joy and holy reverence. A few more moments, dear reader, and I not only beheld the exteriors of the individuals in that room-clothed with light as it were- but I also as easily perceived their interiors and then too, the hidden sources of those luminous magnetical emanations. In my natural or ordinary state, remember, I had never seen the organs of the human viscera; but now I could see all the organs and their functions- the liver, spleen, heart, lungs, brain, all with the greatest of ease. The whole body

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The occult is alive and living well in New York, a statement I will try to prove in this column for the readers of Occult Americana.

The advertisement which heads this column was buried among the pedestrian ads of the **NEW YORK MAGAZINE** on May 27, 1974. It must have caught the eye and curiosity of many of its readers. How many answered I have no way of knowing, but I was able to contact one person who not only answered the ad but was interviewed by them.

In this column I will be interviewing Richard Armando, a very interesting and inteligent psychographic painter. Later I hope to be able to interview someone from the firm which ran the ad.

DALE: What prompted you to answer this advertisement?
ARMANDO: Well, first I had a premonition several months before that I must call the number 7771. Why I should call this particular number was never clear, but I felt that I must. I tried several local area code prefixes along with the 7771, but the people who answered could not help me in my quest. I finally gave up and pushed it out of my mind. Then I placed and ad in the N.Y. Magazine completely unrelated to this or anything occult. When I answered another ad I saw in the same magazine I was struck by the fact that their letterhead had that same strange number, 7771.

DALE: What was the occurence that you felt would interest them?
ARMANDO: Well, there have been many psychic occurences in my life, plus the fact that I have often been guided by unseen forces while doing some of my paintings. But the thing that I thought might interest them the most happened some time ago. I was sitting in my living room when I heard a strange sound in the bedroom. At first I paid no attention to it, but then it finally got to me. It was the sound of someone alternatingly sitting and getting up from my bed. At first I was afraid to enter the room. There was nothing in the room when I entered, but then as I left the sound began again. Later, I bought a battery operated telephone amplifier from a local department store. While it was in use in my home it developed a buzzing sound which grew stronger when I went near the bedroom. I checked with the telephone company and they could not find anything wrong with my phone system that could possibly effect the machine. The store could find nothing wrong with the amplifier and could offer no explanation.
I knew that these two events, the sound in my bedroom and the reaction of the amplifier were somehow related. This is what I

told the people when I answered their ad. They said they were interested and would visit me on Sunday to interview me and take pictures.

DALE: Tell me about this interview and the people who conducted it.

ARMANDO: Well, I had spoken to a woman over the phone and in my mind's eye I saw a dark haired lady and got a strange uneasy feeling about her. When she and a gentleman arrived I was surprised to see that she was a young blonde woman, but the uneasy feeling returned. As she entered the room her eyes kept searching the room and as she passed by me she flashed several bills as if she wanted me to receive some subliminal message from her action.

Finally she asked me what I did for a living and I told her that I was a cashier. She said that she had a premonition that I worked handling money. She asked me rather unusual questions about my early life, if I had ever visited Japan or traveled much. Several times the gentleman had to interject and get the discussion back to the subject of my interview. His questions were more to the point and he kept repeating them. It made me very nervous, but I knew that he wanted to make sure that I was telling the truth.

I felt that it was more of an interrogation than an interview. They taped the entire conversation and when they played it back there was a very noticeable hissing sound throughout. Nothing much was said about this but I believe they found this very significant.

Later they took pictures of a painting of mine which changes colors and often turns into a mass of bloody red. They took several photographs of this painting and the young lady but at no time did they ask me to pose and they refused to take photographs of my other psychic induced paintings even though the both were very interested in them

DALE: How did they say they were going to use this interview?

ARMANDO: Well, they were vague about it, but they mentioned something about doing a film or T.V. show on the subject of the Occult in the future. I have spoken to them since and they never mentione the sound on the tape or how and when they will use the tape. They told me they would let me know if anything comes of it.

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As an introduction to the writings of Mr. Percival, I suggest one of his shorter books. Thinking and Destiny is his major work but Man Woman and Child is based on it and deals with specific subjects in greater detail.

Mr. Percival's writing style is unusual because in discussing esoteric subjects he uses very simple words and concepts. How often has a metaphysical author promised to reveal the purpose of life but left the reader still mystified after hundreds of wordy pages? Mr. Percival fulfills his promise on page 49 in one easy to understand paragraph. He explains how we got to be where we are today - in terms of soul evolution- how we can achieve our Destiny , and much more . All this with step by step instructions! He even includes specific directions for raising a child so that he is aware of his soul and thus can begin his quest for the Great Way while he is still young.

There are many MUST assumptions the reader will deal with along the way, but even without accepting them totally, Mr. Percival has important insights to share.

Harold W. Percival's reputation as an author of metaphysical/philosophical writings, is such that this leading New Age book is rightly considered a valuable contribution to the literature of this age, a modern classic, adding immeasurably to mans' understanding of himself.

Knowledge revealed on certain incorporeal realities, which may seem strange and startling, was acquired by *"Being conscious of Consciousness"* (his set of words for the experience). He desired to share this knowledge, much of which never before found its way into print, with the conscious and immortal self that is in every human body.

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Other books , based on T&D are Man and Woman and Child, reviewed on this page, Democracy is Self-Goverment (not a political book), and Masonry and Its Symbols.

guest poet

Kirby A. Heintzelman

So is life like a drama,
the tragedy I am playing
grows weary of the strings that
guide and aim each move I make.

"Please Jesus, cut the strings",
I scream, limply falling face first
on the stage. But it is not done,
just another act in the play, the
never ceasing drama of dualities.

"Oh fair beloved child, whom love
has made me seek, what multifarious
acts do you play?"

Ah yes, I remember this one,
the not so happy one about loves
yearning for completeness, as the
complement of completeness run amuck.

Stray Cat looking for a way out,
in, not knowing. "Of this life I
have never tasted." But which
fruit have I swallowed?"
It was surely not the lemon which
contracts and repels.
Bite the apple, forbidden fruit of
the ages. Eve's daughter, I desperately
sought her. Adam's son, not yet begun.

Love, sweet love, come sing to me softly.
Show me the garden, turn me not from the
Gates of Love, caressed by the fringes
of the Sun.
Oh Father give me strength to
overcome my weakness,
and to find my Love.
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Media Editor, Ms. Wiggins, is a free lance writer for religious publications...

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Tamlacht may be defunct by now, but I feel it is worthy of mention. Aside from the fact that we have a soft place in our hearts for floundering newsletter-type mags, we don't want this one to go unnoticed..

Obviously, the editor, Victor Boruta, put much of himself into his publication. It was presented well, prolifically and artistically illustrated and was informative. These attributes are needed, especially in New Jersey. We find altogether too many occult things originating on the west coast, but a dearth of interest in the east.

Mr. Boruta had two very good reasons for calling a halt to his publishing venture (if that is what he did). One was that he was financially overwhelmed, and the other that he was getting no feedback to indicate readership. Both of these factors can murder a magazine. I would like to suggest that Tamlacht make a return to the scene charging more per issue (25¢ each was a bargain to end all bargains) and including some advertising. Maybe Mr. Borsuta could at least see his way clear to continue if he could 'break even'.

As one finacially staggering mag to another, GOOD LUCK!

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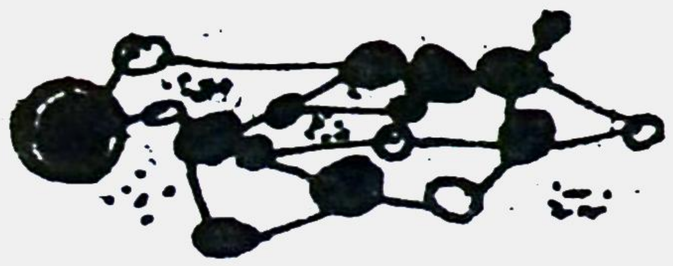

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A really gorgeous young man named Damien Simpson founded and edits a bi-monthly newspaper known as Cosmos. He is also a minister in the Universal Mind Science Church.

MERICA

Cosmos seems to be a well-established publication with world-wide distribution and an imposing list of contributors. The main concern , of course, is its interest and involvement with the Universalist religion and its basically Christian precepts. It is indeed an esoteric Christian publication , however, it is to be commended for its objective coverage of the occult scene in general, along with an ad for the Hammond pictorial Bible wall chart, we also find another ad for the A.G. Manning ESP laboratory, an astrology study guide and a UFO and space convention.

The informative articles cover a variety of occult subjects from astrology to personal interviews with Ena Twigg, London's noted medium. All of the authors, and those interviewed are represented by well-done photographs, giving the reader a feeling of the personal touch.

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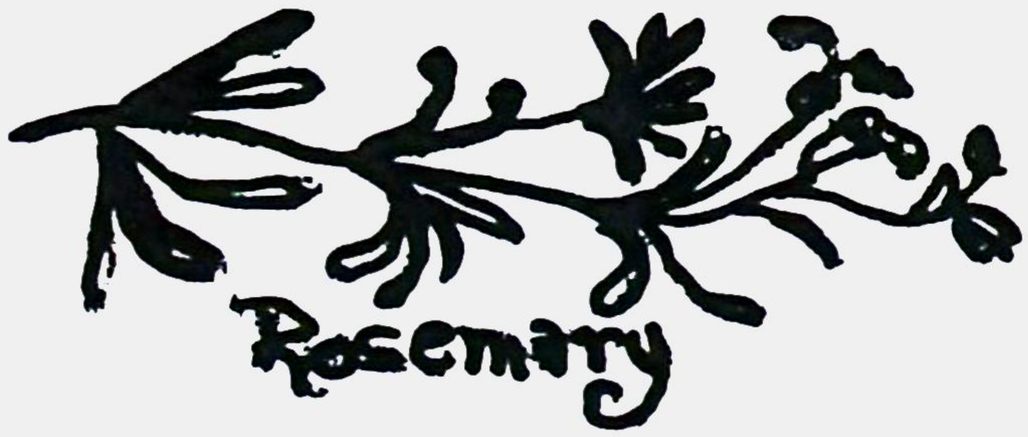
Mystic Cauldron (sex pot)

By David



Rosemary is not a rose and is not dedicated to Mary. It takes its name from the Latin Ros Marinus or sea-dew, for it is fond of water.

Having many medicinal uses, Rosemary could be found growing in many early American gardens. The dried leaves when smoked, helped those with respiratory diseases and disorders. The leaves are used in bathing and made into ointments or oils to be placed on joints and extremities for relief of numb-ness.

Garlands of Rosemary were worn around the neck to ease the stuff-iness of head colds. North American hunters and trappers believed that drinking a tea of Rosemary cleared up dim vision.

The distilled water of Rosemary is ideal for a mouth wash, while the flowers combined with sugar is said to comfort the heart and quiet the spirit. Used externally, an infusion combined with Borax makes an excellent hair wash and will prevent premature baldness. Or so it was told. It was also said that...

'If a maid is curious as to her future she may obtain information by dipping a spray of Rosemary into a mixture of wine, rum, gin, vinegar and water in a vessel of ground glass. She is to observe this rite on the eve of St. Magdalen in an upper room in the company of two other maids. Having fastened the sprays to their bosoms and taken three sips of the tonic - sips are quite enough- all three go to rest in the same bed without speaking. The dreams that follow will be prophetic.'..

Being the herb of fidelity, Rosemary was dipped in scented water and woven into chaplets for brides. Bridesmaids gave a sprig of it to the bridegroom on his wedding day to carry as an emblem of love and loyalty. Wedding guests received gilded branches of it tied with silk of many colors.

Rosemary is a handsome plant to keep in a pot in the garden. I received one from a friend years ago and shaped it like bonsai, gaining the double.

pleasure of having an edible art form. So by all means obtain a few plants . I'm sure you'll enjoy its fragrant aroma and taste.

Roast Leg of Lamb
with Rosemary

Leg of Lamb
1 clove garlic
olive oil
1 sprig rosemary
salt

Rub lamb with garlic. Cut a slit and place in it the rosemary. Sew up slit and place in oven basting now and then with olive oil.

Rosemary Soup
1 tbs. dried rosemary
1 head lettuce
1 cup water ress
1 1/2 cups chicken stock
3 tbs. butter
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup cream
salt and pepper

Cook rosemary, lettuce and shredded watercress in butter for 5 minutes. Add stock and simmer 1/2 hour. Mix the egg yolk with cream and stir into the mixture just before removing from the fire. Add seasonings and serve immediately.

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Since the Enlightenment, most Western intellectuals have been opposed to the idea of a practice and social structure of religion. Even today, many of the spiritually enlightened are anti-religion.

The reason is that the arts and rites of existing religion the world over have become boring, symbolically impotent, and without any realistic function. Whatever their other shortcomings, the satanists and the withes are religious groups with potent and purposive arts and rites.

The mythic potency of arts and practices can be studied empirically/theoretically and made to serve the purpose of evolution along the Great Way.

People who care about the regeneration of civilization must be concerned with the regeneration of religion as an institution and public practice. We all stagnate unless we work for everyone's evolution and not just our own.

STARTING A CIRCLE

The important thing is to do it; don't wait for someone else to do it. You don't need a building, use your home. You don't need a minister or a guru or anyone else with special training. Chances are that would just impede your development.

Keep in mind the long range goal of spiritual evolution, and the short range goal of finding the roots of your being in the collective unconscious, and the intermediate goal of opening the doors of spiritual perception and powers. All three goals require you, personally,

1. Monday night. Golden flower mediatation. Circulation and fixation of the light. Opening the heavenly heart. HSP Telepathy. Levitations, OCBEs.
2. Tuesday night. Mandala making and mandala meditation.
3. Wednesday night. Group or individual hypnotic regression to memories of former lifetimes.
4. Thursday night. Occult sciences workshop, I Ching, Tarot, Kelperian astrology, cheiromancy.
5. Friday. Acupuncture massage workshop. Detect and restore normal pranic flow without needles.
6. Saturday night. Inner sanctum. Guided trips by LSD or witch's cradle for the daring and trustworthy.
7. Sunday night. Reading and discussion. Lectures or demonstrations by visiting spiritual scientists or wizards. Dream interpretation.

8. At least four times a year you should have festivals out of doors in a secluded spot. Use any symbolic focus you wish, but seasonal festivals of the moon at times of full or new moon, preferably at night on a hilltop are very good.

A smallish group that can fit into one person's house will be more adventurous. Large groups will get diverted with building programs, choirs, and all the other folderol.

You've probably heard all sorts of hysterical warnings from traditional religionists about the dangers of occultism. There is a mild danger from certain types of occultism which cultivate mediumistic trance states or hallucinatory visions. Not that everyone should avoid such things. But they are only for special people with special training. Much better to cultivate forms of spiritual perception which supplement rather than replace normal modes of thinking and perceiving. The resulting phenomena is much more subtle, but also safer. The spiritualist route can aggravate mental illness in those susceptible, though this is not offered as a criticism, so do your own thing.

You've probably also heard that it is necessary to have a guru. That is perfectly true in primitive and backward societies, where novices are apt to be unread and naive. Gurus are no longer necessary for Aquarian age people, providing they are reasonably familiar with the primary material of empirical religion (except for the optional final step of magickal initiation).

The first step for Westerners is to re-open their channels to inner space. A good way to begin is by mastering the Tarot and the I Ching. This will teach you to think intuitively and symbolically. That, in turn will enable you to make meaningful mandalas. No one can tell you in detail how to make a mandala or make one for you. Every mandala is different. If it is a genuine mandala, it will be a symbol of your

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Our correspondent from San Francisco, Rita Kan sends us information about the Metaphysical Switchboard.

San Francisco has long been a leader in matters of the occult and the opening of the 'Metaphysical Switchboard' truly reinforces this position of leadership and innovation. The only known switchboard of its type on the west coast, the 'Metaphysical Switchboard' has become so popular in the eight months since it's conception, that the owner and founder, Tom Haskett, has decided to go 'underground' for a while in order to re-group his thoughts about this particular 'switch-board' concept.

Located on the outskirts of San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury, the Switchboard presents just another curt-ained window to general passers-by, but the small sign proclaiming "Keys to Personal Understanding through the Occult' is announcement enough for those who seek help through this media.

There you can find tarot read-ings. horoscope chartings, the I Ching, tea leaves, numerology, palmistry, and even personal interpretations of the Mandala form.

My initial interview with 'Guru Haskett', called Guru by those he has helped, took place in April of this year. Co-incidentally, or was it?, this was also the night of the full moon, and the strange pale moon light filtering through a sky-light only added to the mood of mystery and intrigue of the black velveted walls and the strange incense odor coming from a copper pot that had two crossed twigs on the top. One person was in a corner on a reed mat in a yoga-meditation trance and through-out all this the phone continued to ring - and the person answering it gave business like answers, at times suggesting that the caller come to the center. At one end of the room was a long work table covered with charts, tarot decks, a book of I Ching and coins and general paper-back reading materials.

When I arrived Haskett was counseling a young-tearful girl and when she arose to leave her last words were, "O.K., if the I Ching says my parents will under-stand then I'll call home. Much love and thanks to you my dear friend.."

When I asked Haskett what the hell that was all avout, he said tha that at times he felt more like a high-school counselor than anything else. Young people had discovered that he was willing to listen when they needed help.

He told me that he was more involved in seriou studies of the occult and thought it would be necessary to go underground for a while in order to decided what he really wanted to accomplish. He was hoping to be able to train someone else to handle the switch-board.

So, at this moment, all that remains of the switchboard is the emblem, two inter-locking keys. I will keep interested readers informed , write to Rita % O.A.

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was transparent as a sheet of glass. It was invested as with a strange spiritual beauty. It looked as illuminated as a city. ..
(he describes in detail the colors and emanations of the parts of the body and the thoughts emanating from peoples brains)..

But the sphere of my vision began to widen. I could see the life of nature in the atoms of the chairs, tables,etc.; I could see them with far more satisfaction than I ever remembered to have known in my ordinary state. Next I could see the walls of the house. At first, they seemed very dark and apaque; but soon became bright and then transparent; and, presently, I could see the walls of the adjoining dwelling. These also immediately became light and vanished. I could now see the objects, the furniture and persons in the adjoining house as easily' as those in the room where I was situated. .....
(He tells about tests whereby persons in the room with him ask him to 'read the title of a book with his eyelids closed which is behind four or five other books' which he does several times)...
By a process of inter-penetration I was placed en rapport with nature.. The properties and essences of plants were distinctly visible and every fibre of the wild flower was radient with its own particular life...

In this mystic vision I saw everything just as you will- with the penetrating senses of the spirit- after you pass away from the visible body at physical death. Every little grain of salt or sand; every minute plant, flower and herb; every tendril of the loftiest trees, each and all were clothed with dark bright colors, each divided and subdivided into an almost infinite variety of degrees of intensity, brillancy and refinement. And - mark my word - in each mineral, vegetable and animal, I SAW SOMETHING OF MAN.. In truth, the whole system of creation seemed to me like the fragments of future human beings . Had I then possessed my present instinct of language, I would have exclaimed, in the language of the poet:

"Herbs gladly cure our flesh,
because they find their
acquaintance there."
Andrew Jackson Davis

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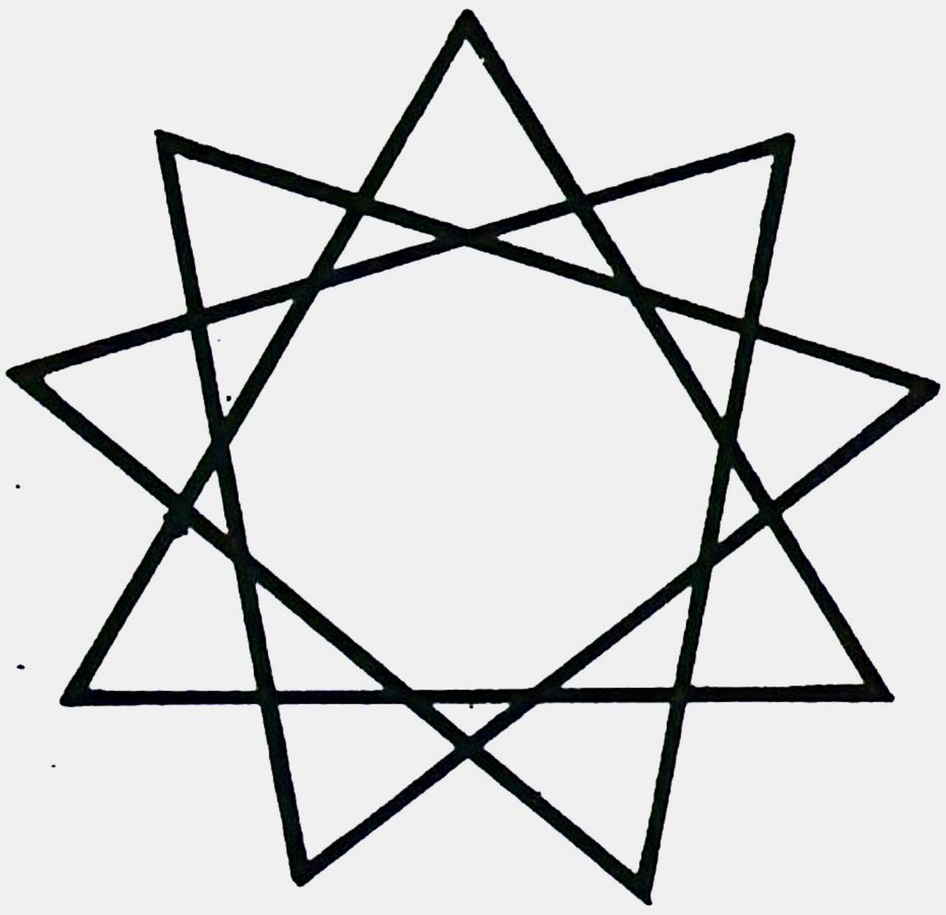

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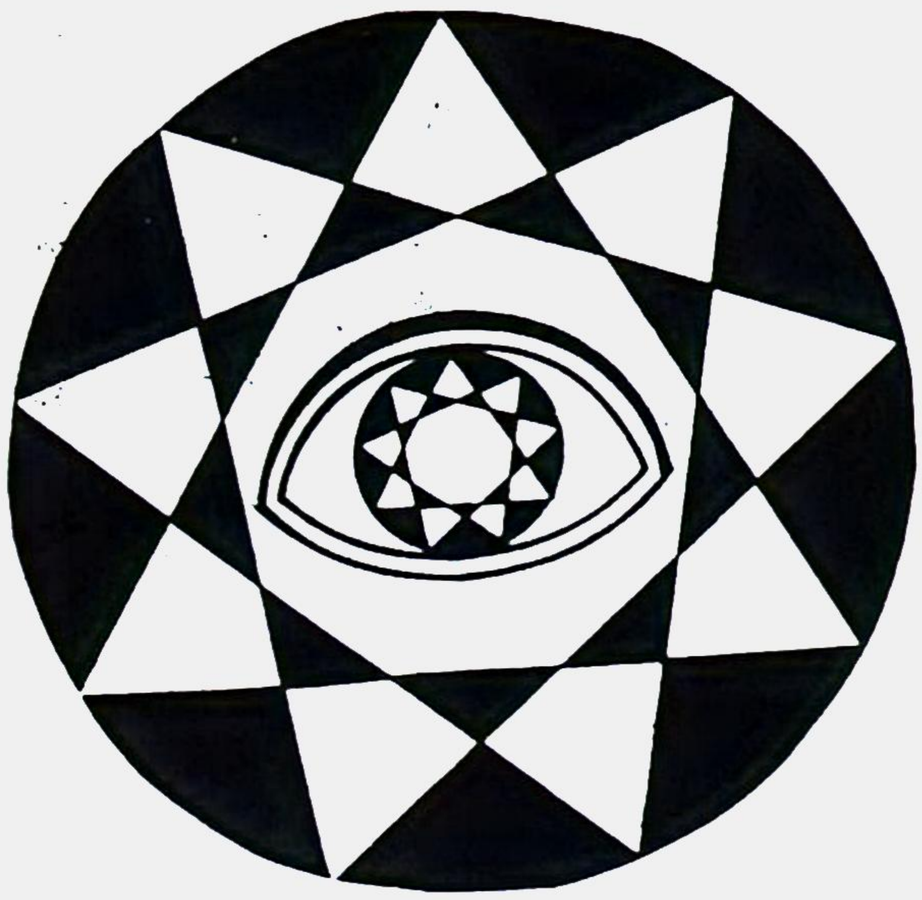

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THE GHOSTS THAT HAUNT NEW YORK'S GREENWICH VILLAGE

BY

ALFRED K. ALLAN

In New York's famed Greenwich Village, haunting is a fulltime business and ghosts are the real McCoy! The Village's many old structures and colorful history make it an ideal site for visitations by spirits of the past.

The typical Village ghost, however, is not a frightening, stark white, groaning apparition but rather a very sentimental individual who retains disturbing memories about a place in which he had an emotional experience.

The celebrated specter of Alexander Hamilton, for instance, frequents the home of William Bayard on Jane Street in the Village, the spot where he was taken after being mortally wounded in his fateful duel with Aaron Burr at Weehawken, New Jersey. (Hamilton died in this house on the afternoon of July 12, 1804.)

His ghost still haunts the place.

One medium who was brought to the Jane Street dwelling reported that he saw Hamilton's death scene ... reinacted before his eyes. The medium vividly described the panic and confusion that ensued as Hamilton was carried into the place on that tragic day.

Such departed spirits, according to students, of Village ghosts, can often be called upon to communicate with a medium by means of a seance.

For several years the Albert French restaurant at 42 East 11 th Street in the Village was the scene of such attempts to speak with the dead. On Halloween Eve, interested parties would gather around a table inside the place and by the glow of flickering candles seek to communicate with the ghost of the departed Albert P. Ryder, and artist whose wall murals hang in the restaurant.

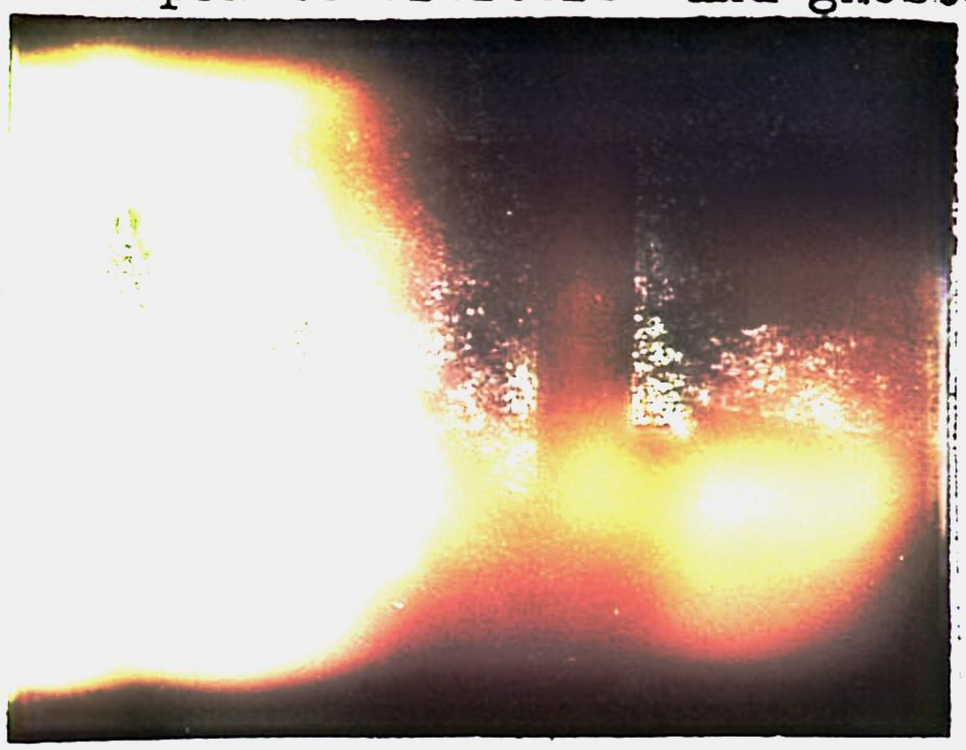
The seances were conducted by Long John, an American Indian medium, who would call on Ryder to answer some questions on his paintings.

Through the medium Ryder would tell the gathering just when and how his murals were painted and give details on his techniques and methods of work, information that only Ryder could know.

American Indians, like Long John, have been found to be especially sensitive and tolerant of departed spirits because of the teachings of their culture.

The ghost was that of a woman who'd been disowned by her family when she married out of her religion. Though she wanted to be cremated at death and buried in a cemetary, her family decided to hide the urn containing her ashes, making burial impossible. Now able to share her grief with an old Indian woman, this spirit became a happy ghost.

Ghosts have also been reported in and around the Old Merchants House at 29 East 4th Street. This house has been restored in authentic colonial style and is now oper to visitors--and ghosts!



View of front parlor showing dining-room. Secret chambers are well concealed by sliding doors.

Whenever there is a report of a ghostly visitation to some old Village "haunt" a "ghost detective", well-versed in psychic phenomena, is dispatched to the site accompanied by a medium. When and if the medium contacts the ghost, the investigator asks several questions about the ghost's background--questions which the medium counln't possible answer unless he really was communicating with a departed spirit. On the

basis of the answers given, it's decided whether or not the ghost really "exists."

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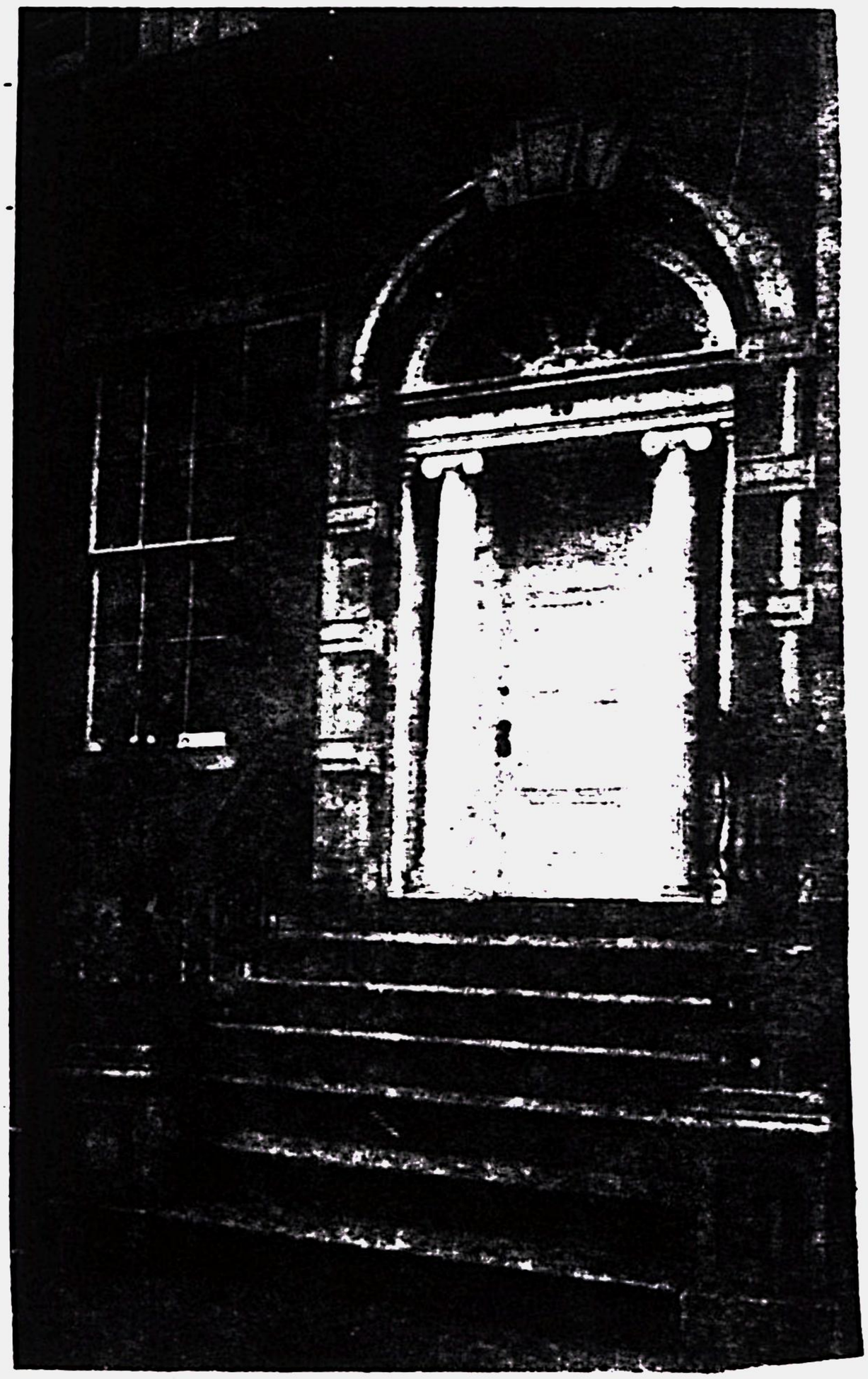

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Memo from Miroslav

I recently attended a lecture in the library of the obscure little town of Covina, California. The title of the lecture was "Metaphysics and Psychic Development". The program was sponsored by the Astrology Society of Southern California and the guest speaker was J. Robert Prete the editor and publisher of the Astrology newspaper RISING SIGN. I found Mr. Prete's presentation very enjoyable and informative. I say presentation because of his use of, as he termed it, his most valuable slides.

One might assume after attending one of Mr. Prete's presentation that besides being a Reverend, actor, publisher and all round soulful seeker of cosmic truth, he is also an excellent program director and photographer. In conversation with him he admitted that his program was quite general and for the layman but that the reason he taught classes was to be able to further expound specifics, cause and effect realtionships. One of the first slides he showed was a little epigram ;

WHAT THE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW IS HOW TO HANDLE WHAT IT DOESN'T KNOW. I saw this as delving directly into the heart and core of man's attempt to understand understanding, to comprehend comprehension. Man knows but doesn't know how he knows. It's quite a paradoxical situation to know just enough to know that you don't know enough.

Mr. Prete briefly outlined the many various topics known as and related to metaphysics; ESP, Mental telepathy, Psychokinesis, stigmata, clairvoyance and the receiving of messages or energy through various senses and many other topics. He also discussed briefly many of the psychics and psychical investigators past and present.

A worthwhile evening, and I might add that he spoke while standing in front of a white screen and I was aware of ethric vibrations surrounding him, but perhaps it was his intensity and sincerity as a human being that I enjoyed the most.

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THE NEW YORK SCENE
by Frank Dale
THE GREY WITCH

Last issue I promised an interview with Richard Armando, the psychographic painter.

Dale: Just how did you get into psychographic painting?
Armando: First of all I should mention that what I do is not painting in the strictest sense. I do not use paint, that is oil or water colors. I use materials such as paper and cloth. What I do is called collage.

I got started in this form because I was afraid to paint with brushes since I lacked formal training. Working with materials from different sources seemed to have special meaning to me. It seemed that unseen hands or minds directed me to this end.
Dale: How do you decide to choose the materials?
Armando: All my materials are chosen by the vibrations they give out. For example, I may be reading a newspaper and a certain photo will seem to stand out and I will then cut it out and make it the basis of my painting. Though often this original photo will become so much a part of the picture that it becomes almost lost to the naked eye. But because of its vibrations it is the intercentral part of the work, sort of the painting nerve-center. For cloth I never buy new material, rather I go to second hand stores. I pick up various pieces until I receive the proper vibrations I need for a particular work, or at times the vibrations will

be so strong that I will create an original work from the cloth I have chosen in that way.
Dale: Do you ever have conflicting vibrations when mixing different materials?
Armando: Usually I try to pick only materials that are compatible. But there was one incident where there was a definite conflict. I had been doing a collage of African masks andpagan religions and also had added some material of christian origin. The night that the painting was finished I placed it next to a box of candles by the radiator. This box of candles had occupied the same place for many years. When arising next morning I found that the box of candles had completely melted. I was not sure if this was a direct cause of the mixing of pagan and christian objects, but I took no chances and removed the christian objects and then there were no other occurrances.
Dale: Then in spite of the fact that you say you work on vibrations, there are times when you do make mistakes in what you are trying to create?
Armando: While I pick materials that I feel are compatible, it often requires many hours or even days of playing around with the pieces before I can really get them in their proper perspective or relationship. Like anything else the human element comes into play and I will let my conscious take over instead of just let-

[illegible] intuitive powers command and this is, where I may make mistakes.

Dale: How long does it take you to do a painting?

Armando: It could take from one hour to one year. I often will start something only to set it aside and work on others, but then suddenly I get this feeling that I must finish this original forgotten work right way and will work long into the night to do so. Or I will often take a work I have considered finished and add something later. This is due to the fact that it is not possible to collect all the correct pieces at the same time, since I never know where I will be or when I will run into materials with the right vibrations.

Dale: By the way, did you hear anymore from the company that interviewed you about your 'Ghost in your house'?

Armando: I had notified them that I would be doing and interview for the Vol. 2 No 5 issue of Occult American and the reception was that they were interested in reading the article when it was published but I never heard any more from them.

Dale: Have you had anymore psychic experiences since that interview?

Armando: Yes, one saturday afternoon I was watching Channel 2 at 2 o'clock and I happened to catch a program about a man, an executive of General Foods who is missing, he had gone to New Orleans on business and on this particular evening he had gone to hear a jazz group at a club in town, he never was heard of again. This incident so impressed Chris Borgan of CBS, a former detective, that he has repeated the show three times in the past year. After watching it after its second appearance, I awoke the next day and called Chris Borgan and told him that I enjoyed the show and how I had received psychic messages while watching it. He took my number and asked if I would mind if the man's wife called me. Several weeks later she did call and there began a relationship between my dreams and the lady's quest for the return of her husband. She has called several times now and I try to give her as much information as possible. Such as the symbols I have received, 3 numbers and 3 names, and descriptions of interesting characters I have seen in my dreams. This information she forwarded to the New Orleans Police Dept. The lady also expressed interest in a collage that I did with a face. It seems that she had consulted with Shawn Robin, a famous psychic who often works with the N.Y. police and Shawn had seen the face of the missing man in water and feared that something had happened to him. It was the face in my collage that interested her. I had tried to contact a man whom I had known some years back and who is now quite well known in the occult field. His

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Guest poet

TWO POEMS
Kim Humiston

A new Dawn:

To restore balance to a tempest wake,
To lend the constancy of a rising sun,
A divine comedy

accompanied by decisions
and revisions

Not needing an ode for redemptions sake
nor monuments for the forerunners
nor the spending of virtues to honor
the memorabilia of vain strivings

"although i can still remember when...."

For among the children there are no buyers
for those who sneak by Self-Unseen.

Clouds fill my Eyes

I wanted everything for you

But I guess that was too much to ask

I'll just bottle-up my dreams for now

find lids strong enough
for rain

(although there isn't much of a market
for dispair)

And Hope.

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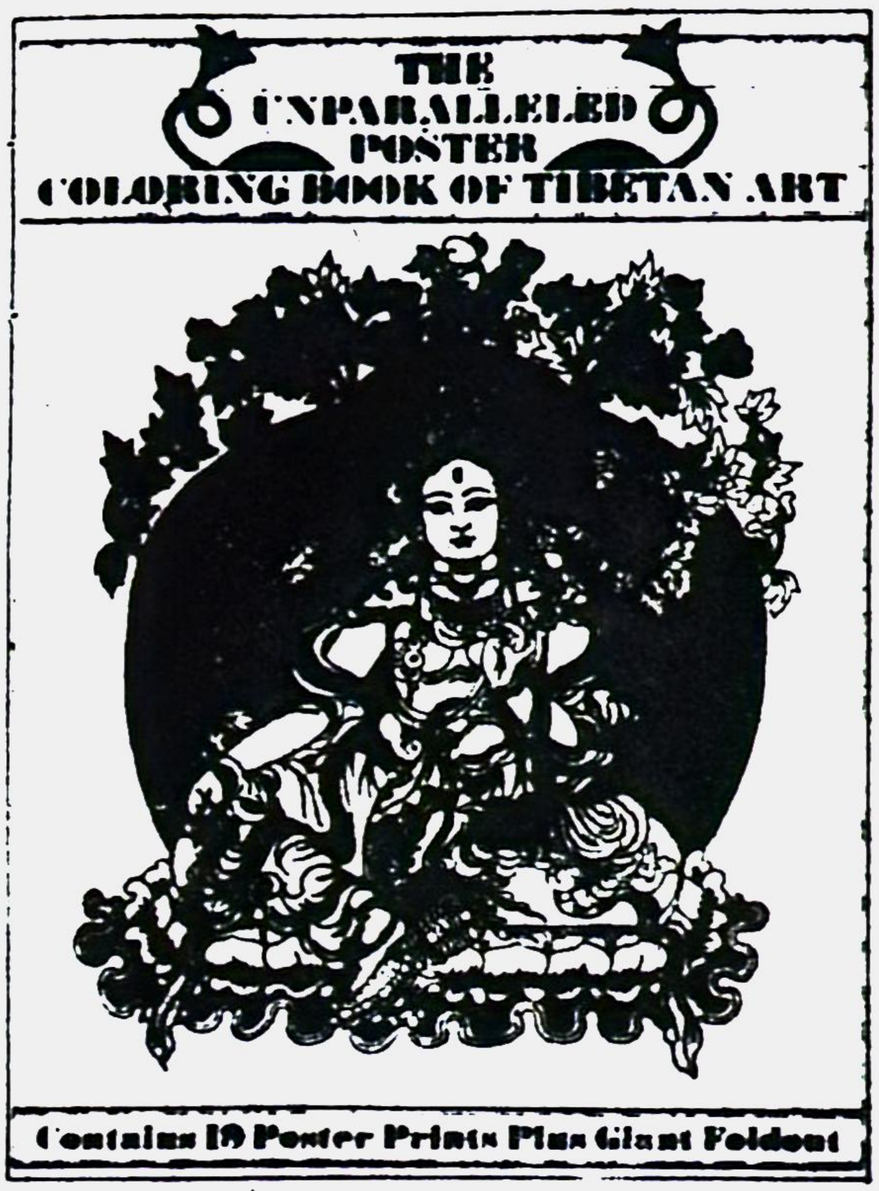

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HERB PIE

1 handful fresh parsley
½ handful spinach
2 handsful lettuce
Some watercress and a few leaves bruised mint

Wash and boil until tender, drain and strain through colander, chop small and place in pie pan. Mix 2 beaten eggs, 1 pint cream, thicken with flour and pour over herb mixture. Cover with pie dough, bake until crust is done.

CHICKEN HERB PUDDING

Boil 2 lbs. cut-up chicken with ½ tsp. each: salt, pepper, thyme and parsley, until chicken is tender. Beat 5 eggs and 2 cups milk, 1/8 cup butter (melted), salt and pepper. Add enough flour for a thin batter and place cooked chicken in a baking dish. Pour batter over chicken and bake for 20 minutes.

HERB PEA SOUP

2 pints water
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 clove chopped garlic
4 anchovy fillets chopped
1 lb. dried peas soaked overnight
2 tbsp. tomato paste
1 tsp. rosemary
2 tbsp. grated cheese

Cook peas in water until tender. Sieve, brown the garlic, rosemary, anchovies in the oil and add the tomato paste. Add to peas and season well. Serve with cheese.

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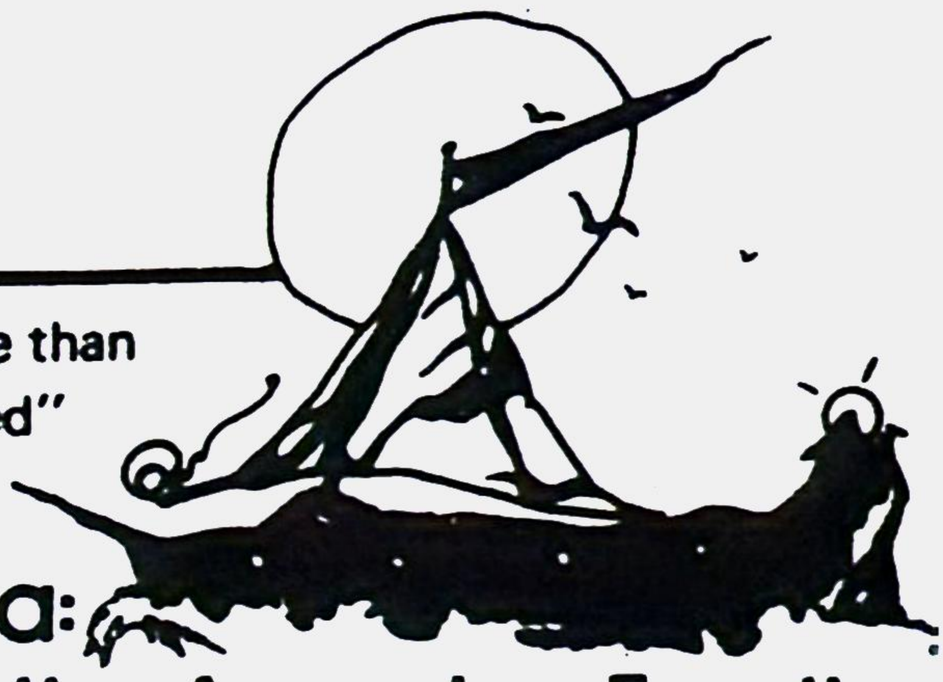

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WHOLE-EARTH, INNER SPACE

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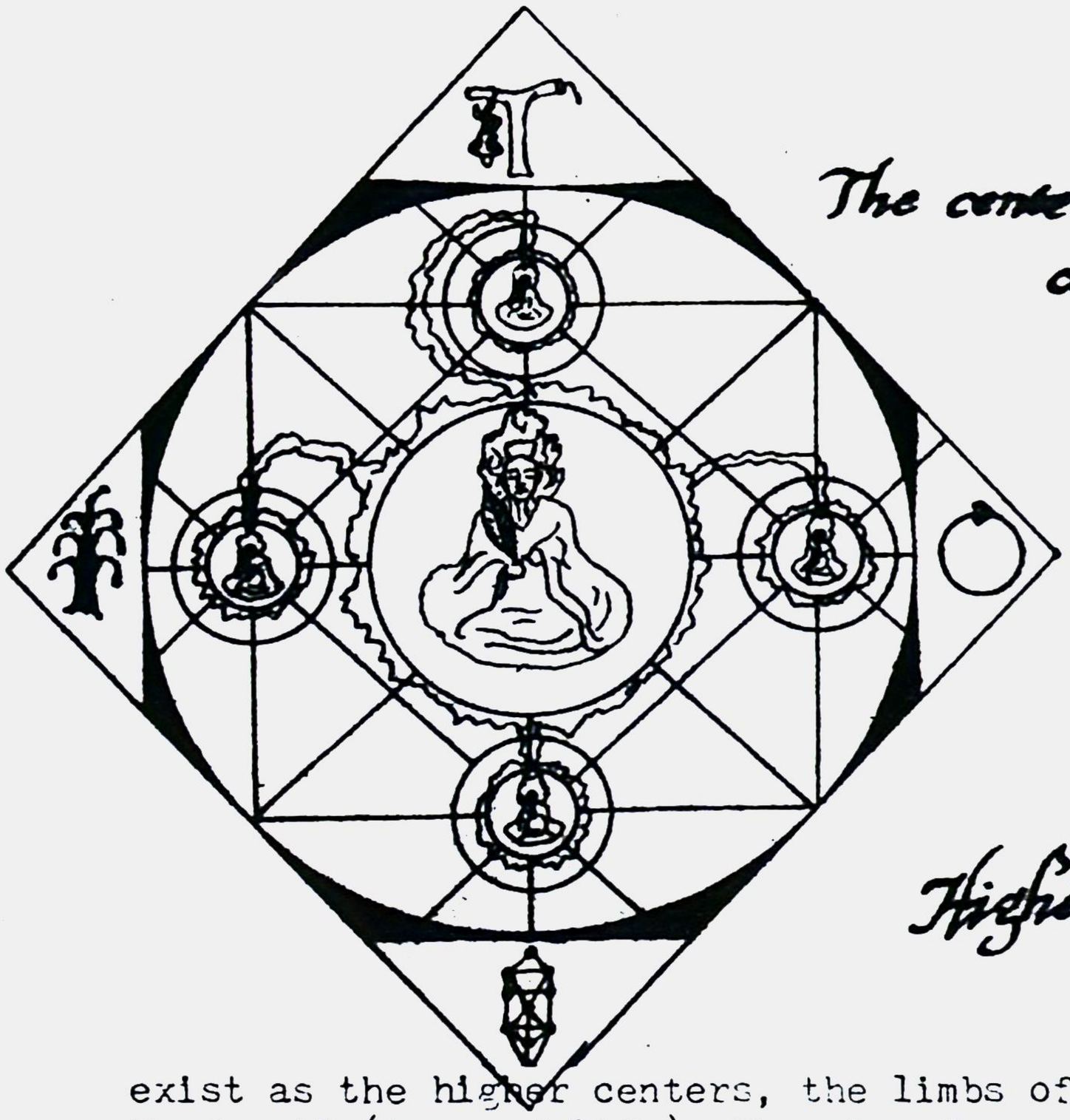
Humphrey

Carole Humphrey is the gal with the magic pen who translates author and husband Christopher's mandala visions into artistic line drawings. She delights in this style since it allows the viewer to find his own meanings in the sketch. I asked her to tell me about the mandala she most enjoyed working on for her husband's book Whole-Earth Inner-Space . I also asked her for a photograph of herself and was glad that she whipped out her famous pen instead of her polaroid. I have included her self-portrait, the mandal and Chris' description.

THE CENTER IN THE MIDST OF CONDITIONS, Mandal #12
This is an illustration of an idea in THE SECRET OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER. One universal theme of dream and myth is the great differentiation of the One Self into many. The older levels of differentiation still



The center in the midst of conditions

fig. 12

Higher Centers

exist as the higher centers, the limbs of the tree Yggdrasil (tree of life). The aim of every higher school of meditation is re-integration of the conscious ego with these higher centers. This is a difficult and even terrifying process which consumes and melts down the present highly differentiated self. This is the theme (or one meaning) of the worm Curobouros in the right hand triangle. The tree of Yggdrasil on the left and the schematic Hasidic tree of life at the bottom are symbols of the differentiation(which, by the way, can be remembered in LSD trips). The Hanged Man in the top triangle is a reference to the immediately above sephiroth, the sun-gate which 'suspends' mankind. The figures in the middle of the mandala come out of the SECRET OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER and can refer to the higher centers of the collective Self or to the higher center of each entity, which dwells within the naval chakra. This is the place of power both for oriental and for Amerindian wizards. This degree of re-integration produces God-like powers. Only those who have successfully completed their evolution on this world can cross the threshold mentioned, symbolized [illegible] by the God-like beings within the circle.

Frank Dale

THE GREY WITCH

"WHY DOESN'T IT WORK?

Many times over the years I have been asked one question many times-"Why doesn't it work? The question is usually in reference to some chant, talisman, potion, spell etc. A variation on the question is, "will this work if I...?" My answer to this question usually is, probably not.

Too many people seem to think that all that is necessary to work magic is to simply purchase a talisman or read aloud some spell from a book etc.. Then when it doesn't work for them, they wonder why and often yell-fake! The truth is that no oil, powder, or spell is going to automatically work some magic for us-we only get out of it, what we put into it. The real power and catalyst has come from within ourselves. That power is belief!

I am reminded of an incident in the Broadway show Gypsy, in which one of the strippers wears a butterfly strategetically placed which is supposed to flutter its wings when she give one of her bumps. But it will not work unless she puts a lot of oomph into her bump. That's what has to be put into or behind any thing we want to acomplish-oomph!

As Peter Pan said-you can fly if you only believe. When it comes to belief, we would be best to take the attitude of a child. One of my favorite teachers, Al Manning, of the ESP Lab., in Calif., once told a couple with a young child who regularly took astral-trips, whereas his parents were unable and remained earth bound , the reason the child was able to perform astral-travel was simply because he was too young to know that it was impossible! He believed he could do it, so he did it. It the Wright brothers didn't believe that they could do the impossible we would still be out there flapping our arms and getting no where. When I was in the Korean Conflict, we often depended on a certain type plane commonly known as the flying box-car or coffin. I often thought to myself, thank heavens the pilots didn't know that the army engineers and scientists said that it was impossible for the plane to get off the ground, let alone fly! If it weren't for their belief in their machines, many of us would not be here today. The same goes for us, if you don't believe in what you're doing, then it can't work.

The truth of this has hit me many times in the past. I have always believed that when in need I will receive, and it has been that way. When I needed money badly, or even a lover, fate brings it to me. But at

other times I have gone to my "altar of concentration" to work some spell only to be disappointed because of the simple fact that what I was trying for was something that I really didn't believe I could gain. A perfect example would be the fellow I mentioned in my last article; the gentlaman who managed to stay alive lost at sea because he believed that there was someone else there in that boat even if he couldn't see him, he knew that he was there-he believed!

To help you gain discipline and the power you need, practice your will power. I don't mean what most people will think of, I don't mean "won't power". Will power is not, "I won't eat that last piece of cake". Think rather on the positive aspects and put your efforts towards gaining through "I will" power. Do those things that you keep putting off.

I would also like to add a word of warning here. While it is possible to gain what ever you want, it is important to know that it is something you want! For you just may get precisely what you ask for. For example you gain a job position you desire, but then find yourself working harder, spending less time with the family and sorry that you ever got yourself into the trap. Or consider the possibility of getting yourself that man or woman, then you find that you don't really want them, but it takes a lot more time and money for that divorce than it did to get married.

In closing I would like to quote something Dr. Manning once said to me in a class: "in all of the basic religions you will find in these scriptures, "man was given dominion over...." But it doesn't say anything about man being given dominion over other men .." In high school we learned about our rights as guaranteed by the Constitution and somebody said, "My freedom to swing my arm stops somewhere before it hits the other guy's nose!" Yes, you can reach out and touch powers that the average human being doesn't believe exist and bend them to your will by the act of salesmanship, but any time one has authority, responsibility comes along with it. The key to the question, "Will it work?" lies in the ability to recognize your responsibility.

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name is Ingo Swan of the Institute of Parapsychology of North Carolina. I had hoped that he could have helped this lady in her search . I am still waiting for an answer from him after writing to him twice. You may have seen him on T.V. or read about his astral paintings in one of the national mags such as Time.

Dale: Can you make up these paintings for persons through the vibrations you receive from a piece of cloth?

Armando: Yes certainly, I can pick up vibrations from just about anything, including letters from people. It is not so much what they say but what they do not say that I pick up on. But it helps to have something that has been placed against the persons body or has a strong interest to the person involved.

Dale: Thanks so much for sharing this with us.

And thank you Frank for a fascinating interview and for sending on this potrait done by Marmando for Occult Americana..

Next issue we will be printing and article written by Chris Humphry, author of WHOLE-EARTH INNER SPACE, especially for Occult Americana.

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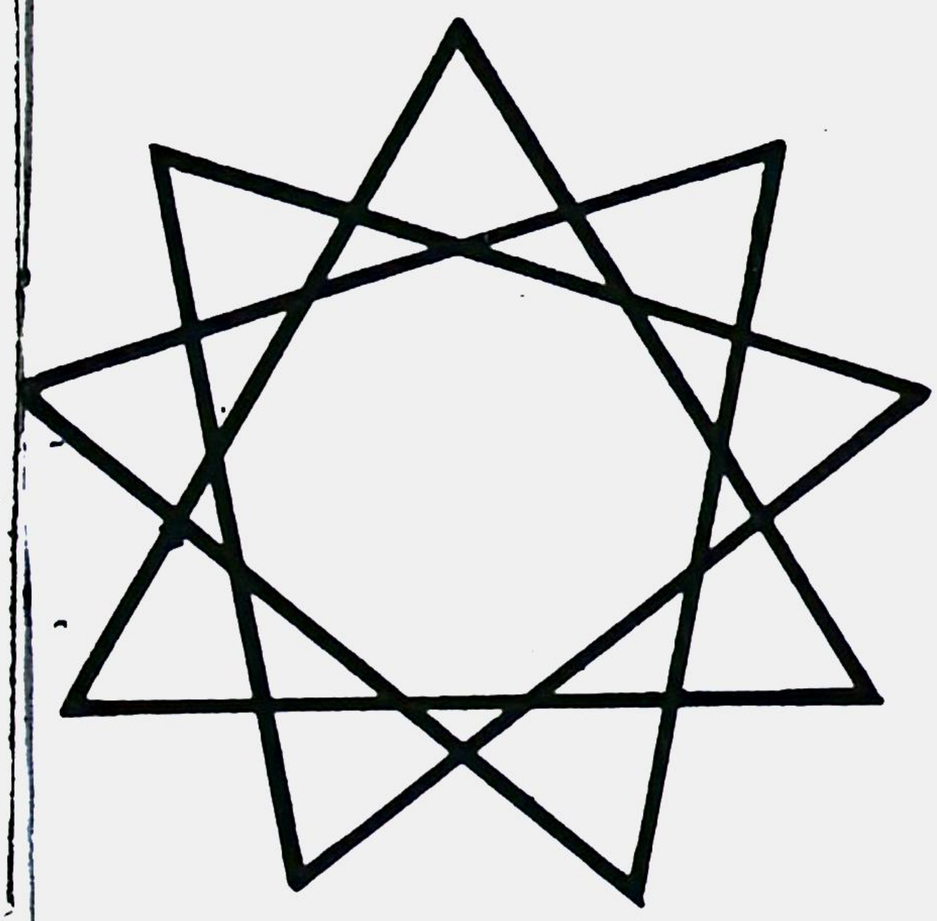

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