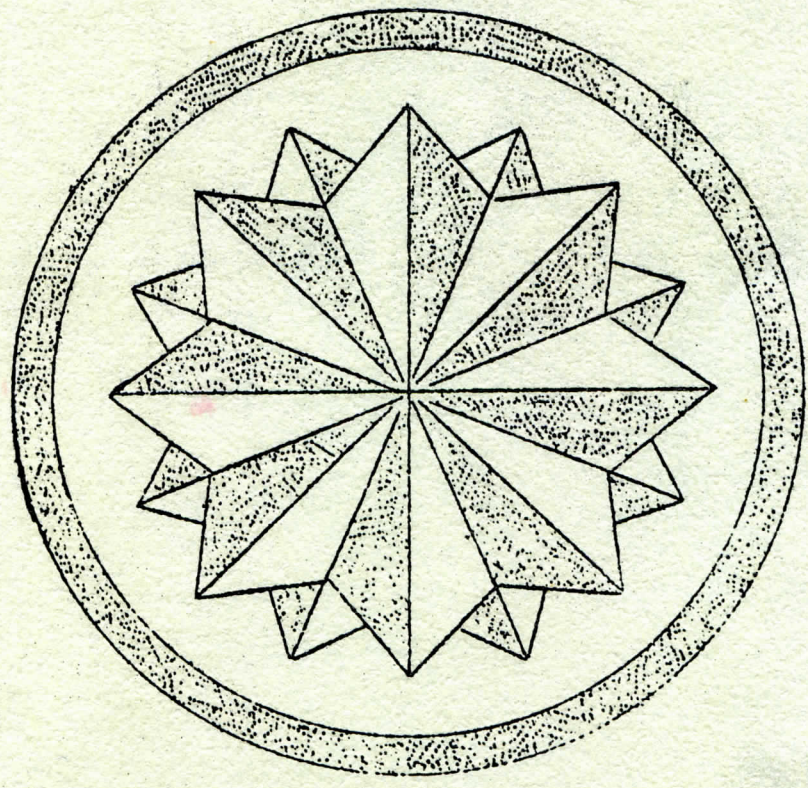


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CONCLUSION of the seance of October 4, 1947. (The first five pages of this sitting were printed as the concluding pages of Part IV of these Memoranda - pp 126-130.)

"how does one know about past incarnations? Is there any possible sign to show that I have lived before? The Christ life I can grasp?"

"It lies in your mind - but by diligently seeking there are ways - mechanical ways. The Christ life has nothing whatever to do with it. To know of the past life calls for meditation and can be experienced by those who can do so without upsetting their own balance. By the use of candles and the mirror. Put a black cloth behind the mirror," said Lao Tse.

"You are refering to a method used by Rosicrucians?"

"It is not alone for Rosicrucians. They have no ownership. This form of meditation has been used in India, China, Egypt and many European countries. It is very old and well-known. In Egypt, before mirrors, a plate of polished copper was used. The body should not be intruded on by clothing. Put the candles to the front and at the sides - in front and yet at the sides of the mirror. Sit in deep meditation close to and as if between the candles. (Q). You say this method is in bad repute? There is nothing bad about seeking knowledge, but to use it wrongly is black magic. What you see is not really reflected in the mirror- the mirror is merely an aid. If anyone were to enter the room, he would not see anything in the mirror. What you see is your own secret seeking. You can draw a picture for someone by word of mouth, but what they see may be very different from what you have in mind. They would see what is drawn from the Akashic Records. The very fact that you are seeking that kind of knowledge will create a picture. On sitting down you do not know what you are going to see - you do not paint a picture. You are seeing your own creations but not fancies or dreams - you are seeing the extended reality of the past."

"Where are those pictures?"

"In the individual mind," replied Lao Tse, "but not in the sub-conscious. The trouble is, that your modern psychic does not understand what the conscious mind is--This is a valuable experience, but only for those who have advanced mentally and can use this knowledge.-- You are working with two forces, the cosmic mind in cooperation with the individual mind. Think of a small battery working with a large one, and the small one becomes a sort of parasite. You are tapping directly the cosmic mind, and in it there are many forms. That is why you sometimes see pictures in the mirror that horrify you. All forms are ready and waiting to be called -- merely waiting for an open door. If a terrifying form comes through, do not accept it; in fact it is best to end the sitting for a time. The mind bears back and is beaten upon by the forms of things. When you learn to control thought and bring it down to a focal point, and to direct that bearing point, nothing else can enter in. Thought-forms are created not only by yourself but by thousands and millions of beings on the etheric plane, and it is not surprising that

you get horror pictures. (Q). Yes, it is somewhat like crystal gazing; however, in the mirror you look for yourself, in the crystal you look for another. I am going to leave the medium now."

Lingford came in. "Well, if I had done all that talking I would have smoked more than one cigaret." (Personal message for Mark Probert followed).

"All forms are ready and waiting to be called": The esotericist does not need to be reminded how fat and learned a volume might be compiled from these nine words as text. Nine-tenths of magic and of the techniques of meditation stem from them--- In another place Lingford declared "In man there is depth upon depth of horror - and height upon upon height of beauty." -- Quod superius macroprosopos, quod inferius microprosopos!

TRANCE LECTURE OF DECEMBER 13, 1947.

PRESENT: Dr. P.C. Cosman, Mrs. G/H. Layne, Mrs. Townes, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium).

"My name is Gordon Northcott: I have been given the privilege and opportunity to use this medium to speak a little while about myself. I have spent some time working myself out of a very evil condition. Some years back there was a great deal in the papers concerning me, and I am so ashamed now to confess, but I find that is one of the reasons I have come. I have committed murder."

"Have you been forgiven?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"Not quite. At first it was a dreadful condition I found myself in. Do you remember that case where I murdered those little boys on a ranch? They termed me a degenerate. It has been so long since I have spoken to anyone here on earth. (Q). Yes, this is the first time. I have been trying so hard to make up for that unfortunate episode in my physical life. When they put the rope around my neck I thought that was the end to everything."

"Can you tell us your experiences?"

"Yes, they now tell me this is one way that will help me a great deal, is to come back and at least show that I am so sorry."

"Can you say anything about the causes that let you to do this thing?" asked Meade Layne.

"From my early childhood I was afflicted with that -- "

"Don't feel sad - it is over now," said Irene Probert.

"It is not that I feel sad, lady, but I find it difficult to express myself. Sex is a very much misunderstood thing. I have spent so many years over here trying to determine why I was like I was. Why was I like that? Abnormalities do not fit into so-called communities of civilization. But yet it is misunderstood."

"Can you explain anything about the way you felt?"

"It is like being born with a strong tendency toward disease - types of disease like cancer. (Q). To me it did not seem a perversion, it seemed natural. I was living in a world where everyone was different, and I could not conform to that difference. It was like being born with one leg in a world where everyone walks on two legs."

(Q. by Dr. Cosman.) "Yes, I realize your only protection is to put people like myself under restraint. I felt overly-resentful because I could not express myself then - but if unfortunate people like myself could only be understood and taken care of! But if the difference could only be observed in childhood and they could have instructions and education some form of control! There is

no cure for it - it is only to be understood."

"Can you tell us something of what happened after you were hanged?"

"Unpleasant subject, but I will try. There is a moment of time in which one feels as if he were struggling forever."

"Where did you find yourself? asked Dr. Cosman.

"Hanging around, looking at my body. But I was amazed because then I did not feel that I had a rope around my neck. No one was with me. It seemed then that I was wandering alone, I don't know where, just like walking in darkness - not complete darkness, but murky. (Q). No, I can't recall the time this lasted, but it seemed endless to me. Then I saw some of my relatives and some of my friends. They did not come to greet me, but one of them, a man, was very different. Others stood off and looked at me, not so much in resentment but in a silent and terribly sad manner, but this man did not seem even to be thinking about it. Even now I do not know who he was. He only said 'Are you ready?' 'Are you ready to change your resentful attitude. If you are ready, and realize you are free of the body and have a great life ahead of you, I can help you.' (Q). Yes, I accepted him. Then I spent many months with this man; he took me to numerous places on the earth where I had never been - to institutions for the insane, to hospitals, prisons - we listened to the people in these places. I had left the physical without learning much, so I had to come back. You would be surprised how few men and women in prison are aware they are there for something they have actually done. A very great many consider they have done nothing wrong."

(Questions): "It has just occurred to me that I can feel (feeling of the table). - It did not seem necessary for me to eat; I did not feel hungry - I only seemed to be utterly alone. It was only after I came out of that condition that I felt pangs of hunger. To begin with I was given fruits, very much like those you have here. When a criminal comes over here he doesn't hunger or thirst for a long time. Their minds are fastened upon their condition. There is no thought of escaping it, one is just fascinated by his utter loneliness."

"Then I was taught many things, first that there was - what do you call it? - reincarnation. This man said that one of the reasons for this bisexuality was a former female life and a too short time of waiting before rebirth. No, I don't know how long this man was with me. I saw many people and beautiful places but I talked with no one. Everyone passed me by and said nothing, just looked. I was told not to speak to anyone because no one would answer. (Q). Yes, this isolation is the usual thing in cases like mine."

(Q). "No, I am not distressed, I am getting very tired. (Q). Yes, I am making progress now, and I know that this will help. Also I would like to say before I go, that if you can get in contact with the parents of these boys I killed"

CONTROL had been speaking faintly and with much effort and was unable to complete his last sentence; the probable content of it however is obvious. Change of CONTROLS.

"Good afternoon," said Lao Tse. "I am very happy to be here. You have been

very understanding with that young man. (Q). Yes, I have been his helper. There is so much of that to be done on this side that it is a never-ending job, for us who take up that pursuit.

(Q). "Yes, I heard his last request, but I cannot give you the names of the boys' families, nor do I have the right to take any credit. It is my work and I enjoy doing it. There are many in that field of endeavor - happily so! Your bible says, 'The harvest is great but the harvesters are few,' That is not true on our side but it is certainly true on yours. There are not many on your side who have the means or the time to pursue such work. Your prisons are a disgrace. Your schools are more of a disgrace. The mind is capable of assimilating much more than is given it. The authorities at the heads of these institutions are supposed to be intelligent, but it seems to me they are a pack of morons."

"Were things any better during your life-time?"

"No, decidedly not. In years past they were even worse .. I know sometimes you think I am rude and egotistical in my way of speaking, but I do not intend to be so, I only wish to emphasize what I have to say There were some good points about Nazism, in the way it organized and taught the young people - I mean the system was effective while yours is not ... I realize it is a great problem... But your country is the fountain of the world - only from this country can a true world government come... All large things move slowly. In time there can and will be a near-heaven in these United States - tho' I am afraid not in your time."

Communications like that of Northcott are pretty good prima facie evidence against impersonation: impersonators almost always pretend to be some relative, guide, or person sought for, or else some notable or distinguished person. But this writer has never yet known a communicator to pretend to be a criminal and a pervert. Distinction of that sort is not desired, on either side of the 'veil'.

TRANCE LECTURE OF DECEMBER 20, 1947

PRESENT: Dr. P. Cosman, Mr. James Opdyke, Miss Lane, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, (medium):

Prior to the control taking over, Meade Layne had been reading aloud a report on spectro-analysis of material fallen from a flying disc. The medium suddenly becomes agitated and the control takes possession abruptly.

"Come in, Lao Tse," said Dr. Cosman. "You are welcome - you have control of the body of the medium. Can you talk to us?" (Transfiguration of medium's face.)

"Go on, please. Go on!" said Lao Tse. "Repeat what you were reading, please."

"Well, this is the spectro-analysis of the Flying Saucer substance, made at the University of Chicago. Roger Graham got it for us. The high percentages are calcium, iron, zinc, titanium; Middle percentages are aluminium, manganese, copper, magnesium, silicon. Low percentages are nickel, lead, strontium, chromium. Traces of silver, tin, cadmium. In all, sixteen elements on the same side of the valence scale with no oxygen or other combiner."

"That combination ought to make it plain to you," said Lao Tse, "that these materials have been brought together out of the ether. Also note that they are free from dirt (i.e., chemical ash. ML) nor could it come from meteors. We have told you often - there are worlds within worlds, and when conditions are right and the time is proper the ethereans bring into action this ether-constructed matter and project it into your material world."

"Would this composition be of any value for practical uses in our world?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"This material could be used for the skins of planes," said Lao Tse. "It is highly heat resistant, and for ships, and for all kinds of war potentials. Its specific gravity is high, it is very dense, and it is highly resistant to bomb action. It could be used to ward off the effect of the atom-bomb, the gases will be absorbed."

"You mean it will block atomic radiation?" asked Meade.

"Yes, I do mean that this material will resist the Gamma ray," replied Lao Tse.

"Well," observed Meade, "we should be able to verify that experimentally."

"Yes, you certainly can verify it."

"Can you tell us anything about the four-tailed comet recently observed by astronomers?" asked Mr. Cosman. "This is the first time one has been seen."

"No, this is not the first comet with four tails. And this same comet has come your way four times before this. Later when it comes nearer there will be quite a sky show. I feel a little tired. I will go now."

Lao Tse withdraws and a new control takes over. He taps in rhythm with hands and feet, sways back and forth, breaks out into high-pitched chanting in an unknown language.

"That is a South African language," observes Miss Lane.

The Control then puts Mark's body through a series of graceful dance motions while seated. After perhaps two minutes of this the Control announces in a loud voice.

"I Yo-Bam-Bo. I great chief of Zoambi tribe. I had much land. (Q). "No, I not much with my people now, I grow up, go on from them. But I have much trouble with witch doctors. (Q). Yes, I mean now - witch doctors on your side. They working black magic. When I in your world I have black magic and white magic. I do not bring black magic here, only white magic (i.e., to the seance. ML) (Q). No, I not talk with witch doctors this way as with you, would scare to death. I send to them by mind (telepathy ML), also I catch 'em in dream, in sleep, they wake up in big fright. (Q). Very hard to tell time, your time, (long pause) I think I on this side 90 to 100 years. (Q). British owned (i.e., controlled) my land, run my country then. White man makes plenty trouble wherever there gold, diamonds, any kind gain. (Q). I think future of Africa very good. Next 40-50 years will be great discoveries of metals in Africa. United States sometime will have great hand in Africa. If no war, then some day America rule all countries with kind hand. I go, goodbye !"

CONTROL Lingford takes over.

"Well, one reason the Christmas season is important, is that we learn we can't find out right away what is in every package. (Q). Yes, we observe Christmas on this side; that is, some folk do and some don't, exactly as in your world. Especially the children, of course; they have to have their Santa Claus even here. It's in their minds; part of the dream. So, we have a newcomer (to Miss Lane.) I think perhaps I should have married in my earth life. (Q). Well, I don't take a companion now, partly because of habit, and then too, there is so much to see and do, and if I tie myself down to one person then I cannot do and see so much. (Conversation and jesting references to Solomon and Brigham Young) Do you know I never did admire that man, Brigham Young! Did you ever see his women?... Of course the status of women now is greatly changed, but even in my time they were chattels, servants.

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"The year is almost out," said Dr. Cosman, "How about that prediction of yours that some kind of instrumental communication with your plane would be achieved this year."

"Yes, Lingford rather stuck out his neck on that one."

"That is true. Well, there are obstacles on both sides. Most of them come

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from your side, people who are not interested, and who don't believe in communication anyway, and people who oppose such things on orthodox religious grounds, and people who scoff at it and still call themselves scientists, and so on. We have all these same types over here, of course. People don't get rid of their fixed ideas and prejudices just by dying."

"I was reading part of that book you loaned the boy here (Mark P.) through his eyes - that book on astral projection (Yram: "Conscious Astral Projection".) It's often easier to read that way than to see things on your plane direct, and it seems to get harder after one has been here a while. There is a part in that book that is not right - where he talks about projecting himself in one body and then getting into another by changing the vibration rate. One doesn't really discard a body. What happens is this; the heavier atoms drain back through the connecting cord into the dense body, and those left constitute the finer vehicle which can be used for more advanced purposes. (Q). Yes, this process can be controlled and it is also automatic. I think this entering the finer body, that is, refining the body one is using, is one reason for the belief in shells. People get the idea, which I think is illusionary, that they have squeezed out of one body and into another. But shells are really thought forms and desire forms and most of them are produced by people on your side."

Meade Layne raised the question about dowsing from a map by means of a pendulum, for locating oil, water, missing persons, objects of almost any kind.

"Dowsing from a map is very similar to psychometry. Of course, in actual hunting over of a piece of territory there is an actual, psycho-physical sensitivity to radiations from the object you are looking for, while in using the map the action is more purely mental. Everything sends out waves and radiations. The dowser working over a map has no idea where the (say) gold or oil is located. He orders his mind to find it. What happens? The best analogy I can think of is a kind of radar - mental radar. He sends out a mental radar beam of a special kind that will "bounce" from oil or gold deposits. That is, it bounces from the radiations of the oil or gold, and the dowser knows this, or receives it, and it is translated into pendulum movements by his nerves and muscles. It is correct to say as Max Long does, that the pendulum and map become aids after the manner of the crystal used in psychometry."

Lingford was followed by the control Natalli, a 16th Century astronomer.

"That four-tailed comet you were talking about: it has made four visits to the earth's orbit. "

"Have you any idea about how long ago any of these visits was?" (Long pause.)

"It is terribly difficult to state lapse of time in years, I don't think I can do it here. But the first time the comet came was just before the great flood which is told about in your Bible."

"The Noachian era? There really was a great flood, then, at that time?"

"Yes, there was. (Q). No, I can't estimate how far back, in your years."

"What is a comet, anyhow, Natalli?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"Comets for the most part are broken-off pieces of giant planets."

"You intend to say planets, rather than stars or suns?" asked Meade.

"Perhaps stars would be better, but not suns. There must be some degree of condensation, of solidity, before such bodies can break up. A body which is all gas does not break up."

"What causes such bodies to break up?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"Usually extremes of sudden heat and cold. The tail of the comet is simply due to the speed. The light particles separated from the ones in the mass have greater speed. This arises from friction with the ether."

"An object passing through space or through ether only, does find some resistance from the ether, then?"

"Yes, there is friction against ether. Moreover, sound is produced. (Q). Yes, we can hear it if we wish to, make the effort to. It is a strange and wonderful sound. (Q). Yes, these sound waves are within the range of human hearing. (Q). No, there is no planet beyond Neptune belonging to this solar system. There is the Great Void of some 86 trillion miles -- then another solar system - Yes, as far as I know, another and another without end. Yes the perturbations of Neptune are partly due to comets ... Vulcan, to me, is a dark star (Natalli would not or could not make further statements about Vulcan). -- There is a vast difference in the age of planets in your solar system. The earth is one of the oldest, and the sun oldest of all. But planets are born in different ways, some almost spontaneously by aggregation of etheric matter. I will speak more of this. Goodbye."

TRANCE LECTURE OF DECEMBER 23, 1947.

PRESENT: Dr. Philip Cosman, Meade Layne, and the medium.

A request had been sent in, for help or advice in a case of impending mental break-down having certain 'psychic' aspects. The letter was read and the case discussed somewhat before the Control appeared. At 4:45 p.m. the Control Lo Sun Yat took over.

(Words of greeting in Tibetan): "I think this man must have entered upon these studies without proper training or guidance. Sometimes that produces the most deplorable results. First of all he should have freed himself from his very strong sex desires. That is probably the driving force that is now leading him to destruction. Also, he has secretly used these forces for sex gratification. This is bad. Many novices make this mistake. Sex forces are dynamic - and very powerful and will destroy the body if misused in these ways."

"With regard to the partial paralysis he experienced - he did not know what was taking place. The psychic body was trying to escape, he was trying to project himself. The impulse toward suicide was connected with this 'subconscious' effort to escape. He was more or less self-hypnotized and out of his normal state, and yet was trying to work the two planes together. To try to open the chakras without proper knowledge often brings disaster."

"There is only one thing that can be done for him - a series of treatments under hypnosis. At present there is nothing basically wrong with the body, but if the psychic conditions are not cleared up he will die of a cerebral hemorrhage. The cause is the rise of the sex forces to the brain. But such conditions also result from prolonged over-concentration on any subject, say on mathematics. This sex force or Kundalini energy is basic in every kind of mental endeavor."

"The hypnotist should first find out what set him off in this field of interest. Often the reason for plunging into occultism is a secret desire to escape. It's an escape just as much as is 'dope', to use your word - and the victim becomes an addict. It's as hard for him to escape as for any dope addict. The questions should be put under hypnosis, because his mind is now evasive. When the cause is found, suggest that he has no more desired for occult studies - that he will gain nothing - that he is on the wrong tack. If no hypnotist with proper knowledge is at hand, he must make contact with some institution where there is a competent hypnotist, for he must have such help."

"Also, he has attracted some of the lowest entities. It is true there is an element of obsession in this case. He was and is a highly sexed person. If not helped he will go violently insane."

Lo Sun Yat, of course, does not decry occult studies when they are pursued in a proper manner. There are many subjects and lines of investigation which are dangerous for the amateur enthusiast. -- The plight of the sufferer, in such cases as the above, is particularly distressing, for the reason that almost no competent help is to be had. The medical profession on the whole knows little about hypnotism and uses it still less; the psychiatrists use it intelligently within narrow bounds, but are grossly ignorant and contemptuous wherever an

'occult' or 'psychic' or spiritistic element enters. As for obsession, mental institutions, as least in the State of California, will not admit that such a thing exists; it is likely that the same stupidity exists everywhere, though with a few notable exceptions. -- The mediaeval condition of our mental hospitals is a national scandal - but hardly so great a scandal as the unfathomable ignorance of the healing professions with regard to all things 'psychic' and 'occult'.

Prior discussion of certain scientific hypotheses proposed by Roger Graham, physicist. Dr. Cosman and Meade asked for the attention of Lingford, or Lo Sun Yat, Natalli, Lao Tse - any one of these who cared to comment on the matter. After considerable delay Lingford took over.

"Well, it looks as if I were going to be put to work. However, I'm not going to try to answer your questions, I'll leave all that stuff for somebody better qualified. But I want to remind you that the consciousness of the medium has to have some grasp of the subject-matter (if good communications are to be had.) How do you do, Mrs. Probert. You seem very busy today. Can't you sit with us for a little while?"

"Yes, of course."

"If you don't want to discuss the scientific matters, perhaps you would give your opinion on this. We have a proposal from an European investigator that he send the projected consciousness of a hypnotized subject to these seances, and that the subject then talk to us through Mark just as any other control does. The subject would be given a key word or phrase which we would not know here at the time of the seance, but could ascertain afterward from a sealed letter; she would repeat this key message and perhaps would be able to take a similar message back with her. This might establish a practicable means of communication. Do you think this is feasible, and is there any particular objection to making the attempt?" asked Meade.

"The proposition seems to me perfectly feasible, but if any of us who communicate here are to assist actively, we will have to come down another step, into a lower vibration rate. Wherever hypnotism is involved, there is a chance that the hypnotist will send his own mind in the astral body of the woman (the subject). The astral body becomes then a kind of zombie, an automaton. Travelling on the astral entirely through hypnosis is likely to involve this condition."

"If you do this, the hypnotist must tell the subject to remember the trip. She will be able to do this. We will have to act as a kind of guiding hand for the subject. In hypnotism the projected person acts only as a recorder or agent. She will probably give only the key message but she will be able to take another message back. You must arrange the time. Be sure to let me know when the time is set."

Desultory talk concerning the proposed experiment. The control then took over. Just before doing so, he conveyed to the medium by clairaudience the word Lao Tse. As soon as in control he spelled the word and said that it was the name of a monastery "in which I spent many years". Being pressed for further information about himself, he referred to some thirty years of occult study and practice while on the earth plane. These studies led, he asserted, into the daily practice of projection, always from deep trance.

He also asserted that mathematical truths and principles were not expressed, on his plane, by means of figures and equations. The relationships were discovered by an intuitive process, or known by a kind of direct perception, rather than by logical processes of deduction. This intuitive power, he declared, was possible of attainment here, though the training in meditation was so long and severe that very few persons could attain it.

I interject here, that the child prodigy in mathematics, or certain mathematical geniuses, almost certainly operate in precisely this way; they perform no calculations, but simply know the answer - and know it correctly. By some obscure law of nature, which appears to us as mere freakishness, these persons possess on this plane a power belonging to the more advanced astrals, or obtainable by most at the cost of great exertions. The performances of genius, of children, of aberrant humans generally, of mediums and sensitives, and even of the mentally 'deranged', abound with clues to the greater mysteries - clues which the learning of our day seems to take pride in disregarding.

The hypothesis formulated by physicist Graham is too lengthy for verbatim quotation, but its substance follows: 'The mass of the electron is about 1800 times less than that of the proton or neutron. The positron and the neutrino are analogous to the proton and neutron, and have the inertial mass of the electron. From these there is a whole series (hypothetical) of elements analogous in properties to the 90-odd we know of; but each atom of this series is about 1800 times as light in mass as the corresponding atom in the series known to science.' These elements will nevertheless be material, i.e., matter in a very finely divided state. A human body composed of such matter would weigh $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 oz. 'A lens made of the equivalent of sand in this matter would be able to focus the X-rays. Vision of a person whose body was composed of this type of matter would be by light from somewhere in the X-ray bands or higher. This matter would interpenetrate with our dense matter, but the two are mutually inert chemically, and mutually invisible due to different absorptive bands. The astral or spirit body is composed of this type of matter.' "If these statements are essentially correct" writes Roger Graham "it will be possible to prove it conclusively."

The communicator having had the whole statement reread to him, agreed with it in substance throughout.

The following question was then asked: "Does there exist on your plane the element we call Cu (copper), as an actual material substance, yet some 1800 times less dense than our copper - and if so, can it be worked - say, drawn into a wire?"

To this Lao Tse replied "This element of copper exists on our plane as an actual material substance. The relation in weight to atoms of copper on your plane is about the ratio you mention. This is where emanations come in. Our copper is in effect an emanation from yours. Yes, it can be worked by us. (Q). Yes, we work it by mental energies."

Lao Tse then inquired as to what substances had been especially examined, as to the attitude of mind of Mr. Graham in pursuing these studies, and whether he would present a written or mathematical formulation of his proofs. Part of the article entitled "States of Matter," by Roger Graham, was then read to him.

This article appears in full in Flying Roll, the companion publication to Round Robin, issue Delta II, December, 1947. Data from these seances are frequently

considered in both publications.

The communicator repeatedly expressed his surprise and pleasure at the progress and insight evidenced by the hypotheses submitted to him. According to him the whole concept rests on firm ground and is of very great importance both to physical scientists and to all who are concerned with the problem of instrumental communication between the planes.

As a minor point, it is of interest to note that supposed weight of the vehicle disengaged at death (determined by weighing the body just before and at the moment of death) is between one and two ounces, and that Graham's estimate of the weight of the etheric or astral body in the "new Forms" of matter closely agrees with this.

It has long been maintained by students of occult matters, that objects on the etheric and astral levels of existence are truly material, but that the matter composing them is very finely divided, so that it becomes responsive to the energies of mind, whether of imagination or deliberate constructive mental effort. The astral or etheric duplicates of objects of our plane have also been regarded, by some, as emanations. Thus far, the concepts are by no means new to occultism. Mr. Graham's formulation, however, is in scientific and mathematical terms; it is, in effect, the first strong span of the bridge which nuclear physics is building between the planes of manifestation. This rapprochement between physical and occult science has long been foreseen; it is an inevitable as the progress of human knowledge itself. A whole new realm of matter is opening before our gaze, and that which has heretofore been accessible only to the advanced occultist will become the province of the physicist also. As has been said many times, the need of our age is for the scientific-occultist or occultist-scientist; he is the key man of the future and it lies in his hands. We regard Roger Graham as a pioneer who has already thrust far into new lands, and consider it a privilege to publicize his work to the limits of our ability.

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 3, 1948

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Irene Probert, Katherine Tones, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium):

CONTROL: "Laurence of Arabia":

"You know that blasted cigar you're smoking is simply stifling me. It seems to distress me no end, much more than when I was living in the physical body. I could stand all kinds of things then, but I do not seem able to tolerate them any more. Some months ago I was here. I do not like to refer to myself as that, but I am Laurence of Arabia. I think if we understood ourselves a little better we would not indulge in various injections of poison into the body. However, I am no moralist or preacher so we will talk about more pleasant things. As I look back and think of my book, the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, I would reduce it down to about five pages - that is enough to say. (Q). When you stop to observe life, you realize that all you have said is very insignificant and really without meaning, not to myself or to yourself - but to write all that for publication, for the general reading public is a sure waste of time and energy, to say nothing of paper ... Only after you are very old, or have passed over to this side do you begin to see life without many illusions. Knowing here is by direct sensing, without so many words."

"Yes, I am still very much interested in the Arabian people and in my own country and its political activity, altho I see the futility of so-called authorities, their mad scrambling; they are not getting any place. (Q). About the future of Palestine and the Jewish State, I see that it will be eventually accomplished. Yes, indeed, the Arabs object, and there will be a great deal of slaughter and wide-spread contention, both in Palestine and in India, and its effects will be felt around the world. (Q). Yes, England will lose the Sudan. England is going down and down, I'm sorry to say, but I saw that situation coming on even in my time."

"Yes, the English are trying to rebuild their empire in Africa, but conditions will arise that will stop that. The English people are rapidly failing. (Q). Yes, England and the United States will come closer together in an effort to hold their heads above the rising tides - which are going to be disastrous."

"About another war, I prefer merely to say there is great trouble ahead for the world.(Q). Yes, for Russia, but not for her alone, but for all the countries that survive (survived?) the war. (Q), Yes, there will be a resurgence of Nazism. Do not think for a moment that Germany is going along with the so-called democratic idea. The German people are bull-headed, and proud, and that pride has existed many hundreds of years. Now they hold a bitter hatred against the American people - and don't forget it! You can't slap a proud man in the face and expect him to shake hands with you."

"No, no special message - only that I am glad to come back and talk to you again - and get involved in a political discussion...I find that I had a very similar outlook when I was in the physical body - just a somewhat wider scope now... I only wish I could have gotten around as fast when I lived in the dense

body. Everyone has a definite time to live. (Q). Yes, the time of death is fixed, but it is fixed by your own actions. Yes, there is freedom in your actions, but your character and manner of reaction to events is what determines the time of death. But there are other waiting, and I heard that you had some important questions. Good afternoon."

CONTROL: Lingford.

"Oh, don't say welcome to me - sounds as if I were a stranger. I sure do gad about, though. We had an extremely interesting get-together in that town up north (Los Angeles). In fact, I became eloquent all of a sudden, I was surprised at myself. (Q). A very fine and helpful group. If at all possible the boy here (medium) should go up again; I think things are going to turn up very good for him in Los Angeles. (Q). Yes, I refer in part to money. (Q). Yes, I can see his brother's point of view - why should there be a continuation of this unhappy life - but the laws of Nature do not regard our opinions. I see you have some questions."

"The questions bear on the theories advanced by Roger Graham" said Meade.

"Would you mind reading the first part again?"

"What is the true nature of magnetism?" repeated Meade.

"That is going to involve a long discussion; I don't know that I can word it right, but there are two types of ether - one which you have your existence in, and one in which we have our."

Lingford was silent for some time, apparently trying to arrange his ideas, and then was abruptly replaced by a new Control.

CONTROL: Lao Tse.

"You will have to excuse me for pushing out your American friend, but I think I can do a better job. (Q) There is an interplay of energy between the so-called material earth and the astral earth. (Q). Yes, one is much more refined than the other. (Q). No, there is no way of detecting ether with your present instruments. Magnetism is a flow between my earth and the material earth; your ether acts as a carrier or vehicle; it is a phenomenon of the finer ether or etheric earth. (Q). Yes, sensitives can see the magnetic field, very often."

"Yes, we have for example, a true copper; it consists of the emanations of the copper on your plane. It is the slow returning of the copper to its source. It arose from a kind of condensation of etheric copper (i.e., the copper of dense matter), and it returns to the etheric state by emanations. Like the rusting of iron, whereby the iron returns to the ether from which it came. There is a back-and forth exchange of energy. (Q). Yes, all copper is basically the same, otherwise it could not manifest beyond the physical plane. Yes, this emanation copper exists in and with and through the dense copper of your plane. (Q). Yes, it would be the same for glass. "

"If you have a glass lens of a certain shape, does that affect the emanation-glass, so that it also has a lens shape?"

"No, it does not. No, the emanation is not affected by manipulation of the dense matter. Yes, the emanation is formless. (Q). No, in the lens of the camera there is no lens of etheric glass, unless one should be shaped there by some entity. (Q). Yes, that is done sometimes, but such experiments would go on only if there was someone on your side trying to prove some theory or idea - and the most likely this manipulation of matter would be projected and you on your plane could see it."

"How far is the structure of etheric matter independent of dense matter? Suppose you took a lump of your emanation sulphur and held it so that a wire carrying an electric current passed through it. Would there be any effect on the flow of current?"

"It would avail you nothing. The difference in atomic density would make such effect impossible. The wire would pass thru the lump of sulphur, but there would be no contact, it would in no way be affected." The only way any of your physical apparatus can be affected from our side is by partial materialization. (Q). Yes, differences of potential between condensers can be affected if there is a mediumistic person present. In such case materializations may appear in a magnetic or electrical field.

In reply to a question about P.K. effects, on fall of dice etc. Lao Tse continued "Your P.K. effect depends on training of the muscular system to obey the will automatically in throwing the dice."

"You mean that you get a P.K. effect when the dice are thrown by machine?"

"Yes, proven so."

"What kind of energy is this?"

"It is a magnetic energy, the magnetic field is affected. (Q). Yes, to some extent it depends on the presence of the physical organism of the person."

"Could you on your side affect the fall of dice in that way?"

"I don't know. I have never tried that. Is it not odd that with all the communications you people have had, with the instruments at your command, you put more faith in a piece of machinery than in people. No man has the least faith in his fellow man - not the least."

"P.K. is observable up to about 30 feet. We don't understand the nature of the force or energy."

"I would have to observe the machine."

"It's not the machine; the observer wills a certain number."

"Will you excuse me for a few minutes?" I get back to that mechanical device you are using, even in setting a machine to perform any mechanical action, the energy of the mind is involved; you are working in a magnetic field. You wonder why this doesn't fit in with passing a copper wire thru a lump of astral sulphur. In one you are trying to make direct contact with no gradation of the flow of magnetic force, in the other you are giving free rein to the gradation

of the etheric flow. Any of your physical objects can be lifted about by mental direction, given the right conditions and right persons. (Q). This resembles P.K. effect, ectoplasm has nothing to do with it. (Q). When dice are thrown by hand, the mind prepares the muscular reaction, but with a mechanical throw there is a control of the magnetic field. --- In the first case the muscles sense exactly the amount of force to be used for a desired cast. (Q). No, one need not be in proximity to the machine; you could be here and the machine in Los Angeles... Much depends on the individual, his ability to control and direct thought-force. Telepathy utilizes the same force; it is and works as a magnetic field...

"The atomic whirl of electricity is much slower than that of mental force, or mind flow - it is easier for the latter to travel. The passage of thought is faster than that of electricity. (Q). Yes, mental energy, like all energy, can be measured - it has its own units of magnitude. (Q). Yes, one person can interfere with the dice throw of another mentally, especially if he knows how to control the thought energy. The stronger of the two forces prevails. This is true in all life. (Q). We can direct energy onto your plane only insofar as we are able to come down the grade into the level of material construction. (Q). Yes, difference of potential between charged plates can be affected by us, provided you have a medium present, or one who is in some manner sensitive. You will get spontaneous materialization in the magnetic field. But you can NOT get away from use of a medium or sensitive."

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 10, 1948.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Irene Probert, Katherine Townes, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium).

CONTROL: Lo Sun Yat.

"Good afternoon - I am very well indeed. No, I do NOT think for a moment that your conversation was - what did you say? (Poppycock). Oh, yes, poppycock. The pursuit of the mysteries of the inner life is far from that. It is the most satisfying and gratifying kind of work. There is nothing of more worth, on any level of consciousness. But it seems you have some problems this afternoon... You must not expect concrete and absolute answers; what appears to be true today may be false tomorrow, this is the one inescapable law of life. There is incessant and constant change in Nature."

Someone asked a question about the exact process of taking control affecting the brain-cells of the medium, etc, to which the Control replied "In the first place, matter must be better understood. If you conceive matter as something touchable and concrete you are falling short of the mark. You must understand matter as a concept of consciousness, then the problem will become clearer. Your psyche and the so-called physical are practically one and the same thing. (Q). Yes, in a way they are different planes of consciousness. I do not wish to side-step the question; I am trying to find understandable terms (pause)... Physical matter and psychic matter are both thought-force. For us who live in the 'world of thought' after death it is a simple matter to enter the physical realm and use it. Science pursues a will-o-wisp in trying to explain matter by matter. Better would they gain knowledge by investigating the world of thought. They would find that matter is condensed thought. This topic cannot escape the field of metaphysics.

"We think thought energy is basic, but still the problem remains, exactly how do you affect an organic cell or a molecule by mental energy?" asked Meade.

"I understand - but whether I can put it into words so that you can understand is another question. I do not for a moment think that your ability to grasp and learn is any less than mine. That is not the question. I do not belittle your ability to think clearly; it is my inability, I am afraid, to use the proper terms - because in the proper terms lies the knowledge. But I think I'll step out for a moment and give place to Lao Tse. Yes, I am Lo Sun Yat. I have been quite busy - have been back in my own country. (Q). I see many, many more years of strife for China. (Q). As to Tibet, as the years pass and as men squabble, that country will become more inaccessible than ever."

CONTROL: Ali Ben Casi:

"Good afternoon. I am not Lao Tse. I have not been back here for some time and I realize how difficult it is to know who comes in or out under these conditions. I am Ali Ben Casi. Dr. Cosman, you said something about stepping up super-sonic vibratory rates. I find that is the wave I come in on. The cell structure or vibratory rate or whatever you call it, rises - so rapidly that you will note a tightening of the skin or chills on the body of the medium. It is somewhat automatic but it is first conceived by the mind of the medium. The physical brain, on conceiving what is asked of it, waits. There is a rising of the vibratory rate

of the cells of the mind. When this nuclear action rises in speed, its speed is is of the same quality or quantity of the world in which we live (meaning me). All we do is to wait for that condition to take place, and then we step in."

"Do you direct a stream of thought energy onto the cells?" asked Meade.

"Exactly so! /... When the psyche reaches out into the ether or away from itself, we come into direct contact with that flow. Then instead of allowing it to dissipate into space, we impress upon it and drive it back to the mind -- The thought wave pulses back and forth, coming out and carrying the thought back."

Foreign Control: Examines clothing, especially medium's tie, with much amusement; doesn't like the feel of clothing on body. "What this? What you call this? No, no, no like. Come from Amazon, from deep in jungle. (Q). No, not long this side. Have white man come down, look in jungle, wear cross (missionary). He teach me speak English. Amazon muddy. Yes, high mountains, nothing but mountains around. Lots little fish, eat man up, tear skin off. You fall in, ten minutes, no skin. (Q). No, no do much; woman work all time. Man have no work. Father say, no man do that, no man let wife do work. I say NO, white man spoil my woman."

(Q). My people hold big meeting, have people come talk (spirits), do sleep like boy (Medium); somebody talk like me now. Do sleep like boy, much. Everybody-round in circle, on ground (gestures). Then come back to talk to my people (a materialization), he says. Everybody very - respectful (bowing deeply from waist) People very afraid, chief headman no afraid. All teachers say, all race man nobody die stay dead, all people have groups where talk with ancestors come on my side. White man, him slow. Him think new, wonderful (i.e., materialization), to us, natural. Goodbye ! "

CONTROL: Lao Tse. "One mistake seems to be most common of all - the idea that manifestations on your plane do not belong to your level of matter, or is not of your consciousness. But it is. There is no degree of matter, however intangible, which does not belong to your plane of consciousness. Whether it is A, B, C or simply X, it is of your plane - or you would never be aware of it. This makes many difficult problems, that seem insolvable."

Following a question about emanation-matter, objects on astral - matter peculiar to finer planes, etc, Lao Tse continued "All that is here now (earth) came originally from the world I am in. Out of my world sprang all that you have. How can there be things on either plane that do not coincide in some manner? Yes, we have elements on our plane not yet known on earth, but conditions have been such that they have not taken form on your plane. Yes, objects on our plane are made of emanation matter and have form; they are made by thought-force, desire, will of individuals. No, material form does not exist independently of mental action on our plane, nor does it on yours. On your plane, as on mine, we conceive and begin by conceiving. (Q. about solipsism). Well, that is how it would appear, like a snake swallowing his tail and all of himself, but that is an illusion... On my plane, if folk wish to stop me, they can project an obstacle of material solid enough to hold me, providing I do not know how to destroy it. You are under the same conditions."

"Well, if I were to die suddenly, would I not see natural objects, houses, trees, and so on, on your side - without any effort or desire on my part to see them?" asked Meade.

"Yes, you would. But these objects have been created by the minds which went before you, for your convenience and theirs: you live in them as long as you want to use them, then they vanish; then you make of your own. The cosmic mind functions through the individual mind even on our plane."

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 18, 1948.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Leftbridge, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium):

An unknown foreign control has great difficulty in speaking. Finally says "I not used to control with American people."

CONTROL Lingford: "Humph! I had to chase him out. (Q). Oh, he was a little boy from Hindustan. (Q). We let him in just because he wanted to talk for a minute. I see you have visitors here. (Q). Yes, I always keep an eye out for the ladies. (Q). Yes, since last meeting I have been looking up some of the questions you raised. No, I don't consider them dull - not dull to me, anyhow. What you call dullness is usually due to haste - to a rushing away of the mind. There are quite a few here today - quite a gathering (i.e., on the 'other side'). (Q). Part of the difficulty in getting started today was tannic acid in this boy's stomach (medium). Do you know what he did? He made himself a cocktail, a very large cocktail of orange juice, and then put egg and honey in it. But it was the orange juice, too much of it that made the trouble. I wish you would give me a cigaret. (Lingford manages a cigaret ver well but is not yet able to light it for himself).

"You know, Meade - about those mounds (Siskiyou stone circles, Shasta area); from what I hear about them over here, they date back 15 or 20 thousand years, and they are connected with the Lemurians. These people spoke an ancient Hindu type of Sanskrit. -- Do you ladies wish to ask any questions?"

An inquiry was put by a visitor, on behalf of her husband, concerning facts in a criminal case, some 8-10 years past. Lingford passed this inquiry along to Lao Tse, another Control, with whom the matter had previously been taken up.

Following a question about developing apparatus for communication, Lingford continued: "Scientists will find out in time that the wave lengths needed for this are extremely short. And they had a very tough time getting even the shortest wave lengths they now have - and these are much too long. This is a deucedly hard business. It's being thought out on our side and an effort made to get the ideas across to you. Your Professor Twining who came over here recently stood a good chance of making this possible. But the body elements are necessary. The apparatus will have to employ wave lengths that are of a mental or psycho-physical order or rate - it will have to take the place of a human being by reproducing the same energies. (Q). Yes, Professor Twining is here today. Excuse me, please - I shall go now."

Lingford was followed by a "temple dancer", a former communicator, who claims to have lived on "Easter Island" when it was part of a continent. The name of his land, or his local area was, phonetically, Bee-oh-lah-dee. "Mean Land of Sunshine - top of mountain now". (Q). "Yes, we hold big dance - very pretty music - Oh, yes! Yes, drums, and what you call - strings - long strings (measuring with hands.) (Q.) All dances held in honor of Gods of Nature. For all long time man been on earth, always to Nature Gods he bow down. Go now."

Tho the medium never rises from his chair, the dance movements of body, particularly of arms and hands, are of remarkable grace and beauty. This silent dance -

or sometimes accompanied by invocations in an "ancient tongue" - sometimes will continue for four or five minutes.

CONTROL: Lao Tse. The voice of this communicator is slightly high-pitched, the tone and manner usually 'dry' and sardonic, sometimes impatient to the point of rudeness; nevertheless he has shown himself to be a person of good will and of exceptional learning. He has been some 300 years in the astral, and has spent his time studying the earth, and also various psychological problems. His earth life seems to have been spent in a Tibetan monastery - tho his English is excellent. To help round out the picture of Lao Tse, we quote the following curious exchange.

Meade asks "Are you familiar with the Platonic doctrine of Ideas?"

Lao Tse. "No, what is that?"

"I mean the teachings of Plato, the Greek philosopher - about the 5th century BC."

"What did he teach? What were these ideas?"

"That's a big order - but the Ideas were noumena, eternal types or forms back of all phenomena. Ideas are the only realities, and they are able to act upon Nature to reproduce themselves. You say you never heard of him?"

"No, I have not."

"But he and Aristotle between them, practically dictated the intellectual development of Europe for 15 centuries."

"But he didn't have much effect on the common man! Well, I must look up this Plato. He seems to have ideas much like my own..."

This is certainly naive! of the first water; my guess would be that Lao Tse is equally ignorant of even the names of Aristotle, Kant, and Hegel - who with Plato make up the story of the European mind. Yet the genuine learning and mental powers of the communicator must not be discounted for this reason - and we might remind ourselves that, in the sciences particularly, we have a plague of "great minds", in and out of the universities, who know no more about the history of Western philosophy than Lao Tse does - and care considerably less, since Lao Tse at least proposes to "look up" this mighty ancient, and even gives tentative approval to some of his reputed teachings. Quod superius, quod inferius! One road to understanding the astral people, is by remembering that human nature has not changed in them, by the breadth of a divided hair.

CONTROL: Lao Tse. (Bowing, hand on breast, dry by courteous): "Well, I take the privilege of introducing myself to the ladies. I am Lao Tse. This sort of thing is somewhat strange to you? But it is only unaccustomed - not really strange in itself, for Nature works in various ways, and gives up secrets to our digging. And of course, we're all digging and trying to keep our minds active. (Q). Yes, the body is insistent, but the great idea is to keep the mind away from the body. Most ailments are due to meditation upon the physical self. Divert the attention from the physical body. The mind creates your physical ills - it can also destroy them."

There is no such thing as freedom from the physical, on any plane of being. All is gradation. Dense matter shades off into finer and finer particles. You cannot divide the universe into matter and mind. These two are gradations of the basic realness.

Only in this way can either be understood. The gradations become mind, become dense matter. Diseases produced by germs, come before the germ, speaking in a metaphysical sense. That is because the thought attracts the disease germ. Germs, bacilli, belong to the etheric world and not to the physical. They become physical and enter it when they are attracted by it; then they feed upon it like vampires. Consider what you call a cured case of tuberculosis. It is really an arrested case. If the morale is lowered, if the right mental conditions are set up, the disease will return."

The whole of this discussion arose from questions put by Dr. Cosman, concerning the origin and true nature of germs or bacilli, and their relation to disease. The specific questions are not reproduced.

Lao Tse continued. "Germs are foreign to the physical body; that is why they cause such havoc. They exist and have their sustenance in the psychic world, and and there they do no harm. But in the physical they set up a state of irritation caused by a foreign body. But being etheric or psychic in their basic nature, the mind or psyche can resist them; if the mental functioning is right the mind can and does resist all attacks against itself and against the body also. The physical body is not capable of suffering, by itself and without the psychic (etheric) body.

Following a question about illness in children, who have no knowledge of disease, Lao Tse continued: "A child is merely the new or young manifestation of an entity - but the entity itself may be very old. Only the physical is what you call young. The illusions of life lead us to assume that such and such must be the case. The entity that enters the new-born body brings over with it many traces and inheritances of former lives. The human entity is not at all what you assume it to be. When you understand yourself you will understand life. The disease germs do not know they are in a child, they only know they are in a condition or position that irritates them. You should read the works of Paul Brunton, by the way. His knowledge is of an advanced order."

"We know his books. But he says the same thing a hundred times in as many ways, in a dozen or more books."

"That is fine! It's necessary to say the same thing over and over in different ways, to get it across to different types of people .. The medium is getting a little tired, I must go now."

A new Control, an Indian, who announced himself by a whistle and grunt, and an explosive spitting sound followed. "Huh - Huh! Fft! fft'. Me Swift Arrow, big chief. Me come before, bring big man. Me guide for him. Go now. Huh! " This was the same Indian who at one time took control of Professor Twining at one of these seances, during the Professor's life time.

CONTROL: Professor Twining: (Heartily welcomed.) "Wonders will never cease. We all ought to sing the praises of God. I remember my first effort to get thru, and it was a very poor one. But you have no idea of the difficulties that have to be overcome in this field of endeavor. Even during my earth lifetime I sensed the existence of many of these. Give my friend Franklin my highest regards, and tell him that at one of these meetings I will come through and talk with him; then he will know for himself that it is I. There is so much to say! I hope these meetings will be carried on. (Q). Yes, indeed, all is well with me - very well. I never dreamed that I could feel so wonderful. The body is not really a thing

to cling to, but you must use it as long as you can, for it is only in the physical that we learn the things needed to guide us here. (Q) Yes, I pursue my former studies. Do you recall a few nights ago you were talking with this boy about the realities of life?"

"I recall talking with him," said Meade, "But not the particular subjects."

"Here is the gist of it. You were talking about how under a certain theory the existence of the person A disappears into the consciousness of B, and B also reduces to a state of A's consciousness, so neither one is left, and ..."

"Yes," said Meade. "I recall. We were talking about the so-called dilemma of solipsism..."

"Well, I tried to impress on the boy that an analogy exists in the reaction between neutron and proton - the exchange of energy. That is their existence -- in instant and continual interplay and exchange of energy, yet each persists - as an energy flow... In the last analysis all of us are merely minds exchanging views - a changing force -- all life is force. There is a generative Intelligence that produces at will the thoughts necessary for the place and time. I do not think that at present anyone is making a machine that will serve for communication all by itself, but the ideas for such a machine are being impressed from our side. My voice sounds like that of an old man when I talk through this boy, but I am not so. I will talk of this another time. Now the boy is tired."

It is not the practice of the Editor of these Reports to make extended comment on them; his assumption is that they are read, for the most part, by people who accept survival and communication, and are prepared to go on from there and profit by the unlimited possibilities thus opened up; the corollary of this is, that our readers can note for themselves the great importance of many passages, without help from the compass and pointer of any commentator.

Neither do we suppose that statements made in these seances have never been made before. The literature of psychism is so vast that almost anything may be found somewhere in some form, IF one knows where to look for it. But it seems to us a great advantage, to be able to guide the conversation to some extent by holding it to topics of great tho' impersonal interest. The communicators come expecting to be questioned, they assert that they give us their time in obedience to the law of service, as well as from some satisfaction they derive from talking with a world of fellow men who habitually shut them out from all intercourse. This is surely a natural and human attitude. They tell us that the meetings are attended by a 'large gathering' of people on their own side of life - some of whom 'look with utter amazement' at a phenomenon they do not even yet believe in.

How instructive this last little fact really is! How it points to Twining's passing remark, "it is only in the physical that we learn the things needed to guide us here,"... and the assertion that "the greatest difficulty we have here, is to convince people that they are dead"... that the planes entered immediately after death are most wisely designed by Nature as an outward replica of our own world, "since otherwise the human mind, unprepared for change and even for survival in any form, would be cracked and broken by the shock." The next effect of these studies really is, in a sense, to "suburbanize heaven" - revolting as this thought may be to many religionists. We mean that dying is robbed of terror and fictitious mystery - it becomes a falling asleep and a happy wakening. The great event becomes a most simple and natural one, the introduction to new realms and laws of being is very gentle and adapted to our capacities; the Wind of God is truly tempered to the shorn lambs.

Let those who feel defrauded of strange adventures, or perhaps of harps and golden crowns, rest assured that in the astral world, as here, there is wonder and mystery on every side and without end.

Only if we cannot discover beauty and mystery in our earth life, we shall be slow indeed in finding it in worlds to come - for the power of its discovery will move less within us. And if we have no desire to learn and to serve while here, we shall not be able to serve and learn elsewhere. "The business of life is to prepare for death" writes Merrell-Wolff - and rightly understood this is intensely practical, profoundly true, and more important than any other value man can lay tongue to. But we prepare for death (which is really the life abundant) by knowledge, and not in the foolish ways we have been taught. From the ways we have been taught, knowledge does not come; but only dreams, and fears, and follies, and dogmas, and the thousand stupidities of thousands of years of religionism.

All of this time, however, the means to right knowledge, of some part of the mystery at least, lay close at hand. There was a door at which all men knocked, but there was also a key to it - on our side, in our own hands. The machine, the apparatus for communication (now so earnestly sought) has always been available to us - the incredibly delicate apparatus of the human mind-body. To the few, of course, this has always been known; it remained for the science and culture of the Twentieth century to deride, deny and abandon. But now, some of us - some millions of us - take this old key in our hands again, but this time without fear or superstition or religious dogmatisms, and it fits the lock and turns for us, and the door at least comes ajar for us, giving glimpses of new and pleasant lands. And this is what we are doing in these Mark P. seances, little known or lightly regarded as they may be.

Now whatever diversity of opinion there may be among the communicators, there is no disagreement on this: that our present earth-life is all-important. It is here that we sow the seeds of our future condition, and here we work out the consequences of the past. It is here that our tastes and ideals are formed, our powers developed, and our course plotted. For this reason we say that nothing is so intensely practical, so desperately important, so imperative from every point of view, as the kind of investigation which is represented (most humbly) by these seances. Some mistakes and many limitations are to be found in them (and what human pursuit is not so?) - but we believe that right knowledge can be drawn from them, and that it is the most important type of knowledge accessible to mankind. All the sanctions of conduct, the destiny of individuals, and the cultural future of our race are bound up with it.

We repeat here the ANNOUNCEMENT of the title page: Part VI of these seance memoranda will contain a summary of four experimental seances, in which an attempt was made to establish contact with a group of experimentors in London. The London medium was put under hypnosis and instructed to act as Control of Mark Probert in San Diego, and to deliver and receive code words. The experiment thus involved hypnotic trance in London, mediumistic trance in San Diego, and the cooperation of Guides, the hypnotist, and the sitters in both cities. Though the code words were not obtained, much valuable information was acquired; the conditions were novel and the way was perhaps cleared for more successful efforts in the future. The English medium also had an interesting (whether real or hallucinatory) experience with one of the so-called Saucers, or a space-craft of some description.

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 21, 1948.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Irene Probert, Mr. Nelson, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium).

Medium speaking in a strong voice, with ceremonious manner:

"I am Trimalki. In the name of your God and of my God I give you greeting. I am Rajah Natcha, of the Punjab. When I lived in my earth life I was taught not to delve into what you call spiritualism, but since I have come to the astral world I have found all things different from what we suppose them to be... You can believe me when I tell you, that so long as man works with good will and love, nothing will harm him; I mean he need have no fear of obsession or possession. You who are undeveloped must all seek out the way which is best for you. That way will not be the same for each one /.. No, we do not really learn from the experience of others. Some facts we observe, yes, but the effort, the event must be lived out by the self. (Q). It was some 20-25 years since I came across to this plane. I find matters vastly different over here.. Time is what you make it ... (Q). Yes, I cannot possibly see any other mode of thought that has any validity at all (except that of the all-consciousness school). (Q). My English is good because I once spent a year or two at Oxford. It is indeed a great university, yet no better than any other, because what you get there is book-learning only. This does very well and satisfies man, until at last he discovers that he has a soul..!" The communicator continued for some minutes in a very rapid and verbose style of speech, mostly ethical and social reflections.

CONTROL: Lingford. (after long silence by medium).

"Humph! Well, it is said that silence is golden - but not always, not always! I think from what has been said on my side during the last ten minutes, it would be advisable to break up these meetings for a week or two. Everything has its limitations, you know. Meade, I wish you would drop your work and go out into the country for a while. You see, these last 4 - 5 years have brought a great opening up of the psychic realm. If you take on too much it will lead to trouble. This war has opened the way into the psychic life. Formerly the door was not so wide open; people could work with psychic matters a long time. I feel sorry to interrupt our meetings for a while. We have a new man in our group now. Yes, I refer to the Rajah. He is a very handsome man and has a fine intelligence. He will be back again as soon as the strain is relaxed. I think I'll go, there are others who want to talk."

CONTROL: Ramon Natalli:

"I can stay only a few minutes. A decision has been reached to suspend these meetings for a few weeks. Will you introduce me to this new man here (Mr. Nelson)? You have a very good education in your field, Mr. Nelson, and a very good mind. It would do you good to look into this field of study (psychism); you would attract men and women on our side who could help you a great deal. I think you are going a long way in work. (Q). Yes, I have taken a look at the new telescope on Palomar and it is something to make you shiver. They will believe me now as never before that of the galaxies there is no end - of space there is no end..." (Q). The phenomena of the flying discs will continue and probably increase. And no doubt there will be some of your bold and devoted pilots who will pursue these

phantoms of the skies - very foolishly, of course. (Q). No, I have not heard the story of the flying man. (Q). No, we do not change our interpretation of the discs as we first gave it to you. They do come from the Etheric world. That does not mean my plane, or any world of spirits who have lived on your earth, and it does not mean any planet of your solar system. The Etheric world of their origin interpenetrates with your own. (Q). When we resume our meetings I shall speak more at length on materialization, which consists in bringing together particles of dense matter by the use of thought force.

"You are suggesting that the discs have their first material existence on our side, that the etheric prototype of them is only a thought-form, and that this thought-form acts to bring them into being in dense matter on our plane of perception?" asked Meade.

"That is exactly what I am suggesting."

(Q). "No, I do NOT see a war with Russia impending. I see a great deal of trouble with various countries. During the latter part of this year the great leader, Mahatma Ghandi, will pass on. Yes, I speak only of what I see. I do not see war written in what you call the Akashic Records. Now I must go."

CONTROL: The Polynesian Dancer: (Elaborate and graceful dance motions of arms and upper body).

"Yes, - I dance to the Gods of Nature. White man, he no pray to Gods of Nature - he too smart - so, he no get nothing."

"Do you think the Gods of Nature would respond to us if we invoked them?"

"Gods of Nature always have ear for man. But you get so good, so smart, you say, Plant just grow, tree just grow, put water on. But then come big storm, wipe all crops out." (Q). Yes, all well with me, all good for me. Have all tribes with me, have all beauty and all love with me. I go."

CONTROL: Professor Luntz. He took control to give advice to Mrs. Cosman about her eyes.

CONTROL: Lao Tse. (Disguising his voice) "I bow to you. I come in as your Professor Luntz departs ... Now about this 'cancer fluid' of Dr. _____: it would be much better if I knew more about it and something about its ingredients, but the impression I get is, that it will not cure but will act as a retarder, to inhibit the course of the disease while other treatment is being applied... Yes, since germs, bacilli, exist on the psychic level they cannot really be destroyed by medicines; they can however be destroyed by psychic forces, by mental means, and that is the only way it can be done. Their manifestation on the physical plane can often be restricted or destroyed."

CONTROL: Lo Sun Yat.

"Well, it is nice to be back. I heard you speaking about your son, Meade. He is all right and You'll hear from him in a day or so. He is in good health but the climate is hot and the work very tiring... It was perfectly easy to get the information for you. (Q). The real issue in Palestine and the middle East is not one of nationality or race, Jew and Arab and so on; it is the fact that untold wealth in oil and gold underlies the deserts of the peninsula. Man is not

interested in man, but only in power... In Northern Tibet also there are great deposits of valuable ore.... Man's struggle to exist will keep right on going. It is good that it do so..."

"About the experiments with C (England.) Have the place quiet, less light than now, no talking, no smoking. Leave the length of sitting to us, please."

The above refers to the attempt of an English hypnotist to send the mind of his subject, to take control of Mark P. and deliver a key message; then, if possible, to carry back another key message to him in London. Any significant results will be reported either in these memoranda or in other of the ML publications.

This series of seances began a year ago last September, and have thus been going on for nearly a year and a half. This amounts to some 60 sittings, of an average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. each, or some 150 hrs. If only half the time of a sitting is devoted to actual conversation, we still have the respectable total of some 75 hrs. of question and answer. The five issues of Seance Memoranda make a total of about 160 pages - less than 3 pages to each seance, if one wants to figure it that way. Seventy-five hours of talk reported in 160 pages of print ! The reader can easily understand from these figures, how brief and inadequate an idea the Memoranda actually give, of the total content of these seances. In addition there have been many clairaudient communications at odd hours, and a few short special sittings to meet urgent requests for assistance. Nevertheless, the Memoranda probably succeed in conveying the gist of the intellectual content of the conversations. But the feel of the friendly human personalities of the communicators cannot be recreated in print.