

Lucifer

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LIGHT-BRINGER

Do you really know the Devil?

When He first appeared?

His official position in the occult
Hierarchy?

His other functions and responsibilities?

His relation to the Extreme Right and to the
Extreme Left?

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This is a most difficult subject which I chose to talk about, oh, perhaps three months ago when we had to make up this program before departing on our 7,000-mile eastern lecture trip. The deeper I got into the subject of Lucifer, and of Good and Evil, the more involved it became. At times it became even too discouraging to talk about or even explain.

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The various authorities certainly/agree on the origin of evil or the need for it, but it is here and so we'll have to bear with it! If you'll bear with me for the next hour or so, we'll see if we cant come up with a few views -- if not with a few answers -- on this problem; for which there may not be any satisfactory answer at all at this level of existence. Perhaps there are only relative answers.

This reminds me of the frustrated lady who signed her name, Rose, and wrote to "Dear Abby", daily columnist for the love-lorn in the Los Angeles "Times" and other American papers.

"Dear Abby: I'm forty-two years old, single, and looking for a man with no bad habits." To which Abby replied, "Dear Rose: So am I!"

By which I'm not necessarily implying that men are the only creators of evil, or practicers of it. I believe we all are more or less equally responsible for evil, aren't we.

Philosophically, if you push this problem back to the prime evil, to our primordial beginnings; evil apparently seems to precede good. This is when you are aware of any beginning aspect of life; for out of the black void, the chaos of black, deep space, comes Light. Light is the first manifestation of consciousness as we know it. This Chaos is that to which we return, a passive or negative condition which destroys life as we know it.

Here we face one of the great problems of space travel. When a unit of consciousness such as ourselves goes into space it is almost impossible for us to hold ourselves together. That is, in this present form and understanding of ourselves. The Astronauts were warned of this danger before making their orbital flights. This is why the space scientists call it hostile space. They treat space as though it were a

consciously destructive thing, and it is that.

What is behind that veil of darkness can only be conjectured by us, and only hinted at by the Teachers of our race. Consider this saying from the Bible, that no man can look on the face of God and live. From space comes a blinding flash of Light so intense that the physical form cannot survive it -- as an ordinary human being; it can only be lifted up, absorbed into a sea of Light which to us looks black! Nevertheless, outside of, or surrounding any body of Light we know, there is this black void. Essentially, this is feminine. This is passive. This black void receives Light and is thrust aside by Light -- just as you ladies receive the male seed. You nourish this seed, this "light", in the blackness of your womb -- which again is a symbol for deep space.

Out of this deceptively passive condition within you comes Life, doesn't it. Let us take the simile a little further and explain why occult science says that the black void is or can be a symbol of evil. As a passive, unyielding condition the black void represents the ultimate in crystallization. Life is locked in, rigid. Yet that void can be thrust aside, and Light can come from it and go into it.

Now we've stated these two, basic principles of existence. If you are going to push on into the deeper studies of metaphysics, of Life, you will have to master and understand them. This means you will have to have or develop some capacity for abstract thought. If you don't have it, the Mysteries aren't for you, yet. But all the Mysteries trace back to these simple things:

REST ----- MOTION

All that we know of Life at this limited level of living comes by recognizing the difference between these two: inertia and movement, passive and active. In fact, the health of existence as we know it is to oscillate rhythmically between them. To live means to move! Allow yourself to be so crystallized in form, so rigid that there is no movement and life in the form is destroyed.

On the other hand, too much motion is also evil. When there is no pause for rest or rebuilding, the form is also destroyed. Either extreme is not good. This we see in the present day political struggles shaking the world. This is the pragmatic proof of our cosmic principle of inertia and motion. Fascism is the extreme right and Communism is the extreme left. The one group is ultra-conservative, representing great wealth, trying to keep things as they are -- or as they were! The other group is ultra-radical, representing those who have nothing to lose and everything to gain by destroying all present social institutions, so they can rebuild them in their own image. This is anarchism.

There is a normal rate of evolution. There is a Cosmic Plan for the harmonious growth and development of mankind. Both extremes are destructive to this plan. The Extreme Right hinders the Plan by clinging to the past with its conservatism. The Extreme Left hinders the Plan by accelerating the rate of destruction beyond what is good or useful to Society.

Unless you can accept this principle: of a right and a left and a balanced middle, the political struggles going on in the United States today are beyond your understanding. The constant shifting and pulling of the powers behind the scenes will be a mystery to you. You may become so discouraged by this pulling and hauling by the right and the left that you'll wonder if the United States can possibly endure.

RHYTHM, THE HEALTH OF THE NATION

Please keep in mind that rhythmic oscillations from right to left, from a passive to an active condition, are essential to the health of any nation. The allowance for these oscillations from right to left and back again are what have made the United States as desirable a place to live as it is today. Our political structure allows for these movements from right to left, from conservative to liberal, from Republican to Democrat.

As a rule, the liberal or Democratic side can only stay in power for eight years; then, fortunately, by the vote we can kick the rascals out and allow the Republican side to come in for eight years. This should happen. This should continue. This is the political pulse of the United States, this eight-year cycle from right to left and back again. This is the manifestation in our country, of the great cosmic principle just enunciated: Rest and Motion.

You can see the difference immediately, between our kind of political health, and the sickness of the dictatorships of the right or left. Look at the Catholic dictatorships, the Fascist dictatorships, of South America. There, today, a 150 million peasants, poverty stricken, diseased and illiterate, are seething with revolt against a ruling group still living in the past. This is conservatism carried to the extreme. In South America too much of the national life is locked up in form, crystallized, stifled. This is evil. It is likely that the revolt in South America will carry many of those nations in the next few years from the extreme right to the extreme left, as happened in Cuba. South American governments, by and large, do not allow for moderate movements to the left as we do here.

Now look at the Communist dictatorships of east Europe and in China and you see the opposite condition. There you have governments which are locked in the extreme left position and they allow no possibility of moderate or conservative movements to the right. These nations are not politically healthy either. Though it appears that the Russian people are not quite as restless and dissatisfied under Communism as are the South American people under Fascism. Nevertheless, this is evil too because the political structure does not allow for expression of all adult groups within the Communist nation.

Believe me, I'm not saying that the Republics and Democracies of the West are ideal political structures. Considering the times, these are the best we can do. Eventually, I believe the ideal of Plato's Republic will be realized here in the world. Plato is one of the great teachers of our Western Mystery Tradition. Plato suggested that we will handpick leader types and train them for leadership, almost from birth. Then we will return to the political structure which corresponds

to our universe, the Solar system. Then we'll have a philosopher-king who leads with the hearty consent of his followers.

At the present time the natural leaders, the will types, in positions of political power, they become dictators. This can't be helped. They are not far enough advanced to be able to keep their power under control and balanced. Ruthless characters like Genghis Khan, or Napoleon, or Stalin are good examples of this. They don't have enough love.

THE DEARTH OF GREAT LEADERS

Years ago Alice Bailey wrote of the lack of great natural leaders in the world today. The world is so tense, so near to destruction today that First Ray souls of the Genghis Khan type are held back from embodiment. If Genghis Khan were to return today he would focus so much destructive power around him he would literally destroy the world. So, in today's leaders we have men with less will and more wisdom and love, sweating out today's great problems. I don't envy them, do you?

Pope John is dying in the Vatican. DeGaulle moves in constant fear of his life in France. Queen Elizabeth can scarcely be happy on her throne with the political mess of the Profumo case in McMillan's government. Adenauer is on his way out. Kennedy's program is stymied in Congress by a clique of conservative Democrats and Republicans -- and of course the Negroes are finally fighting for their American rights.

The world is on the move as it hasn't been for thousands of years. Apparently we're shifting from the passive or inertia side of the equation to the motion or action side. These pressures make for a lot of popular discontent which focusses in the national leaders. Tough, isn't it; but the pressure of God's will -- and God is pressure -- keeps things moving, might as well ride with the tide.

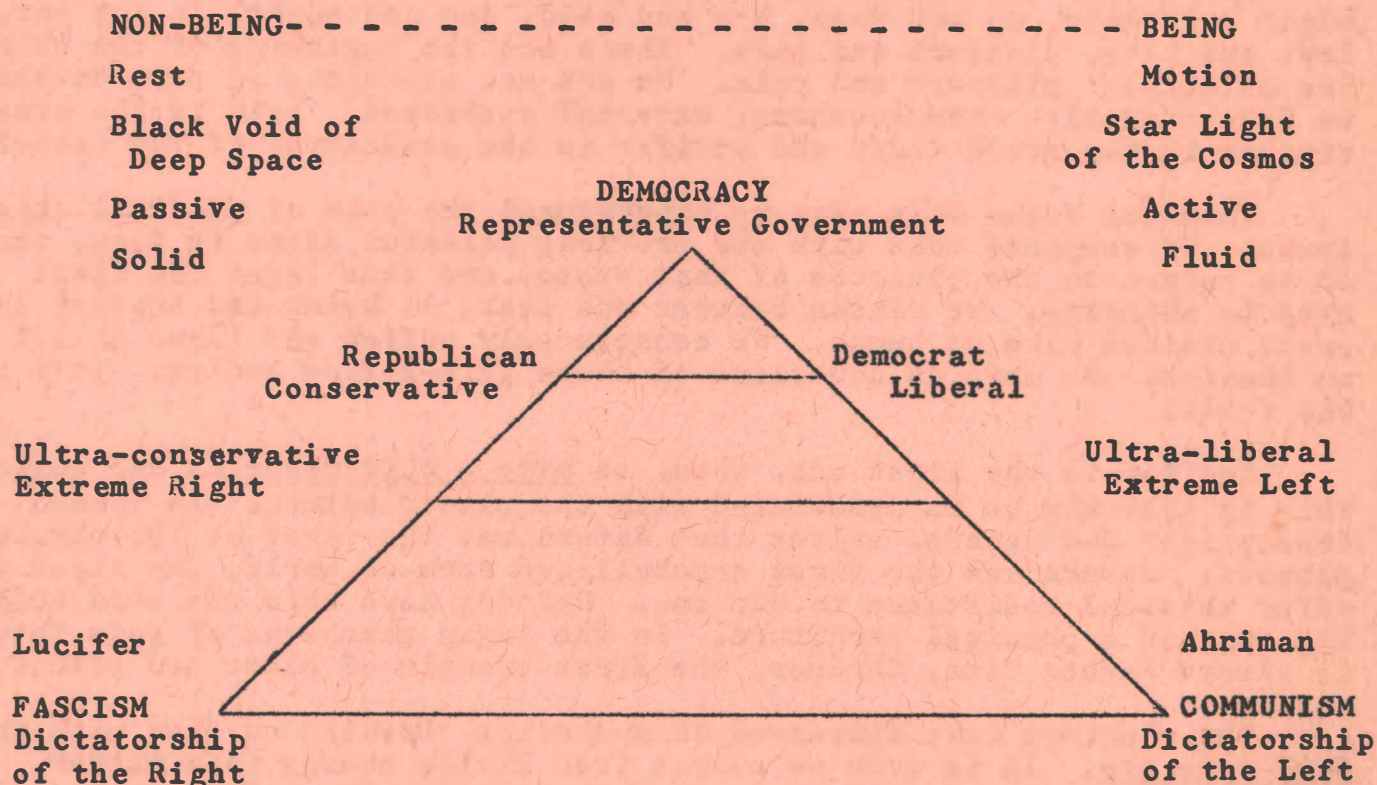
THE POSITION OF LUCIFER

Where does Lucifer fit into all this? Let me read you this interesting item from H.P. Blavatsky's "Isis Unveiled": "Even the devils are subject to the Logos (to God, the Creator of our universe)." By this she means that the Devil is not eternally opposed to God, as the orthodox ministers would have us believe. These two are not engaged in an eternally unresolvable conflict of the right and the left. Rather, the Devil, or Satan, or Lucifer, is a created being, subject to the will of God and used by Him to further evolution.

This is the reason Lucifer is continually referred to as the Light Bringer in occult literature. He actually occupies an honored position in the hierarchy of archangels. He was the first one who volunteered to crystallize himself into a form. He thus was the first to resist the Light pouring out from the Logos. You know very well that Light is useless to you unless it has something to resist, from which to reflect, so you can see in the darkness.

Lucifer it was who brought us Divine Wisdom, falling like lightning on and quickening our intellects, by offering us resistance. When we fight the devils of ignorance and superstition, we learn! How do we ap-

preciate such democracy as^{we} have here in the United States except by contrast with Communism and Fascism?



BLAVATSKY ON OUR DEMONS

Here is another interesting quote from H.P. Blavatsky: "The demons who inhabit the seven zones of our world. . . In the Kabala the Prince of these Demons is Samael, the Angel of Death, who is also called the seducing serpent, Satan; but that Satan is also Lucifer, and a bright Angel of Light, the Life-Bringer; but he is alienated from the Holy Ones the other Angels. First Samael fell, then deceiving man, caused his fall also."

Ah, that so-called fall. We were in the Garden of Eden state a long, long time ago. This was a completely subjective state. Our consciousness was turned inward, dreaming of the high world in which we lived at that time. It was a passive state. There was no development there. The only we could become active was to turn our consciousness outward. We had to become aware of our physical bodies before we could move.

This was what Satan did. He turned our attention outward so we became aware of our physical bodies. Then he suggested to us, because we were Gods and could create after our own kind, that we do so; and so we did; and so we have the differentiation of the sexes! If we hadn't awakened this sexual power, this creative power at the base of the spine,

we couldn't have developed a brain at the top of the spine?

THE THINKING PRINCIPLE

If you can think, you can discriminate -- between good and evil, black and white, up and down, hot and cold, day and night, in and out, love and hate, pleasure and pain. There was the beginning of the thinking principle: pleasure and pain. We are not conscious of pain unless we have objective consciousness, external awareness. Pain is the great teacher in the world today and Lucifer is the headmaster of the school.

Thinking began only when we experienced the pain of physical existence. We compared this with our previous blissful state in Eden, wanted to return to the pleasure of that state, and thus began the first step in thinking. We reason between one state of being and another and wrong choices make us human. We consequently suffer and blame it all on Lucifer. He made us conscious of these pain-giving bodies. It's all his fault!

Lucifer is the first one, then, to make a difference in our cosmos. This is also why he is associated with the planet Saturn. In "Cosmo Conception" Max Heindel writes that Saturn was the first of the physical planets. Saturn was the first crystallized form or world, the first to offer physical resistance to the sun. Heindel says this was even before the sun had a physical structure. In the pagan pantheons of gods Saturn is always Father Time, Chronos, the first example of cause and effect.

The churches have distorted this concept, loading us down with the fall into sin. It is true we emerge from Divine energy into matter, yes; this is a very normal process of evolution. There is nothing evil about that.

The Yada di Shi'ite is one of the Adepts who overshadows BSRA. As many of you know, and some have heard, he has given us many words of wisdom through Mark Probert, a trance medium. In this very hall nine months ago he pointed out that the priesthoods are the only ones who are sinners. They are the only ones who have sin-consciousness. Denying sex as they do, they think about it all the time!

Lucifer's responsibility is to lead us down the Involutionary path, from the higher levels of energy into the lower levels of matter. We have descended into denser and denser worlds where the experiences have become sharper, more powerful, and more painful. The more painful our experiences, the faster we learn. He takes us from this black void into lower realms which are actually realms of light, to our limited consciousness. This present state of being locked into matter is a temporary state which gives us the illusion of evil.

Eventually all is absorbed back into the Creator, along with all other manifested life, at the end of an evolutionary cycle. The Devil is re-absorbed and so are we; so let's not take the Devil too seriously. He has an end also. It is the same end toward which we are headed, perfection. If there is any predestination, this is it. There is an unavoidable goal toward which all are headed, regardless of which path they travel or how long they take; that path is Perfection.

FROM ABSTRACT TO CONCRETE

Now here in the West we are busy developing the concrete mind. This is the fore-brain. It deals with measuring and dividing. We are analysts of material things and don't handle abstract concepts easily. This is understandable. Our attention here in America is directed toward the physical world, to redeem it. We are doing it. We are handling physical matter more masterfully than any other race. Our junk piles, wrecked automobiles, discarded refrigerators, washing machines and other appliances are the wonder of the world! We will change the face of the earth, with atomic bombs, if necessary.

So we Americans prefer to work with concrete symbols. This is a way of reducing spiritual powers to mental equivalents. These equivalents are then changed into concrete thoughts; there must be something for the mind to grasp.

Now the myths and legends of the past have a great hold on us, though they are buried in our subconscious minds. We aren't consciously aware of this hold, this power that is locked up in the stories of our Colonial heroes, the Founding Fathers of this nation -- Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Daniel Boone, Davey Crockett. Then there is the myth of Paul Bunyan up there in the north country. Out here in the west we have the great cowboy legends. These are tangible embodiments of the great spiritual forces which forged our nation. These forces are intangible, fluid things without form. They are abstract.

The great teachers of the early races of mankind recognized these mighty forces of creation, impersonal and abstract. These teachers endowed these forces with personalities so the primitive imagination would have something to grasp and understand. All of us have these racial memories in us still. Be ye not deceived; these primitive, primeval forces are there in our subconscious; though we adults tend to treat them like fairy tales and consider them juvenile material to be taught in kindergarten. But let a time of crisis come upon us. Let this nation be threatened from without, by war. All of a sudden these subconscious, primeval powers come to the surface. We objectify the personal devil within us, in the person of the leader of the nation which is waging war upon us! In World War I it was the Kaiser who was the embodiment of evil to most Americans. Now it is Cuba's dictator, Fidel Castro. In between, we had Catholic Hitler and Communist Stalin.

Sometimes these forces break down our civilized controls. Remember the unreasoning hatred of German-Americans during World War I? Abusing them physically, breaking into their homes and stores to destroy? This was evil. In times of crisis the evil forces within us are brought to the surface. We realize then, in calmer moments, that we aren't quite as civilized as we pretend to be.

On the other hand, crises bring out positive aspects of hidden, primal forces. There is the heroic courage of the soldier in battle, the courage of the mother or father rushing fearlessly back into the burning home to rescue the last child. So the impersonal, spiritual forces which shaped us in the past, we recreate with modern figures in modern times, ourselves when we are good, others when we are bad.

ANTHROPOMORPHIC GODS NEEDED

Abstract concepts of God have little meaning for most people. We have to have an anthropomorphic, superhuman Being. For most of us, this position is filled by the Christ. This ~~is~~ should be. According to occult science the Cosmic Christ is pure energy. He has no form. The Christ is just one, specialized aspect of the Solar Logos, the Creator of the universe in which we live.

The Creator, because of the limitations of our consciousness, has to manifest periodically through specially prepared channels such as the Christ. This great Cosmic Being still works at some level of consciousness almost beyond our ken. He in turn must find appropriate channels at these lower levels, the form levels of life. The last such manifestation, publicly at least, was apparently through the initiate whom we now call the Master Jesus. This was in Galilee a couple of thousand years ago.

Jesus is a very real bridge between man in his physical world and the world of abstract spirit. This is a difficult gap for us to bridge. We have many, many failures in this area of human endeavor because of the difficulty of going from matter to energy, from concrete physical to abstract spiritual. The Flying Saucer movement was infested with these failures, the so-called contactees. These deluded people thought they were in touch with the gods of outer space, and with Jesus and Mary and other Bible notables. In most cases all the contactees were doing was objectifying the wish-fulfillment of their own subconscious.

A more exaggerated form for this abortive attempt to bridge the gap is the religious fanatic who finally winds up in the insane asylum. The people who run these institutions say the religious insane are the most difficult to cure. What can you say to the man who is sure he has a private telephone to God?

The soul of man must and will be lifted up in time and each must do it for himself. You have to link up with the Christ within you before you can approach the Cosmic Christ. No one can do it for you; they can only show you the way. Each man is his own Savior -- as well as his own Devil.

There was a real Jesus, a historical Jesus, two thousand years ago. There had to be a physical form to act as a focal point, a channel for the free-flowing Divine energy, so it could manifest with power at the physical level. Jesus had to do this for those who cannot manifest this power directly themselves. I suspect that He is still doing it. Jesus is the Savior of our race, still publicly available if you want to call on Him. He's around. Now there may be another manifestation of the Cosmic Christ soon, if it hasn't already happened, the so-called second coming. I don't think He will be any better received or publicly acclaimed now than He was in Galilee -- an obscure religious reformer from the hinterlands.

Certainly the organized religions won't accept Him. Every Redeemer who comes is a radical! The Savior appears at the end of an age, to announce the spiritual principles which will guide the next age. These

principles are always anathema to the Church and State of the time because the Redeemer always calls for change. He is always an iconoclast, an image-breaker. This puts Him on the left, or motion side of the Tree of Life.

THE COMMUNISM OF CHRISTIANITY

The Redeemer's radical ideas of human behavior threaten the security of those who cling to material wealth, for security. To the ultra-conservative, the reformer of the left is evil because he threatens to destroy their crystallized way of life. This is why the Redeemers are always sacrificed or destroyed, physically, by the organized priesthods and vested interests of the time. Each side of the center line is evil to the other.

The appearance of the Cosmic Christ in the person of Jesus signaled the end of the Taurean Age and the beginning of the Piscean Age. That 2000 year cycle is at an end and we are in the beginning of the Aquarian Age. Again the World Teacher will manifest through a young initiate who has prepared himself for the ministry. And again, the organized priesthods and vested interests will reject Him as a radical threatening the stability of the established order. The profitable order I might add.

So here you are face to face with the concept that the Redeemer, as a destroyer of the old way, is carrying out one of the painful but necessary duties of the Cosmos. Thus He earns the hatred of those who suffer because they will not yield to the pressure of God's will. This inflexibility places them on the extreme right and they have joined ranks with Lucifer. They are evil, too; and they are scared.

The pressure of the times is now revealing that many of our sacred institutions are built on sand. There is no place of safety in material things. In her lecture on Color yesterday, Dr. Brunler pointed out our increasing use of bright colors in our daily lives now. She reminded us that our 19th century grandfathers used a lot of black, dark colors. Their way of life was secure, settled. Our way of life isn't; so we turn to bright colors, strong vibrations to reassure us that the universe is still here!

THE LOGIC OF OPPOSITION

We recognize the logic of opposing forces. It seems equally logical to recognize the opposition of God and the Devil. These two are the non-human beings most often referred to. The average person, especially, refers to the Devil almost as often as he does to God. So the Devil gets his due. We need him. We need some non-human, impersonal character on whom we can dump our responsibilities when we fail. I didn't do it; he did!

This is especially true of virtuous people, those who pride themselves on their virtue. These really don't have any virtue at all; for when temptation comes along they yield to it, to smoke another cigarette, to get drunk, to go to bed with someone else's wife or husband -- they blame their fall on the Devil. He tempted me. I am virtuous myself.

This is really false pride, isn't it. The individual isn't willing to face up to the fact that he is a weak human being. He has a lot of corrective work to do. The development of character takes time and effort. It is better to recognize your weaknesses and admit them, face up to them. To the virtuous, pious Christian this would be blasphemous. To admit that the Devil was actually within us sounds like an agreement with the Devil. Perhaps so, but this is where healing begins. No permanent cure of any condition, moral or physical, is possible without an honest recognition of the existing condition and what caused it. This is what psychiatrist, this is what the Dianetics or Scientology auditor tries to get his subject to do, to face himself, to get behind his personal veil and see his evil as well as his good.

There is a possibility of correction. There is a possibility of good health if we really want it. If you don't, then you'll probably continue to suffer.

This continual pulling from your lower self. This constant downward drag of your animal passions gives you resistance. The Devil gives you resistance, a foothold, a platform from which you can spring to the heights. This is why the Devil, or resistance, is necessary.

A few years ago Time Magazine had an article on India. Prime Minister Nehru and his Congress party were bored, listless. India was drifting along, all knotted up in its internal problems. These seemed to defy solution. Nehru was talking of finding a successor. He had done all he could. Then, just a year or so ago, the Chinese Communists smashed ruthlessly across India's northern border in the Himalayas. Suddenly India had resistance and a threat to its survival. India, Nehru and his political party are not bored today. The nation is more unified and alert than it has ever been. Now it's showing some character!

THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR RESISTANCE

Let's simplify this principle of resistance even further. Take the road that runs behind this lecture hall. As long as that road, that earth resists the thrust of your car wheels when you step on the gas, you move! But just let there be a mud puddle there, or a pool of oil; your wheels spin. You don't move. There is no resistance; so even the road and the earth beneath our feet are evil.

The earth is evil in the sense that it resists sunlight. If there were no planets, sunlight would travel on through space forever, doing no useful work. The earth is feminine, passive. In this sense, the earth is ideologically closer to the black void of deep space, the Great Mother Spirit which gives us our form. We get our crystallized forms from Mother Earth and Life from our Father, the Sun.

If you can keep some of these precepts in mind I believe you'll find it a little easier to understand what's going on in the world here today. When a situation in life puzzles you, seems beyond solution, always return to First Principles. Go to Life's primeval beginnings, being and non-being, rest and motion, and trace back down again to present time and what is bothering you. I have found from long experience that such an exercise brings Illumination.

WHO CREATED THE DEVIL?

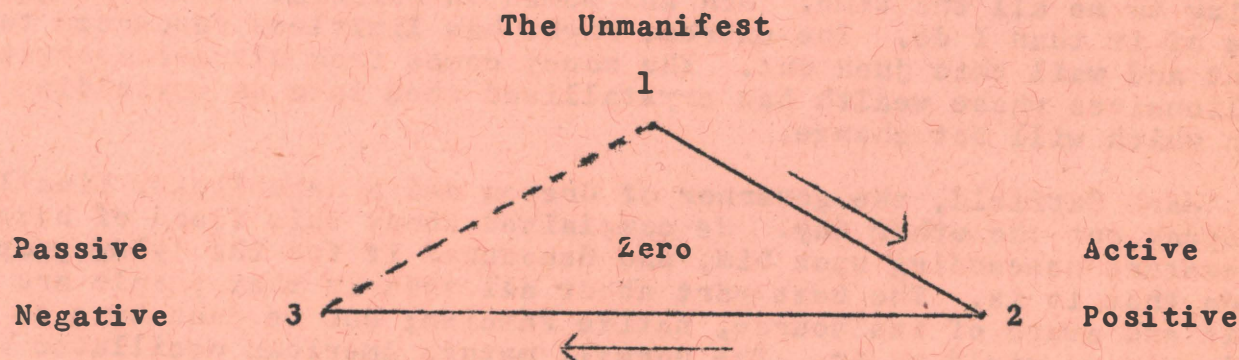
James Churchward, in his book, "The Children of Mu", said that the Devil was the invention of the Egyptian priesthood. Egypt is the land from which our Western Mystery Tradition comes. Moses learned this principle of good and evil from Egyptian priest-initiates. Churchward says that the orthodox, organized priesthood devised the Devil to help maintain their control over the masses in Egypt. Prior to that time, Churchward claims, the people were taught that the struggle between good and evil was within themselves. It was between their higher and lower self. This I like. This I agree with. I believe you'll agree, that generally the lower self has won out, up until the present time.

This winning out has given us such progress as we've made. It has given us resistance to the higher self and out of this resistance we develop spiritual muscle. When you tear the veil aside, when you enter the Path of Return as a neophyte, you'd better have spiritual muscle. That climb is steep. It is uphill all the way. Ah, but the view is wonderful when you sometimes pause for breath and look back, or out upon the world below. It'll take all your blood and sweat and tears to make it.

I believe our most reliable guide for understanding this play of forces here in the Western world is the Kabala. The Tree of Life of the Kabala has been drawn by Western Teachers for the Western mind. We need graphic drawings. Here in America we are blueprint-conscious. We want an exploded diagram of the universe, and so we have it.

THE SUPERNAL TRIANGLE

Take this point we used before and set it moving. The point becomes a line and we have motion. Because of the resistance or drag of the black void the motion is not stopped, it is turned, back upon itself, or more correctly, back across the zero point of rest which it originally occupied. The oscillation continues until motion is as far on the opposite side of the center line. This completes the first trinity of cosmic relationships. In Kabalistic studies this is called the Supernal Triangle



When I say that the woman partakes of this negative or passive side of the Tree, the triangle, metaphorically we indicate that she crystallizes Life. By yielding to, but ultimately resisting, male motion, she locks it up, temporarily stabilizing it in form. The only

time this crystalization becomes positive evil is when it will not move. When the materialized form becomes so fixed, so rigid that growth becomes impossible, this is positive evil. Then the form must be destroyed and Life withdraws, to try again in a new form.

ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE RIGIDITY

Now, perhaps, you can see a little more clearly what is meant by the political phrase, extreme right. Even Republican leaders here in America are becoming concerned about their more conservative brethren. These are the ultra-conservative Republicans who want to cling to the crystallized political forms of yesterday.

California's Republican Senator Thomas Kuchel has become so worried by this Fascist movement in America that he actually exposed and denounced it on the floor of the Senate. This was only about three weeks ago on May 2nd. He says that he received over 10,000 letters, telegrams and cards from voters in response to this talk. 8900 of them approved his talk and applauded his efforts to expose native Fascism here in the United States. 2000 of the replies denounced him and accused him of being pro-Communist.

This is a pronounced characteristic of these way-out people. They are way out of balance on one side of the Tree or the other. If you are not on their side -- the only side -- you must be in the camp of the enemy! There is no middle ground to these wild-eyed zealots of the extreme right or left. Yet the balanced way is the Christ ideal. This is the Democratic ideal, too, a political structure which allows for expression of all sentiments, both right and left, but under control.

To the unbalanced crackpots of the extreme right, if you don't hate Communism with all your heart and soul, you are a Communist. A prime example of this is Robert Welch, founder and head of the John Birch Society. This character even accuses ex-President Eisenhower of being a Communist sympathiser. Fortunately for America, most of us are too intelligent, too mature politically, to be sucked in by this hate peddling. There is a constant stream of this hate-Communism literature coming to me all the time. Men and women in official positions get far more of it than I do. The extreme right has limitless resources to print and mail this junk out. The money comes from ultra-conservative millionaires whose wealth has crystallised them into an unyielding position which will not change.

Mark Hatfield, the governor of Oregon and a Republican, finally had to speak out the other day. He complained about this flood of hate literature descending upon him, and denounced it for the lying propaganda that it is. The best part about all this is that people are aware of it and aware of its source, native Fascism; but we don't have to follow it or yield to it. The normal, mature American oscillates more sanely between left and right without being drawn too far in either direction. These extremes can be dangerous, if either extreme gets political power and holds it. This is why political leaders like Senator Kuchel and Governor Hatfield find it necessary to warn their constituents to make sure they understand what's going on.

Returning to our blueprint of the universe, remember that Communism is placed on the left side of the Tree because it represents the driving masculine force. But Communism carries this force to the extreme in that it wants to destroy all existing conditions and rebuild society in its own destructive image. This is pushing the normal rate of change far too fast; so it becomes positive evil.

The other extreme, the extreme right, is on the feminine side of the Tree. Why? Because these conservative people want to preserve the existing order. They want to crystallize society in its present form against all progress or change. Life thus becomes stagnant, evil, with decay and death. A crystallized form should be maintained only so long as it is useful. When it has served its purpose it should be discarded. Normal, forward-looking people do this voluntarily under the pressure for change, under the pressure of God's will.

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

We are in Armageddon right now. The battle is on for control of men's minds. The goal of Lucifer and his minions is to pull you to his side. The goal of Ahriman and his minions is to pull you to his side. As agents of the Creator their job is to furnish the necessary resistance to truly representative government.

If you are Christ-centered you know instinctively or consciously that true, representative government is the last hope of mankind. You agree 100% with Abraham Lincoln when he said, "No man has a right to govern another without that other's consent!"

If you are still a lop-sided personality, if you are Lucifer-centered or Ahriman-centered, you distrust the principle of self-determination and worship authority. Until you finally find the God within, you'll be led by the Gods without, and you'll be pulled hither and yon, by one "ism" or another.

The battle for control of your attention, your loyalty, your mind, is on now. In past ages and civilizations this condition meant actual physical conflicts which practically wiped out mankind. The Probert Controls tell us that five times in his past history has man literally and actually cleaned himself off the earth? The earth had to be re-seeded again from outer space. They say that this time there is hope that some of us may survive the end of this Piscean Age.

I think one good reason for this is that this battle of Armageddon has shifted to the mental level. This one is a battle of ideas in which our physical forms don't necessarily have to be destroyed. It is only necessary to control them. This is only because we have developed mentally to where this level of consciousness is now a useful tool, to the right, to the left, and to the balanced center.

This is a highly personal matter in which Lucifer the Light-Bringer is directly involved. He drew forth your creative energies millions of years ago, by tempting you to use them to create after your kind, sex. This process also began development of the thinking part of you, your brain. Now you are in a critical position, of using that brain

to recognize Lucifer for what he is, and to cast him off. You are in a position to make your own decisions of what is right for you!

TO BE GOOD, OR NOT TO BE, THAT IS THE QUESTION.

I guess it's time to point another moral from Dear Abby's mailbag. This letter to Abby was from a 21-year old girl who, evidently, hadn't cooperated with her boyfriend as well as he wanted her to. Anyhow, her 21st birthday came along and there was a celebration.

She wrote to Abby: "My boyfriend wanted to show me a very good time. I usually don't go in much for drinking but since this was an occasion to celebrate I had three Martinis. Then during dinner we split a bottle of champagne, and after dinner we had two brandys. Did I do wrong?" It was signed "Blondie".

To which Abby replied: "Dear Blondie: Probably!"

If the girl's boyfriend had seduction in mind, and succeeded, this is what we would call positive evil. Here an intelligent person sets up a course of action for someone else, which leads the other person to violate his or her accepted code of ethics.

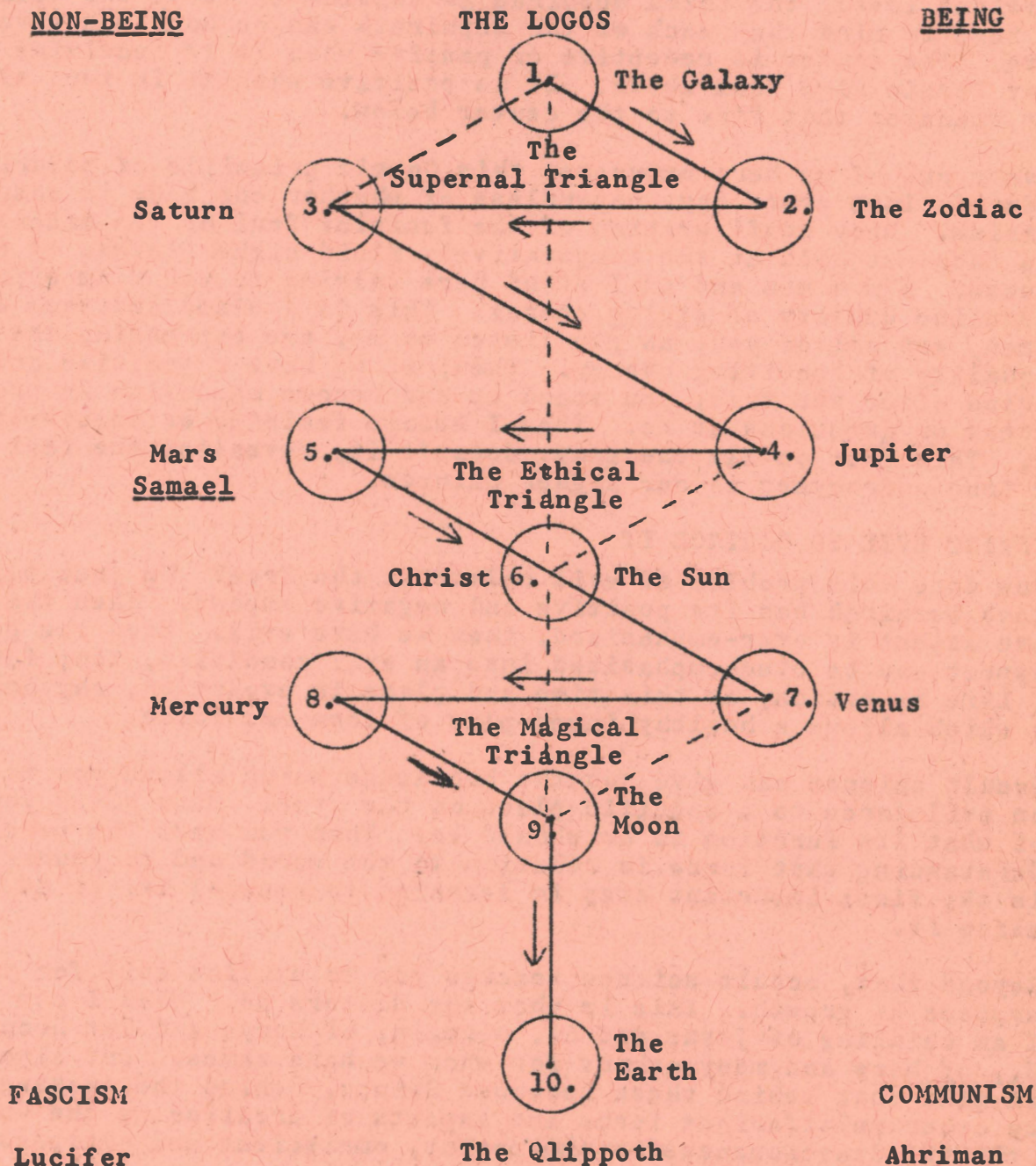
One of our Conventioneers, Mr. Frazier, touched on this difference between negative and positive evil last Thursday night. He gave the example of fire. This is both a destructive and constructive force in Nature, depending on its use. Frazier mentioned the use of fire to burn down an old house. If you want to get rid of it quickly you set fire to it. This is an effective way of getting rid of termites! This is a good example of negative evil, a naturally destructive force used in a constructive way.

Positive evil would be a jealous or angry neighbor. You have antagonized this person, intentionally or unintentionally. To get revenge on you he sets fire to your house and destroys it while you are gone, or perhaps even while you are in it! This is destructive use of a destructive force. So please keep these differences in mind, between negative or natural evil and positive or unnatural evil.

You must recognize that there is positive evil in the world. There are intelligent beings using natural forces to maintain their selfish and evil control of great masses of people. A good example of this kind of thing here in America is the American Medical Association. This wealthy, ultra-conservative organization uses its power to maintain a privileged position in medical research. So far the AMA has resisted all attempts to use the science of electronics and radionics in the diagnosis and cure of disease. The AMA has crystallized the treatment of disease in the old fashioned trinity of drugs, surgery and radiation and keeps it there through control of legislation and the courts. Under our so-called Free Enterprise system, this is the doctors' privilege; and they'll maintain that privilege as long as they can. This position cannot be maintained forever, against the pressure of evolution. Eventually the damn will break and we will have modern methods for diagnosing and treating disease. It may be that our whole capitalistic system will have to undergo reform, before other needed reforms will come.

THE TREE OF LIFE (in Assiah, the physical world)

The Tree of Life actually has seven additional force centers below the three which make the Cosmic trinity, the Supernal Triangle. Each one of these centers, or Sephiroth, to use the Kabalistic term, represents a specialized aspect of the Logos, or God, or the Creator -- whatever you want to call Him. So here we give you an exploded diagram of our universe. This reveals the occult relationship of the ten power



centers as the Creative Fire descends from the Logos in zig-zag fashion from positive to negative and back again down to the earth. Note that at the physical level, these Chakras are represented by certain of the planets of the Solar system. The Tree reveals much as to the nature of

the planets. You will note that four of the centers, including the sun, moon and earth, are on the center or balance line. This means that they have both positive and negative aspects, depending on their function and your point of view at any given moment.

Three of the planets, Saturn, Mars and Mercury, are on the form-giving or feminine side of the Tree; and three of the centers, including Jupiter and Venus, are on the force or masculine side of the Tree. At the physical level, the third Sephirah is considered to be the Zodiac. Please keep in mind that each of the Sephiroth can be both positive and negative. The center is receptive or passive when it is receiving the Light or Cosmic Fire from above. It is positive when it in turn transmits or emanates that Fire to the center below.

Every one of us here expresses this Cosmic principle of polarity hundreds of times every day, regardless of whether our body is masculine or feminine. Body configuration of the feminine Yoni or the masculine Phallus does not hold at the comparatively fluid higher levels of consciousness. I'm a man and as I stand here talking to you I am expressing the masculine quality of giving energy. This is a mixed audience of men and women, yet all of you, as you listen to me, are expressing the feminine quality of receiving energy. Then, if we have a question and answer period after the talk, you stand up and become masculine in projecting ideas or questions at me. Then I become feminine or passive as I listen. This goes on all the time, doesn't it, revealing the fact that we are true androgynes in our higher natures.

IDENTIFYING EVIL TO CONTROL IT

How does this problem of evil relate to the Tree? We just said that each Sephirah has its positive and negative aspect. When that negative aspect is over-emphasized, then we have evil. Even the positive aspect can be over-emphasized into an evil condition, too; for the Law of Life is motion, at this time and place in evolution, rhythmic motion which allows a healthy inter-play of form and force.

Occult science can give you the knowledge which allows you to relate an evil force to a specific place on the Tree. This gives you an idea of what its function is or should be. Then you have the possibility of understanding that force in relation to the world and to yourself. This is the first important step in learning to control it, or at least neutralize it.

Beyond that, occult science teaches you to utilize evil for your own purposes of growth. This is what the Masters do. When I say Masters I am thinking of Jesus and St. Germain, of Morya and Kut Hoomi, of D.K., of Mary and many others for whom we have names. But always keep in mind that behind these Ascended Beings, behind the Archangels and the other multifarious forms and aspects of creation is the One Life, the One Consciousness -- omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.

Keep in mind also that each one of us is a universe in miniature. Subjectively, the Tree is inside us. Each one of the Sephiroth represents a force-center inside our bodies. This is a great and powerful subject for meditation and study which we offer in the Studies accom-

panying each Journal we send out.

Earlier, we quoted Madame Blavatsky to the effect that Satan was the seducing Serpent in the Garden of Eden. She also gave him the title of the Angel of Death and one other name, Samael. If you know your Tree of Life, your roadmap of the heavens -- and the hells! -- this identifies Samael, this particular Satan, with the feminine side of the Tree at the middle of the Pillar of Severity, with Mars, God of War.

You know the traditional symbol for Mars or Samael. He is a mighty armored warrior, driving his chariot at full speed behind a team of three horses, reins in his left hand and in his right, his sword drawn and raised, ready to strike! As the Grim Reaper he is usually shown as a skeleton in a black cloak, swinging a scythe. These figures have a deep significance, far beyond popular usage, and are well worth study and meditation.

THE ANGEL OF DEATH

But the actual God or specialized aspect of the Creator may have a far different appearance to the trained clairvoyant. In the little book "The Inner Side of Church Worship", Geoffrey Hodson describes such an Angel. He saw this Being while attending a Requiem Mass performed on All Soul's Day in St. Mary's Pro-cathedral of the Liberal Catholic Church in London.

"A great angel of a type entirely new to the author appeared at the west end of the church. Although he was essentially an angel of love and poured forth a special quality of love and protection upon the discarnate, his external appearance was such as to make one think of the Angel of Death. He appeared to be a representative of the great God of death, whose mighty hand severs the silver cord which binds the soul to the body during earth-life. His face was strong and awe-inspiring with its inscrutable expression of power and mystery. He was dark green in color and as tall as the body of the church. He held the invisible congregation very closely within his consciousness and exercised a strong protective influence upon them, so that no harm might come either to the living or to the dead. He stood motionless and impassive, guarding, as before mentioned, the insulation of the church from the outer world, and giving the impression of a huge, dark green, living statue of the Angel of Death."

Geburah, the Celestial Surgeon, cuts away cancerous growth in the body politic. This is the positive aspect of Mars, the God of War riding forth to suppress a rebellion in the kingdom, or to defend the borders against an invader. He destroys worn out bodies and nations. Fear and Severity are aspects of Mars. I believe you'll agree that these things are as important in life as Courage and Mildness. These are qualities of Jupiter or Cedulah, on the opposite side of the Tree.

What are the Inverse Sehpiroth? These are the vices, the unbalanced aspects of a force center. For Mars these are fear, as already mentioned, and lust. The arch-demon, or Qlippoth associated with Mars is Asmodeus, God of Lust. The lust of soldiers during the rage of battle, as they overrun a conquered city, is legendary. The beast in the man

joins forces with the Galab from the lower Astral and rape is the order of the day. Galab is the Kabbalistic name for the order of demons associated with the fifth Sephirah.

OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE

As you look at the Tree of Life now it is objective to you, outside you. The right-hand or Severity side of the Tree is to your left and the Mercy side of the Tree is to your right. But when you consider the Tree subjectively, within you, you must turn around and back into it, as it were. You realize immediately that this is correct for it places the fifth Sephirah, Mars, in conjunction with your sword arm. The 10th Sephirah, the earth, is at your feet and the First Sephirah is at your head. The Left side of the body, then, is the Mercy side of the body, in Kabbalistic symbology. Note that when an artist or sculptor portrays a king or emperor seated on his throne, with his kingdom at peace, the orb, his symbol of power, is carried in his left hand.

This places the symbol of the Sun, Tiphareth, at the conjunction of heart and solar plexus. This Christ-center is the balance point for the body and the personality, for both right and left and up and down! We also can express our energies in a positive or negative fashion through these force centers. The Western ideal is a balanced expression of force to create beauty and harmony in an orderly world. Our ideal should be constructive work toward an altruistic goal.

An altruistic goal gives you an expanding field in which to work; so your creative energies flow freely through you and outward in constructive expression. There is very little frustration, the cause of most unhappiness and disease. If you have only selfish goals, concerned primarily with your own enjoyment of life --rather than helping others -- your forces turn back upon themselves. They consume themselves and you! The result is disease and the breakdown of one part or another of the body, even death. Every person is potent for good or evil, depending on his self-chosen goals. Choose goals which pull out the best in you and you'll live better, happy in a sense of fulfillment.

INVISIBLE HELPERS, GOOD AND BAD

Now every unit of consciousness, human and non-human, is a stream of energy in the formless worlds. The formless worlds are from No. 6 on up, here on the Tree of Life. We are all seeking expression of some kind here in the lower worlds because of our own desire and because of the irresistible will of the Logos.

I suppose the simplest way to explain God is to say that God is pressure! There is an endless pressure upon us to move, to go. The easiest way to describe this irresistible force in its most primary movement is the revolving of our Milky Way galaxy around the Great Central Stillness. We know now that our solar system and our earth are carried along in this great sweeping, spiral movement at hundreds of millions of miles an hour; and this movement has been going on for hundreds of millions of years. The whole thing is so awe-inspiring that the mind staggers at the immensity of it. If you don't want to believe in God, you can believe in this discovery of our astronomer scientists.

THE HOLY GRAIL

Now force needs form to contain it, otherwise it is wasted. You know this yourself when you are handling liquids. Turn on the water faucet, let the fluid run into a glass or container which has a crack or a hole in it, some of the fluid is wasted. It gets away from you, out of control.

When you enter a Mystery School, one of the first requirements is training in concentration. It is the mind that gives form to free-flowing energy. If the form is not well constructed, to contain the energy for which you are praying, it will be wasted. You order a load of ready-mixed concrete for your new driveway; but the contractor and his men have not placed the wooden forms to hold this fluid earth. The driver of the ready-mix truck has to unload the stuff, He cant take it back to the plant; so it is dumped out on your lawn and wasted. Isn't this the reason why most prayers are not answered? The prayerer doesn't take the time and trouble to form a clear image of what he wants.

Your thinking creates suitable forms for other forces than your own. Continually dwell on one idea or desire and you create a definite form in the Astral world. It becomes stabilized as to shape, color and type. It sounds a definite note in the Inner Worlds. Now, at the mental level, your idea has no power, no soul. This is the great weakness of those who think they can do everything with their mind, those who disdain to move their hands or their bodies, or to make sounds during meditation. It is true that if you sit and do mental work for others, you will help them at the mental level. Such help isn't likely to be very visible, is it? Suppose the person is physically ill? Suppose your subject needs a physical job? Suppose the husband-wife conflict has reached the stage where they are headed for the physical divorce court? Someone, something has to ensoul your thought-form with energy, with power. Power and energy come from the emotions and from the elemental forces of the earth.

So, out of need, you create a thought-form. Let's say this is a selfish one, concerned with one of the passions, sex, alcohol, jealousy or greed. This form has a typical shape, color and sound in its own world, the desire world. One of God's free-flowing units of energy hears the note and sees the color; it's all on his wave length, vibrating in harmony with his basic character; so he jumps into your form. This gives him a vehicle for expression at a lower level of consciousness. Now your thought-form has a soul, an indwelling consciousness, and it has energy, your energy. There are countless numbers of these primitive units of consciousness in the desire world, seeking expression through forms they scarcely know how to create themselves. We, because of our bi-sexual polarity are creators of form. We are Gods!

We create forms for forces that dont have bodies; forces who cannot combine raw sun power and raw earth power into a form. These elementals are more than happy to move into homes we create. I hope you are happy with the results in your own life. We call these "artificial" elementals, the "creations of the created". These are not permanent creations, but they can live for a long time on vitality supplied by a

human being. This is why the Hawaiian Kahunas so wisely call these obsessive beings you have created, "eating companions". They share your vices.

I remember very well an example given in the Betty Books by Stewart Edward White. In the early stages of the communications Betty's guides or teachers showed her the astral form of one of her friends. This friend had been cultivating a vice for many years. When Betty, through clairvoyant sight, saw this "thing" as an objective creation she said, "Oh, how awful! How horrible to think this friend of mine has been carrying this around with her all this time."

THE DWELLER ON THE THRESHOLD

Another name for such creations of the created is, Dweller on the Threshold. Actually, when you create an artificial elemental, you have manifested the trine activity of the Logos at a lower level. Again we have force and form, and the life ensouling them. By using this triangular symbol we express a completed creation. The two conjoined -- as a man and woman, for instance -- resolving into a third, the new-born child.

Here is an interesting view of an Astral monster, a thought-form ensouled by an elemental. I found this in C.W. Leadbeater's book, "Invisible Helpers". One of his younger helpers, working on the Astral plane one night, saw a little girl running along in great fear, screaming in terror before a huge ogre. The young Helper had been given a word of power. He used this to hold the monster at bay, by facing it. Still facing it, he took the girl by the hand and sought out Leadbeater working elsewhere on the Astral. Here is what Leadbeater had to say about this experience.

"The child was frequently subjected to these horrible nightmares, from which her physical body would wake up in a convulsive condition, sometimes with terrible shrieks. The pursuing entity was nothing but an unpleasant thought-form temporarily animated by a mischievous nature-spirit of a low type, who seemed to be in great glee and derived a kind of spiteful pleasure from the terrors of the girl.

"I explained this to the children and the indignant boy promptly denounced the nature-spirit as wicked and malicious, but I pointed out to him that it was no more wicked than a cat playing with a mouse, and that entities at such a low stage of evolution are simply following their undeveloped natures, and therefore could not rightly be described as wicked. At the same time, their foolish mischief could not be allowed to cause suffering and terror to human beings. So I showed him how to set his will against this nature-spirit and drive it out of the form. Then I showed him how to dissipate the form by a definite effort of will.

"The little girl was half-fearful but wholly delighted when she saw her ogre exploded. There is reason to hope that she will gain courage from this experience. There are so many varieties of unpleasant thought forms to be found on the Astral plane. Worst of all are those connected with false and foolish religious beliefs, demons of various kinds and

angry deities, created by orthodox religious people who preach of hell, damnation, Satan, Lucifer and so on. It is quite allowable for an occultist to destroy such a thought-form since it is in no way really alive. That is to say, it represents no permanent, evolving life, but is simply a temporary creation of ignorant human beings."

THE COSMIC SCRAP PILE

We are taught in occult science that when one aspect of creation is finished, one of the Divine emanations of the ten on the Tree of Life, there is a certain amount of material left over. The contractor, the home-builder has waste material left over after the house is completed. The problem is what to do with this material, this cosmic debris.

It is unbalanced force, really, which we call the Qliphoth, in Kabalistic terminology. There are also man's accretions of unbalanced force, from wars and feuds and jealousies. Now, it is part of the work of the Redeemer of a race to abreact some of this material, that is to absorb it and destroy it; but the Redeemers are few and the mis-creators are many -- meaning us. Then there are the unregenerate forces on the Astral plane, ready to move into any suitable form, the ogres which cause nightmares, for instance.

This is why there are so-called evil forces available to those who know how to direct them. In reading the Kabalistic and occult literature of the Middle Ages you sometimes run into mention of "the dog-faced demons". This is apparently the natural form of some of this unregenerate force left over from the creation of the solar system, or maybe only of this planet. We cannot conceive of these forces being uncontrolled. It doesn't seem logical to me; so we have to invent or bring in a higher being, an archangel -- or arch-demon, to supervise them; and this brings us again to Satan, or Lucifer.

Let us not accept the orthodox view that Satan is an eternal opponent of God. We need these opposing forces in the lower worlds but not in the higher. In fact they are not there at all. Down here, good becomes a clear, first choice to us only by the opposition of evil! Directed evil. Now some of these beings who direct evil in these lower worlds are non-human, out of some angel evolution; and some of these beings are human, or were human. Through sorcery or black magic they took off from human society on some self-chosen career. We can find examples of both types, human and non-human, in occult literature. Let's take the Black Master first, a once-human follower of the Left Hand Path.

The best example I know of is the Dark-Veiled Stranger described by Judge David Patterson Hatch in "The War Letters of a Living-Dead Man". Judge Hatch had been a student of the occult for years before he died in Los Angeles in 1912, two years before the outbreak of World War I. He laid plans for describing conditions on the other side of the Veil, once he passed over, by choosing his medium before death. It was his close friend, and much younger, Elsa Barker. She was not a professional medium nor interested in spiritualism; nevertheless he did succeed in contacting her and in describing his after-death adjustments in a series of "letters". When the World War came along in 1914 he was a qualified Invisible Helper, working with fallen soldiers of both sides, helping

English, Belgian or German to adjust to that radical change brought on by violent death. In May 1915 at his post of duty above the battle lines he met one of the Satans guiding the German forces, Letter XXXV.

"BEHIND THE DARK VEIL"

One night, when the roar of battle was still, and the rays of the full moon shone down upon trampled mud, and man-filled trench, and tender spring-green growing things and soft-hued flowers, I met face to face a powerful being in a dark mantle who passed along the line of war with slow, majestic steps.

Seeing me he paused, and I paused also, struck by the grace of his tall form and the royal air of him. His face was veiled.

"Who are you," he said, "who walk here at this hour as if in meditation?"

"I am a man much given to meditation," I replied, "and this hour seems fit for it."

"And what was the subject of your meditation?"

"The war below us."

"And what was the course of your thoughts, which my appearance interrupted?"

"My thoughts were of peace," I said, "and they were full of questions as to how the carnage of this war might be made to cease."

"Your questions were in order," the majestic being answered. "Perhaps I can be of help to you."

"Will you not unveil?" I suggested, "for I like to see the faces of those with whom I hold converse."

He threw back a fold of the dark covering of his head, revealing a face which I know not how to describe. Power and evil were blent in it, and a strange beauty, both superhuman and subhuman. The face was marked as if by an eternity of pain and struggle; but in the eyes was a light of will which startled me by its force.

"Who are you?" I asked.

"What matter who I am?" He replied. "I am one who can solve the problem of your meditations."

"You do not look like an angel of peace," I said, "but rather like one who has seen much war of his own making."

"It is for that reason that I am competent to speak of peace. What do the peaceful know of peace? Only the warrior knows the meaning of that word."

"I will listen to whatever you have to say; for I recognize that you know something of the Law."

"I am one of the executors of the Law," he answered, "and I have a plan for bringing peace to the world."

"Will you state that plan?"

"It is for that I came out here to meet you," he said.

"And how did you learn of me?"

"I know all the strong workers and many of the weak ones. You are a powerful worker."

"Truly you do me too much honor; for I am only a humble soldier in the army of the Law's executants."

"The modesty of the great," he observed, while he eyed me closely to see the effect of his words.

"Whoever you are," I said, "and I perceive that you are something unusual, know that my interest in my own stature is no longer paramount with me."

"It is for that reason that you may be used in the interest of peace."

"Continue," I requested.

He regarded me for a time with brilliant, questioning eyes, and then he asked: "You are weary of war, of the labor of war?"

"I am weary with my sympathy for those who suffer."

"And you would like to end their suffering?"

"It seems to me at times," I said, more to myself than to him, "that I would gladly give my life, if by so doing I could shorten the horrors down there."

"Your life? And what do you mean by your life?"

"I mean my consciousness of freedom, my freedom of consciousness."

"A good definition of the life of such as you," he observed. "And would you really sacrifice that life for the world?"

"Most gladly, if by so doing I could save the world."

"It might be possible."

"Will you speak more plainly?" I demanded, "You seem to me to be feeling your way to some statement of importance."

"What can be more important," he returned, "than the sacrifice of such a life as yours for the world?"

"Go on."

"There is a way by which your sacrifice of what you call 'the consciousness of freedom and the freedom of consciousness' might save those men down there from further pain."

"Again I repeat, go on."

"It lies in my power," he said, coming nearer and regarding me fixedly with his glowing eyes, "it lies in my power so to work upon the minds of the opposing armies, the armies on both sides, that they will refuse to fight any longer."

"And betray their countries?" I asked.

"And bring peace," he corrected me.

"And what have I to do with it."

"You might have much to do with it."

"Your words are still dark to me."

"Then I will make them clearer," he replied. "In order for you to understand my meaning, it is necessary that I explain myself. I am one of those who serve the good by opposing the good, and thus giving it greater activity."

"So I had observed. Will you now state in clear words what purpose you have with me?"

"My purpose is to make you a proposition. If you wish this carnage to cease -- and already it has gone on long enough to serve the purpose which I serve, to soak the world with blood, to destroy that which a decade of labor will be too brief to rebuild, to awaken all the hatred and other evil passions which nest in the hearts of men -- if you wish this carnage to cease, I have the means by which it can be made to cease."

"And where do I come in?"

"I have long observed you, observed your diligence in applying the principles given you by your Teacher."

"Then why did you ask me who I was a little while ago?"

"Only as a preliminary to further conversation."

"Oh!" I said.

"I have observed you, and realized that with your power and attain-

ments you might be of greater service if you should shift your allegiance and join with us. Your consciousness of freedom would be even greater."

"But that consciousness of freedom was my definition of life! I suppose you would say, in adjusting your argument to the limitations of my mind, that in losing my life I should find it."

A slight smile curved the lined features of the being before me.

"You would always be an entertaining companion," he said. "Think twice before you decline my proposition."

"In your proposed agreement," I replied, "you do not state clearly the consideration. I am an old lawyer and a stickler for forms."

There was no smile now on his face, as he said to me: "If you will transfer your allegiance to us, I will bring this war to an end."

"And could you?"

"I could."

"How?"

"I have already stated how."

"But the medicine you propose would be worse than the disease, even assuming, which I deny, that the patient would swallow it."

"But would you not make the sacrifice, if I proved to you that I could make good my end of the bargain?"

"No."

"Then surely you care little for the world."

"You argue like a German propagandist," I said.

"You mean that they argue like me," he corrected.

"I have wondered," I said, "in what school of logic they were trained."

"And you refuse my proposition?"

"I wonder you should take the trouble to make it."

"Why call that a trouble which gives me the pleasure of your society?"

"I have already heard that the devil was a great flatterer."

"The devil has great tact."

We stood looking at each other, measuring each other. He was an

interesting study.

"Dropping for the moment," I said, "our differences of purpose and ideal, and speaking merely as two minds -- "

"Equal in brilliancy," he interrupted.

"Speaking as two minds," I continued, "will you not tell me why you played upon my love for the world, my willingness to sacrifice myself for the world, in your attempt to win me to your standard?"

"What else could I play upon?"

"Surely I must have some fault, some hidden sin, through which your subtle mind could have thought to reach me."

"Oh, I am too wise to tempt you through your hidden faults, for you are determined to conquer them! You could not be thrown off the track that way. Only those young on your path are easily conquered through their faults. The greater souls we attack through their virtues."

"Continue," I said, "for truly you interest me."

"It is said in the world that there is more than one way to skin a cat. There is also more than one way to get rid of a worker for the Teachers whom you follow. When we cannot deflect a worker through his evil passions, his hatred, anger, avarice, lust, jealousy or fear, we are sometimes able to weaken him through his good passions, his love, his loyalty, or his self-sacrifice."

"Thank you for your confidence," I said, "and now I will wish you good evening."

As I passed along the line I murmured to myself:

"Truly is the serpent more subtle than any beast of the field, and man needs all his wisdom to stand against him."

May 1.

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So there you've had a conversation with a "fallen angel" of our own race, the human race. Notice how lop-sided such a creature is. He has emphasized the WILL aspect of creation enormously. He obviously has wisdom, or knowledge, of a sort; but the third aspect of the triune God has been stifled completely. He has no love; thus in reality he has become sub-human again. He has turned back along the left hand path of involution, to the earlier, more primitive type of consciousness.

Now, as I promised you, let us have a few words with another fallen angel. This one is apparently out of another stream of evolution and from another, higher planet. So he did fall, literally, into the comparatively low conditions of this planet, Earth. So he hates his condi-

tion and he despises the lowly human beings with whom he is committed in this planetary insane asylum.

I made his acquaintance in the Modern Library volume of "Selected Poetry of Lord Byron". There is no doubt in my mind that the handsome and talented Scotch Earl, George Gordon, Lord Byron, was a follower of the Western Mystery Tradition. Byron's knowledge of occult science is obvious in his famous dramatic poem, "Manfred", published in 1817. I believe, along with Richard Shaver, that "Manfred" is thinly disguised auto-biography. In that Swiss chalet high in the Alps, Byron practised ceremonial magic, probably learned in the same place where the Knights Templars learned their ceremonial and took their initiations 700 years earlier, Asia Minor.

Byron's "Manfred" is doubly interesting to us because, over a hundred years ago, it foreshadowed that traffic between the planets now revealed in the Flying Saucer phenomenon. Anyhow, on a stormy night in the early 1800s, Manfred Byron performs the Hexagram ritual for evoking the forces of Nature. They respond in their characteristic way, a Sylph of the air, a monarch of the mountains, an Undine from the watery deeps, a Salamander from some South American volcano, some Lord of the Storm, and some creature out of the Abyss who identified itself thus in Byron's matchless poetry:

"My dwelling is the shadow of the Night,
Why doth thy magic torture me with light?"

But all these elemental forces are natural to the earth, learning life's lessons in their own way, even as we. It was the seventh spirit who came at Byron's call that aroused our interest. Could this be Lucifer, mocked by Isaiah (14:12): "How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations!" Listen to this creature from deep space as he sneers at Manfred, the foolhardy mortal who dared to call him forth:

"The Star which rules thy destiny
Was ruled, ere earth began, by me:
It was a World as fresh and fair
As e'er revolved round Sun in air;
Its course was free and regular,
Space bosomed not a lovelier star.
The Hour arrived -- and it became
A wandering mass of shapeless flame,
A pathless Comet, and a curse,
The menace of the Universe;
Still rolling on with innate force,
Without a sphere, without a course,
A bright deformity on high,
The monster of the upper sky!
And Thou! beneath its influence born --
Thou worm! whom I obey and scorn --
Forced by a Power (which is not thine,
And lent thee but to make thee mine)
For this brief moment to descend,

Where these weak spirits round thee bend
And parley with a thing like thee --
What would'st thou, Child of Clay! with me?"

The thing that Manfred, or Byron, wanted was forgetfulness. This neither God, nor the elementals, nor the Devil, could give him. If there is any goal to evolution it is more self-awareness, not less, and Lucifer the Light-Bringer helps us toward that goal with opposition!

THE LAW OF OPPOSITES

One of the dogmas of Kabalistic teaching is that there is a great Abyss between the upper part of the Tree of Life and the lower part. This is shown between the Ethical and Supernal triangles on the Tree. The Supernal shows the triune relationship of Cosmic forces. Between these and the lower worlds which we know there is a great gulf. The One Life is unopposed in the Cosmos. For purposes of our limited understanding we must break it up into a trinity. These are only abstract, impersonal relationships or aspects of the One force. There is no opposition between them. They are all positive. There are no opposite evils or vices to go with the things which these represent.

We might quote Blavatsky again on the passive state in the Garden of Eden. We were there but we weren't happy. How can you be happy unless you have experienced unhappiness? The Black Master told the Judge that only the warrior is competent to speak of peace. How can you appreciate peace unless you have known war?

In "The Secret Doctrine" Blavatsky writes: "Both in the Eastern and the Western Tradition, the Angels were commanded to create. After the earth had been made ready by the lower and more material powers, and its three kingdoms also (mineral, vegetable and animal), and started on their way to be fruitful and multiply, the higher powers, the Archangels were compelled by the evolutionary law to descend on earth in order to construct the crown of its evolution, Man. No spiritual and psychic evolution is possible on earth, the lowest and most material plane, for anyone who on that plane is inherently perfect and cannot accumulate merits or demerits.

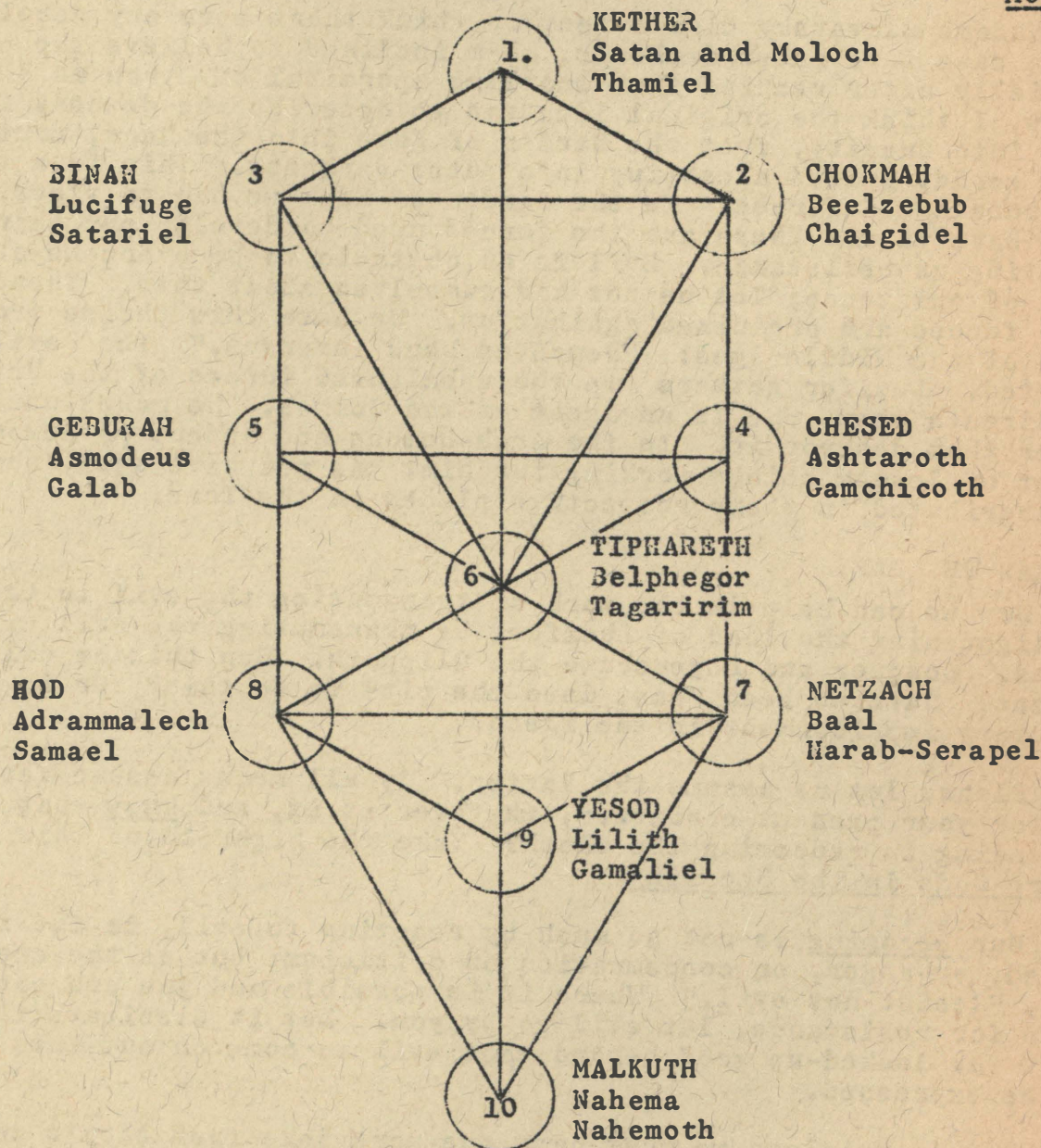
"Man, remaining the pale shadow of the inert, immutable and motionless Perfection, the one negative and passive attribute of the real I AM THAT I AM, would have been doomed to pass through life on earth as in a heavy, dreamless sleep, hence a failure on this plane. In this case it is but natural to view Satan, the Serpent of Genesis, as the real Creator and benefactor, the Father of spiritual mankind; for it is he, who, the harbinger of Light, bright, radiant Lucifer who opened the eyes of the automaton created by Jehovah, as alleged; and he who was the first to whisper, 'in the day ye eat thereof ye shall be as Elohim, as Gods, knowing both good and evil.' So Satan can only be regarded in the light of a Savior. Satan, an adversary to Jehovah, the personating spirit still remains in esoteric truth the ever-loving messenger, the Seraphim and Cherubim who knew -- both knew well and loved still more, mankind; and who conferred on us spiritual, instead of physical, immortality."

It would be most appropriate now to refer to the Tree of Life again and show the Arch-Demons and orders of Demons associated with the ten Sephiroth. This is really the Tree of the Inverse Sephiroth, the unbalanced forces, as given by S.L. MacGregor Mathers, from the 7th edition of his "The Kabbalah Unveiled". The sacred name of the Sephirah is in capital letters. The name of the Arch-Demon and the order of Demons are directly below.

INERTIA

THE UNMANIFEST

MOVEMENT



Some of these odd words are already familiar to you in our Western literature, Beelzebub, God of Flies under Chokmah; Baal, worshipped by the Hebrews in the wilderness; and Lilith, Arch-Demon of the Moon or Yesod. Notice here that Mathers puts the Angel of Death, Samael, con-

siderably lower on the Tree than we did in the chart on page 15. As a destroyer it seemed more proper to attribute him to Mars, Geburah. This isn't unusual among students of the Kabala. The Tree of Life is a convenient filing cabinet with which you can sort out the myriad forces of the Universe, good and bad, to your own satisfaction, right or wrong. The various authorities in print don't always agree and sometimes you have to live with such conflicts until you can resolve them yourself -- or give up the study!

Madame Blavatsky didn't seem to think there were any rebellious angels cast into outer darkness. I'm inclined to believe the other way, especially after reading that snarling appraisal of Byron in "Manfred". Anyhow, I think the original idea was to describe the descent from Unity into duality, from the Garden of Eden into the hard, cruel, physical world, indeed a casting into outer darkness. This is a struggle with unbalanced forces. In the Garden of Eden we had no vices. Now we do have them. These are the forces used to develop our character, by giving us resistance. Evil is an obstacle to be overcome at this level of existence; let us not kid ourselves about this. These unbalanced forces are organized against us. We have this phrase from the Latin of the Middle Ages: "Demon es Deus inversus." The Devil is God inverted. Lucifer gathers up the unbalanced forces of the Universe and directs them. He is an agent of the Cosmos. He makes use of evil rather than destroy it. In the Arch-Demons and orders of Demons he has a host of lesser beings working for him. As you have seen, these can be distributed in their respective places on the Tree.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Now we can help in the work of transmuting the evil in the world, and lightening the load of Lucifer, by transmuting the evil within ourselves. Conquer and regenerate the Qlippoth. Can this be called punishment? Have we been "cast into the pit" to do this? Or is this a voluntary imprisonment in the flesh?

Please let us assume the latter. By all means assume responsibility for your present condition, whatever it is, and know that you are succeeding in redeeming the flesh! Take the highroad of this thing. We are Gods in the becoming.

Our becoming is not so much by reacting to evil, in the form of hatred, or anger, or condemnation or criticism; but as the great Teacher said, "Resist not evil." Where it is possible and you are not responsible for resistance, let evil go by you. Let it dissipate itself. Allow the locked-up good behind that evil to come on out into the world and be expressed.

Before we close we must have one more joke from Abby's column. A fellow named Joe wrote to Abby: "I have been going with a girl for two years and I can't get her to say yes. What should I do?"

To which Abby wrote back to him and said: "Dear Joe: What was the question?"

In this case the girl was resisting evil, wasn't she? Or that is

the implication in Abby's reply.

Now it's time to close and I'd like to do so with a fascinating poem by a perceptive Irishman named James Stephens. I found this little poem in Geoffrey Hodson's chapter on Evil in his book, "The Kingdom of the Gods":

THE FULLNESS OF TIME

On a rusty iron throne,
Past the furthest star of space,
I saw Satan sit alone,
Old and haggard was his face;
For his work was done, and he
Kested in eternity.

And to him from out the Sun
Came his Father and his friend,
Saying, -- Now the work is done,
Enmity is at an end --
And He guided Satan to
Paradises that he knew.

Gabriel, without a frown;
Uriel, without a spear;
Raphael, came singing down,
Welcoming their ancient peer;
And they seated him beside,
One who had been crucified.

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