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THE WISDOM OF NATCHA

"I am Trimalki. I am the Rajah Natcha. I was a student at Oxford and a ruler in India."

(Your Highness is most welcome here ... tell us this, if you will, tho it is a somewhat personal question. You were a Prince of modern India, and no doubt indoctrinated with the religion and philosophy of your race, as well as with the learning of the English Universities. Did this knowledge, acquired on this plane, give you adequate preparation for the experiences of life after death?)

"I shall say this: my instruction was unusually good for my time, and it so prepared my mind that I was able to accept the unexpected with equanimity."

(You were enabled to accept the unexpected! There was a great deal, then, in your after-death experience, which was unexpected?)

"A great deal! A very great deal!

"How can I make some of these things plain to you? If I tell you that I am a force, a center of consciousness, would that convey anything to your mind?"

(It does not convey any image or picture.)

"Yet that is what we are. It is true that there are levels of existence whereon persons habitually make use of their human forms, and they often are seen by you in such forms. But here where I am is the sphere of the formless. Tho' I can assume a form when I will, I am nevertheless a formless center of awareness."

(Will Trimalki reply to this? Is there, upon this earth of ours, any cult or school, any religion or esoteric teaching, which can do more than prepare our minds to accept the unexpected with equanimity? For some of us are actually desirous of learning the truth, so far as we can apprehend it.)

"There is none."

(Is this method we are employing here, of converse with persons on your side of life, a good and useful method of acquiring right knowledge?)

"It is good. But I must warn you against receiving, in place of the follies of your own ideas, the delusions of those who communicate with you. They may be honest, and they are often correct, but they may report their own delusions also. With this restriction, it is the best way of knowledge, except one."

(And that one is -- Meditation?)

"Yes."

(On your plane of being, is it possible for you to speak of this thing being an illusion, and that thing a reality? Can you make this distinction, and on what grounds can you make it?)

"On the grounds employed by yourselves in your world. The thing which appears to be a permanent external existent is called real: yet that only means that it is a common or joint projection of many minds — that is, of the Cosmic Mind acting as many individualized minds.

"Evolution, progress consists in escaping by degrees from the illusions, the hypnotic spell of life of the lower planes."

So far, only, we quote Trimalki, Rajah Natcha. We do not know, it is true, just how great or small, how wise or foolish his earth-gained knowledge may have been, tho, granting his identity, it is likely to have been the best obtainable at the turn of our century. We draw the attention to his words, of those who are disposed to evaluate them with reflective minds. Consider the immemorial wisdom of the East, the still light of knowledge which shines from the universities of England. Is this the best that they could do, for a princeling of India? That they should prepare his mind 'to accept the unexpected with calmness?' Is not such light rather a 'darkness visible'? But, we asked him, "Is there any better source of knowledge, of an established and recognised sort, upon our earth today"- and he replied -- "None!"

What then, O Trimalki, of all our cults and creeds and systems? What of our vast libraries of religion, theology, and philosophy? What of our thousands of years of word-spinning, system building, cloud and cobweb gathering? What of the ineffable experiences of mystics and holy men and ecstatics? What of the revelations of the Seers, of the St. Johns and Emmanuels of all canons and catalogues and faiths? More harshly still, what of the bold adventures of magicians and occultists, workers of the Circle, meditators in the towers of silence, explorers of the astral paths? What of all the pageantries of ritual, of grades and degrees and honors gained for the attainment of occult knowledge? At their best, at their highest, at their truest -- can all these put together do nothing more than to prepare the mind to <u>accept the unexpected with equanimity</u>?

I myself, O Rajah Natcha, believe that you have said a true thing. But it seems plain that very few will believe you. That is because you undermine and cause to wither away everyman's little tended plot of charmed ground, of Eden-garden, of faith-knowledge, of what he holds most true and dear concerning this and other lives and worlds to come. Because you, O Bodiless Center of Awareness, come to us through the lips of this entranced spirit and say, 'all that I learned only prepared me against the unexpected', and also, 'in all your earth world there is no source of right knowledge for these matters.' No, you will not be believed in this, and especially will you not be loved! The sum of our knowledge is, in your own phrase, that the unknown will become known, and the <u>unexpected</u> is to be expected! Could you not leave us a single rag or fig leaf, O Focus of Consciousness, against this exposure of indecencies of ignorance!

We upbraid Trimalki in seeming, that we may honor him for hard truth hardily told. We have tried to stand always for 'realism' in psychic and occult studies -- tho the very phrase provokes a smile among worshippers of Braggo, (god of scientism), and this Rajah of India (like others of the communicators, too) is a realist supreme. The first knowledge to be gained, is that of our own ignorance. The first acceptance is that all other acceptances are worthless. This is a magnificent upshot, for ten thousand (or a million) years of human cerebration!! No, he will not be popular, this Trimalki! No networks or studios will bid vast sums

for his soft-voiced insistencies. But perhaps here and there, in a few minds, the knife of his pruning will cut clean and let sunlight in, the wind of his Nay-saying blow mist and fog away.

Do not let me give the impression that His Highness offers us only futilities and despair: he affirms that the goal and destiny of man lies in the enlargement of his mind, the expansion and control of his awareness. This is the meaning of the cosmic process, and it has no other conceivable by us.

Shall we add the apologia which, in spite of everything, still seems needful for some RR readers? It is only to say that, so far in these seances, there is nothing whatever to make one think that Trimalki (or a dozen others of his intellectual equals) is a fraud, an impersonation, a split personality, an alternate personality, or anything else except the independent, excarnate personality he claims to be. Such an assumption is neither good science nor good sense, unless and until there is something to justify it. (Yes, it is known to us that Doris Fischer displayed multiple personality. Pater noster, nos patientiam da!)

After a year and a half of continued contact with the Mark P. controls, our confidence in them increases; but it is each reader's privilege to invent what hypothesis he will, and welcome whatever dark suspicions come most pleasantly to his mind. It is probably a most salutary fact, that there is no single item of human experience, for which the mind of man (given free play) cannot propose at least two alternative 'explanations'.

M.L.

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"Spiritualism, as a cult, is about a century old. It is only in one sense to be regarded as a modern movement. More properly it is the modern dress of ancient occultism. The main object of spiritualists is to enter into communication with the dead through the agency of mediums. The object of psychical research is quite different. It is to investigate scientifically the phenomena called "occult", because it recognizes that through them may be studied the workings of those levels of the human personality which lie beneath the threshold of consciousness. By investigating these phenomena we have a chance of discovering regions of fact which we shall never reach by exploring the external world ... It cannot be repeated too often, that psychical research is a branch of science which progresses by means of accurate information and experiment, and is not, as critics often say, an attempt to "prove something." Spiritualism is quite different, for it is a cult and to some extent a religion ... The public reads the material disseminated by spiritualist groups but does not read the records of the Society for Psychical Research with their mass of carefully recorded data. Public opinion fails to discriminate between the two and id entifies psychical research with spiritualism. (And) even men of science, and psychologists and philosophers, who should be directly interested (display the same) ignorance and failure to discriminate... Though some phenomena appear trivial and foolish, we cannot afford to ignore them. The attitude of being too proud to learn from the apparently trivial is not a wise one -- "

G.N.M. TYRRELL, The Personality of Man. p. 45 ff pas. Pelican Books, Lon. & N.Y.)

- THE ALCHEMY OF THE SPIRIT -

by

Professor C. J. Ryan -

(Round Robin presents, by permission, a remarkable personal letter. When you have read it, see if you do not agree with the brief comment we have added at its close).

Dear Frater:

After exactly three months I am beginning to do a little writing, but with great caution, as I am far from well and have to keep in my room, mostly in bed and with a hospital nurse in attendance. For two months after the major operation I was not allowed to read, and till lately my attempts to write were illegible. I shall write this in small sections and hope that you can follow it. I am anxious to give you some strange psychic experiences I had in the first weeks after the operation, as they were very peculiar, at least to me. For about four nights the most painful dreams persecuted me, yet I could control them somewhat. One was very singular. I was fully conscious of being in my bed and watching the progress of a Mexican revolution in this neighborhood. The proceedings were extremely interesting, but the important thing to me was that I could stop it if I consented to keep entirely still for some hours until a rescue force arrived. I was in authority, but receiving instructions from some invisible source. The effort to keep still was tremendous and caused me greater suffering than I ever remember experiencing in my life. Not a finger was to be bent or an eye winked. Toward the end I was desperately tempted to relieve the agonizing aching and abandon the watch, but each time thrust down "Satan". Finally the relief guard arrived, the people were saved, and I woke astonished to find the pain gone. It was not really 'awaking', as I was fully conscious all the time of the adventure I was watching, yet very actively participating in. The other dreams were equally terrible for four nights at least but I cannot remember them. The pain was not caused by the healing of the surgical wounds as they were quite bearable. *

But what followed was more interesting. For some time, two or three weeks, when perfectly awake and by day, the most striking 'entertainment' of moving pictures as it were, would pass before me. This does not sound very unusual under the circumstances, but the details were, so far as I know, and approached 'projection' (?). The pictures usually filled the back wall of the bedroom, moving across it from right to left very slowly and surrounded by a frame. In nearly every case the contents of of the picture did not move, but were seemingly enormously enlarged engravings thrown on a screen made of astral material by some invisible apparatus. They were about 150 years old, copper or steel engravings, the paper aged and stained here and there. Though so greatly enlarged (one covering the whole back wall), they were so exquisitely finished that there was hardly any space between the lines. The subjects were curious; many were interiors of 19th century rooms, paneled in oak in designs of the late 18th century. Dozens of the panels were shown on single sheets and they

* Words underscored by the RR Editor have been marked with the asterisk *.

would melt into different designs (one of the real movements on the screen). One showed a magnificent room w i t h splendidly bound books. Some did not seem to be pictures but real places. The most striking were views in Germany, of cities with huge towering cathedrals, definitely larger than anything I ever saw (I have been in Germany), but these were engravings. None were colored. Only one portrait appeared, and that was very strange. It was a small (about 18" x 24") engraving of my father, dressed as I never saw him, but not in an unreasonable way. He had a kind of smoking cap on, a thing he never wore, but he was holding a paint palette and brushes and was much younger than I ever saw him. The engraving was quite normal but it had an upside-down inscription in French on the background, and I used all my will power to turn it round. It was gliding out of sight on the screen but I managed to stop it and force it to return with the inscription the right way up. It insisted on moving off after a brief time but I was able to call it back once. The inscription gave his name and initials correctly, including one that he never used and is known to no one but me! The face was very lifelike though not colored, and full of life and vivacity, looking straight at me. He was much older than this when my first recollection of him appears. The inscription stated that he was a well-known English artist whose pictures were in many galleries. He was fairly well-known and did exhibit widely. When I came to Point Loma I found one of his books (on Egyptian Art) in the San Diego library. But no one in our family ever heard of an engraving of him being made, though there are plenty of photographs.

The next series of engravings were maps, any number of them, also exquisitely engraved, but not one correct - strangely distorted and with the names all wrong. Mostly of Japan and China, India, India and Europe - none of America. Each covered the whole wall and was executed with the minutest detail. And yet they looked as if done by elementals who could only copy with the greatest inaccuracy, though with extraordinary industry and superficial effect of reality. H.P.B. speaks of her elemental doing such things (Old Diary Leaves - Olcott). In dreams such confused effects occur, but I was fully awake.*

Now for an idea of the screen on which they were projected. I seemed to walk down the room to the end of the bed and closely examine it, several times. I got around the corner once and saw it as a large mass of ethereal substance, slightly gray, in which the 'embryos' or miniatures of the subjects in the pictures were forming. They settled down gradually from the third dimension to the second, and the ethereal vapors got flatter until they settled down as a flat sheet, on which the landscapes, maps etc. were displayed, as on an ordinary movie screen. The screen was usually about four feet from the bottom of the bed, but sometimes rested on the back wall of the room. When it was near I could get to it an examine it as naturally as if it were an ordinary piece of paper, every detail of the pictures bearing the closest inspection, and all the defects of the screen surface being clearly seen. That was how I discovered how wonderfully detailed and perfectly executed the engravings were, even the crazy maps. In only one picture did a living person appear. In the corner of a frame I could see into a distant room with desks in it, the rest of the space to the right being chaotic ethereal vapor. I was standing in the frame looking through a narrow opening into the distant room. A living woman walked in and stood in a contemplative attitude in the opening of the back room. Before I could speak to her the chaotic material moved in and hid the back room and the woman. This is one of the very few occasions when I saw moving living things on the screen, and in this case I was inside the plane of the screen in apparently an empty spot.

The engravings were apparently all German or French.

Now comes the most extraordinary thing about the pictures. They returned many times for perhaps half an hour's display at irregular intervals, and I watched

them with great pleasure and interest. I was fully awake* and several times I could see them while I was talking to the nurse or to a visiting friend. My first troublesome weeks were made quite bearable and really pleasant by these 'visions' - very different from the agonizing dreams about midnight. None of the 'films' came at night. The other thing is, that I could change the pictures when I used a great effort, and recall one - against some definite, apparently conscious pressure. And when I forced one to come back or to go, the effort was accompanied by a definite loud click in my head. Now, see Muldoon's book on Projection, page 108, and you will find that he speaks of this click, quoting from Carrington. Petty also mentions it in Muldoon's Case for Astral Projection. page 137. This is very interesting as it seems to indicate that the click is a known thing and not a mere fancy of my 'inner performer' Do you know anything more about it?

I had several other interesting experiences, but more of the nature of regular dreams, yet much more detailed and significant than any dreams I am used to. In one I found myself in France in early times, seeking to get material by psychometrizing a very ancient village in a wild, remote hunting district, in order to produce a play with local color of the early middle ages. I soon got a vivid experience of a hunting scene in which one of the French kings Louis took part. He was to meet the Duke of Bergundy, and I arrived just as the two rulers began an open-air picnic. I was told to wait a bit, and then I was taken by some of the huntsmen to a place where there were excellent provisions. I studied all the details of the feast, the costumes etc., and was apparently really in the picture of an event happening in the 10th century. I find that one of the Louises was very closely connected with the Duke of Bergundy - a fact I did not know.

(After giving various personal details, the letter concludes with the following interesting postscript):

I forgot to say, that when I walked over to the 'film' showing one of the maps with a magnifying glass to examine the exquisite detail, it would not enlarge the picture* - yet it was an astral magnifying glass! I think, but am not quite sure, that I finally got a lens that would magnify!

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Professor Ryan, as nearly all our readers know, is a scholar, an author, and an artist of distinction; his scientific knowledge is extensive and he holds a professorship of astronomy in the Theosophical University at Covina. Here we have his own account, not designed for publication, of conscious, waking psychic experiences of a remarkable order. The reader cannot fail to note the meticulous and critical observation and dispassionate judgment, the cold recording of facts of experience, and the complete absence of any doctrinaire interpretation of them. His advanced years are filled with intellectual activity and clarity of insight, and the letter we have quoted (written without thought of 'literary' effect) seems to us a remarkably fine piece of scholarly reporting, in the true spirit of science. . . It is to these facts, even more than to the extraordinary experiences related, that Round Robin invites attention and is happy to pay tribute. M.L.

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by

Vincent H. Gaddis

Only one man definitely and unmistakably predicted the events of the "Flying Saucer" month ahead of their occurrence last summer. This man is Leroy Dee, a salesman and semi-professional scientist of Oklahoma, currently a resident of the State of Oklahoma.

Several months ago Mr. Dee, who is also a semi-professional performer and a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, mailed us the October, 1947, issue of the "Flying Fig" — official organ of the above organization. The following facts were presented: A year previously, 30 October, 1946, Leroy Dee, by various arrangement mailed a registered letter containing a series of predictions, to Phil Clever, one of the editors of the magazine. Both men are interested in the genuine aspects of prophecy, and this arrangement was made as a test of Mr. Dee's prophetic ability. The letter was left sealed, its receipt only witnessed, and it was then locked away. Shortly before the deadline for the last October issue of the publication, Mr. Clever sent the sealed letter to John Brunn, of Cincinnati, O., editor-in-chief. Mr. Brunn opened the letter and arranged for its appearance in the magazine.

Dated Oct. 25, 1946, Mr. Dee's prediction was of approximately correct world-wide economic conditions, the need for European relief, the internal strife in Greece, the absolute theory recovery of Japan, continued strained relations with Russia, the end of sugar rationing in the Spring of 1947, no cut in taxes, many air accidents (one fatality an individual high in the diplomatic service), and major fires with heavy loss of life, and an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Truman (not to be made public until after the expiration of Mr. Truman's term).

Then came the following startling statements: "During the summer months [1947] there will be considerable excitement and speculation concerning mysterious objects to be seen in the sky by hundreds of persons in various states. The true nature of the objects will not be made known to the public until several years afterward."

For weeks this prediction puzzled the writer. Part of the statements in the prophecy could have been logically inferred by the flow of events, but despite the "foo fighters" and the "ghost rockets" of Northern Europe, I could not see for this prediction of an unprecedented wave of

observations in this country could have been made by the use of normal, rational deductions. I finally decided to write to Mr. Gee, introducing myself both as a fellow-magician and a student of psychic phenomena.

Mr. Gee replied with a series of lengthy letters, and we are now, in fact, steady correspondents. And, as I had suspected, his amazing "saucer" prediction had a supernormal basis. He wrote: "The set of predictions published in the 'Linking Ring' were, I believe, a combination of thoughts received by genuine extra-sensory perception and others based on reasoning, both conscious and unconscious. The prediction in which you are interested, regarding 'Flying Saucers,' can be explained only as extra-sensory perception."

In general it may be stated that Mr. Gee's impressions of the nature of the saucers or discs agree with those expressed by the Mark P. controls. He believes that there is a race of beings nearby, infinitely superior to us in knowledge, yet in some unexplainable way related to us. Apparently they have a great deal of interest and knowledge concerning what goes on upon this earth of ours, and they project influences to us, yet with a desire to refrain from actual interference in man's progress, if possible. Perhaps the atomic age will render actual intervention necessary.

These beings are not spirits. Their messages, calm and reassuring, seem to come from an outside non-human source. They are silent watchers -- just beyond our ken. Mr. Gee states that he receives his impressions in a relaxed, almost dream-like state, but not a trance state. The messages come in "flashes," usually at unexpected moments, and the revelations are entirely foreign to whatever he may be thinking of at the moment. They cannot be received at will and the phenomenon is beyond the control of the will. In other words, he cannot make a specific prophecy about a specific event, and making up a set of predictions requires much time. Nevertheless, when the contact is established, Mr. Gee can ask questions and receive definite replies. He discovered his ability at an early age, and it increased as he grew older. Many remarkable premonitions have occurred throughout his personal life involving members of his family and friends.

Mr. Gee has received the following information about the discs: They are friendly extra-terrestrial craft brought by these intelligences for reconnaissance and perhaps to prepare us for revealment to come later. They are much concerned with current world conditions, especially since the discovery of atomic power is considered to be premature, and its utilization as a weapon before it was used otherwise a definite set-back to progress. They have been here before --

many times through the ages -- but they have not been ready to reveal their true selves. That they will come again within a few years -- "perhaps, though unlikely, definite messages will be given then. More likely, stronger mental messages, broadcast to those who may receive; thor, if necessary, directly to some who are in power." They are not "gods." However, they are so far ahead of us that they would seem to be gods; hence, for one reason, their hesitancy in showing too much of their presencee. Their appearances in times past have indeed been the foundation of some of our superstitions and religious beliefs.

Mr. Gee adds that "there is a Creator, an infinite intelligence greater than they; that their understanding is incomplete, though manifoldly more than ours; and that they do not wish to tread upon his ground by permitting us to look on them as "gods," nor to direct our religious beliefs --However, I feel that the idea of God as a strictly personal being is rather narrow, and that He is considered by them as an all-pervading spirit of intelligence and goodness, not a person. While they are concerned with us, others of them with lesser inhabitants of other planets, etc., there is one great reservoir of all intelligence, and Creator of all."

Additional impressions are that the realm of these beings is much larger than our own, and that telepathy is a commonplace faculty among them. Moreover, they are aware that here and there some humans are gropingly but surely developing this "extra" sense, and to them are coming these messages of encouragement and information. Mr. Gee suggests the possibility of those who are unusually developed as telepathic recipients forming a group to attempt united contact with these beings. As a result, and when they come again a few years hence, there may be "revelations which may upset the equanimity of many scientists and even religious leaders."

As to Mr. Gee's own ability -- he was tested by Dr. J. B. Rhine and his associates at Duke University, and he attained one of the highest, if not the highest, scores in ESP receptions ever recorded by the investigators. He once made 48 consecutive "calls" without an error with ESP cards, and from another source I learn that he made another run with 25 consecutive correct replies. With this astonishing and proved evidence of his ability, what he has to say about his other impressions is certainly of importance.

It was only after Mr. Gee made his report to me that he was introduced to the Mark P. control accounts as published in the Round Robin and Flying Roll. Independently, Mr. Gee, who actually foretold the coming of the discs, had reached the same general conclusions. Both avenues of information point to the same common source, and both sources now tell us that the discs will come again, that in their coming there is hope, and that even greater revelations lie ahead of us.

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- CONCERNING EVOLUTION -

by M. C.

Evolution has been described as an 'eternal value' of life. This is an idea based upon partial observation of sensible phenomena. The conclusion has been applied to the spiritual nature of man and to the mind, also, until humanity is said to enjoy a three-fold evolution.

This is inconsistent with other assertions made by the same thinkers. If life is ONE, then its evolution must be ONE, and if this is admitted, then the so-called evolutions of mind and form are seen to be illusions that stem from incomplete observation and resultant faulty or partial comprehension of the entire picture of life, or worldly existence.

If evolution itself is not causal, it can hardly be called an eternal value. It is both possible and reasonable to think of evolution as the by-product, within the field of illusion, of an apparent reaction between two discriminated forms of energy, sometimes called life and consciousness, matter and spirit, and other supposedly absolute opposites. It may not be a predetermined plan, or even a planned operation (as a whole) taking any definite length of time for its accomplishment. It may not be an end, and it may not even be a means. It may be a by-product which appears whenever enlightenment, understanding, comprehension, illumination, awareness, initiation -- whatever you wish to call it -- has taken place.

If that is so, it is the ash left wherever there has been a burning between the two energies -- the Fire and Air of the Alchemists, and to study evolution in the hope of gaining further enlightenment is to probe the ashes in the hope of discovering the nature of fire or the truth about it.

For instance: a man decides to climb a hill and look beyond it. When he reaches the peak from which he can see beyond, his footsteps will form a definite pattern stretching from his feet backward down the mountainside to the place from which he started his climb. That pattern was not pre-ordained -- unless the power to choose is completely rejected for human beings. Its form was created by a myriad transient causes that presented themselves as he went along. Surely it is not the only possible pattern. It may not be the most practical pattern for another being.

He might have chosen any of a number of other pathways, short or long, steep or easier. However, the pattern of his steps might lead someone to suppose after some study that Universal Intelligence had planned for steps to be taken in order to see beyond hilltops: that man up there is seeing, or so we believe, or accept; therefore these steps of his must be The Proper Steps.....

Suppose a winged creature, without investigating his own form and nature, subscribed to such an idea? What would he ever know or understand of his own particular form (illusion) of life and consciousness if he patiently duplicated the footsteps of a different creature? Can enlightenment be gained by doubling and redoubling illusion?

This, and all other similes are inaccurate and inadequate, because enlightenment cannot be compared to any experience limited by sense impressions of space, time, form or any other discriminated concept.

Illumination, in one sense, is the breaking down of the barrier between the concept of Life and the concept of Consciousness, under what ever names they may appear in the mind. The barrier has been pointed out again and again by the world's great teachers and preachers who have sometimes given it disturbing descriptive names—but, actually, no such barrier exists as an external, objective thing. It is thought to exist because people do not see their existence in the worlds in its entirety and cannot, therefore, evaluate it as a whole, completely. They compare what appear to them to be its various parts -- the fragments of which they are willing (choose) to be conscious or aware.

Examination of the revelations shows that people do not evolve from a little self to a great self unless they willfully (by choice) make the effort to do so by attaching themselves to karmic influences. When they do so, the result is the same as if a beggar, sleeping in a ditch, dreamed of himself as a great king who had conquered the world. From one point of view the evolution and conquest are as real as rice. However, from a wider point of view that includes more of the 'whole' their reality becomes open to some question.

Evolution, then, is the business of illusion. It may have the effect of increasing the probabilities in favor of enlightenment much as practise at an instrument will increase the probabilities of a musician's hitting the right note at the right time, but the practise does not produce the music itself, much as it may help to make other people aware of music.

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As it is, the focus of world interest is turning upon psychology as never before. Of all the branches of science, the study of human nature must be vigorously and earnestly promoted by all the means available, if the world chaos of which we have been solemnly warned and shockingly reminded is to be avoided ... Big changes, fundamental ones, are due in psychology. With the psychocentric view of man established, psychology becomes once again, in a more significant sense, the science of mental life. Man as a person is returned to the center of the psychological stage, in place of the behavioristic artifact, the cerebro-centric robot, which had supplanted him ...

(J.B.Rhine, The Reach of the Mind, p. 208)

FATE - COSMIC REPORTER"

Number 1, volume 1 of FATE magazine, a quarterly issued by the Clark Publishing Company, 139 No. Clark St., Chicago 2, has made its long-heralded appearance - 128 pages of articles and features, allegedly no fiction, and said to have as its real purpose "reporting the unbiased truth." This "truth" however consists of the new kind of news, which Round Robin has for three years past been thrusting upon its own readers - facts and events of more vast and vital import than any economic depression, threat of war. or scientific achievement. "Uncommunicable news" almost, of such desperate significance that neither press nor public under - stands it, and no ordinary news channel will publicise it. Whether FATE will deal with this material honestly, carefully, and intelligently, remains to be seen. The requirements upon its editors are peculiar and difficult, and their responsibility is serious. But the quality of this first issue justifies, it seems to us, our present review, especially since some of the contributors and best friends of Round Robin appear on its list of authors.

1. "I Did See the Flying Disks" is by Kenneth Arnold, business man and flyer who on June 24 observed and reported the chain of nine discs between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams. His account is short, factual and adequate. "Before the night was over" he writes "I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world, and to date I have not received one call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. The only dis - belief I know of was printed in the papers. I look at this whole affair as not some- thing funny ... to me it is mighty serious ... Though I openly invited an investiga- tion by the Army and the FBI, I received no interest from these two important protect- ive forces of our country until two weeks after my observation."

2. "What were the Doughnuts?" - by John C. Ross. is an analysis, with photographs, of all military aircraft that even remotely resemble the "Discs". "If Kenneth Arnold really did see the 'flying doughnuts' and if they performed as he said they did , I do not believe they were manufactured in the United States or in the Soviet Union or even on the Planet Earth itself ... If he did see what he describes, it was a train of space ships from some other planet." Mr. Ross is a science writer and a special student of aircraft.

3. "The Mystery of the Flying Discs" is a 29-page article summing up a mass of data and various strange happenings in connection with the Discs. Anybody who will read this carefully, especially in comparison with the eight pages of data published recently by the Fortean magazine DOUBT, and can still think the subject is either illusory or unimportant, is mentally beneath the reach of evidence and argument. And some items set forth in this article are oddly disquieting. Who made the anonymous phone calls identifying the pilot and co-pilot hours before the army released the names, of the officers killed in the crash of the B-25 carrying "classified Material" believed to be fragments of a crashed Disc? Who told the United Press the details of the conference going on at the same time, in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma? The room was ransacked for concealed dictaphones. And why has so little attention been given to the circumstantial story of Dahl and Crissman of the Tacoma Harbor Patrol, who observed and photographed six of the Discs at comparitively close range, on the afternoon of June 21? "Evidence uncovered by the editors of this magazine prove that the army and navy and air-force Intelligence has been seriously handi - capped by the fiasco that resulted from newspaper publicity ... the matter became a laughing stock ... the net result of the newspaper debacle was a closing down of thousands of possible sources of vital information"... This whole article is packed with vital information - and the attitude of the American Press throughout the whole affair to date has been one of criminal ignorance and contempt; there is no better example in history of its incredible stupidity and childishness.

4. In "Radio's Strangest Mystery", RR friend Vincent H. Gaddis writes of the "Mars Messages" - a subject he also discussed in Flying Roll (companion publication to

Round Robin) for September 1947. The two accounts should be read in conjunction; they contain practically all the available data on a very strange and possibly very im - portant happening.

5. In "Twenty Million Maniacs", G.H. Irwin deals with the problem of people who "suffer the delusion of hearing voices". But this quoted phrase is from the title; Mr. Irwin himself says "these voices DO exist" and in the next sentence, "disbelief in them is dangerous IF the voices do exist". Maybe yes, maybe no, says Mr. Irwin; but he points to an alarming outburst of criminality which is associated with these voices, whether they be fact or delusion. He is full of alarms and questions and speculations -- and his one and only recourse is to invoke the aid of PSYCHIATRISTS - who as a professional group are probably as ignorant, dogmatic and actually dangerous as any similar organization can be. The answer to all psychiatric problems, includ- ing "delusions" of voices, lies in psychic, spiritistic and occult research and knowledge. This knowledge is possessed by a great number of people, but seldom indeed does one find a psychiatrist who even knows that it exists, or will admit it if he knows it; 99% of the M.D.'s are of course no better informed or more tolerant. Nor is there the slightest chance that the majority of these professional men - "guardians" of the public health, will ever learn any better - since they have had their chance and failed, time runs short and it is 'later than we think.' It is a great pity, however, that writers as competent as Mr. Irwin cannot do more than cry Wolf-Wolf!" and beg for psychiatrists (!) to rush to the rescue. Wickland spent forty years in experimental w ork bearing on this question; he and scores of others accumulated mountains of data which no 'psychiatrist' and few M.D.'s have even heard of - nor, apparently, Mr. Irwin either. But even the futility of his article is better than no comment at all - since we venture to add that this situation he describes is far more serious than he has yet dreamed of - and its roots are in soil where neither he nor his all-potent 'psychiatrists' will ever learn to dig.

6. "Invisible Beings Walk the Earth" - by R.J. Crescenzi. This article is straight spiritualism, and details convincing phenomena of physical and mental mediumship. The author believes that "only about a fourth of the mediums are genuine", but "only another fourth out-and-out fakes," the rest are "self-hypnotized, or work both "through spirit and their objective selves." Our notion is, this estimate is wide of the facts, but the matter is of small importance anyway. We're interested in the fact that FATE actually dares to print an article affirming flatly the reality of survival and communication. All the phenomena described of course have been set down hundreds of times before - along with a host of other facts equally well attest- ed and much more sensational; but the public as a whole, and particularly the scientifiction fans & pulp-paper devotees have only the remotest inkling of such facts (if any at all), and FATE does a good deed in a stupid world by telling the story all over again where enthusiasts of scientism will maybe get hold of it.

7. In "Science and the Soul", Round Robin friend Roger P. Graham defines science and scientific method, believes that "if man is immortal we can find out", that it is a problem for science and not for religion, and describes spiritualism, occultism, and modern psychology as "three schools of thought"; he concludes that the whole problem"properly belongs to science and science must accept it." RR editor, if re- writing this article from his own point of view, would have to rephrase practically every statement - but hails it as a triumphant and noteworthy event, that a physic- ist and mathematician, of the mental calibre of Roger Graham, should declare that the problem of the existance of the "soul" is one which "science must accept."

There's an article, too, on automatic writing, on construction secrets of the great pyramid, on giants in ancient America, and some 15 other shorts we cannot mention here. On the whole, this first issue of FATE is admirable. Can its editors maintain this standard? Do they <u>really</u> know <u>real</u> news - the 'new' kind of news when they see it, urgent and vital. The Discs (or Lokas as RR calls them) are

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The discs

constructed first of all, as to pattern or design, by cooperative thought action of Etherean engineers. The matter of the etheric world can be manipulated by thought-energy. This construction can then be filled out, so to speak, by particles of dense matter from our own world - that is to say, it 'materializes'. When it does this, it becomes visible to our sight and can operate in our sphere of existance. These con - cepts are elementary to occult thinking - however great the ignorance of scientism may be concerning them. Some of the discs carry a crew, others (probably the very small ones) are managed by remote control, though in a manner unfamiliar to us. This probably accounts for their singular mode of flight (at times) in a kind of tandem formation. It is possible for them to suffer accident while in our region of matter, but both operators and discs can re-enter the etheric by reversing the process by which they materialized here. So far, none of the factual data of observation is in-consistent with this description.

Coming now to the great variety of strange craft, quite different in appearance from the discs or Lokas, and which even some occultists have believed to be inter-planetary space ships; the Communicators have lately been closely questioned about these, and have declared emphatically that they have the same place and manner of origin as do the discs. They simply represent a series of experiments by the Etherians, at navigation in our atmosphere. "When you people of the earth plane invent an aircraft or an engine, for instance" said one of the Controls, "you do not rest content with it; you keep right on improving it and trying many different types and models. These Ethereans do exactly the same."

But why are these visitors here? The Controls have agreed that the Ethereans are not hostile - "But if they are attacked they will retaliate, and the result will be the destruction of the attacker; they have powerful armament." Their visits to the earth are nothing new. "Even in my time" says a Control who claims to be an ancient Chinese philosopher, "craft somewhat similar to these were seen. They have made sporadic and occasional visits to the earth for thousands of years past."....

"They have often come simply in quest of knowledge, just as you make expeditions to far-off places, to the Polar regions or to central Asia --

"They are not here with intent to interfere in your affairs --

"Nevertheless, if there is another world war, employing nuclear energies, they may be forced to intervene. The release of the atomic forces has disturbed their sphere of existance rather seriously --

"Let it be understood that if ever such intervention becomes necessary, it will be wholly impersonal. There will be no taking of sides. It is contrary to the Law, that any one plane should interfere with the processes by which another works out its destiny.--

"They are vastly your superiors in science - though every plane has its special forms of development and progress, so that we speak of differences, but not often of superiority or inferiority --

"The Ethereans are large people, up to 15 ft. in height. I would say that they belong to the human order of evolution - that is, you would not call them Devas or Nature Spirits. Yet the great forms you have seen and photographed, in the clouds and on the surface of the earth also, somewhat resemble them --

"You ask why they are now suddenly present in large numbers. I shall tell you. Always, when a civilization, a culture has reached its height and is destined to collapse, the Ethereans have appeared in numbers. They come to make examination and final record, for their own knowledge, of the status of that civilization - somewhat as you might do with disappearing tribes and races. And it is true also that they have been alerted and disturbed by your release of atomic energies. But all past civilizations and races have had their day, and failed in some way, and passed out of earth existance. So with your own civilization. The Etherean people came, and observed, and made their historical records. So they they come now.

"They would communicate with you - if a signal system, preferably one using

colored lights, were devised. But this probably will NOT take place, simply because if anyone on your plane claimed to have established such communication you would put him in a strait-jacket. --

"Why is it so hard for your men of science at least to understand the existance of an etheric world? Everything which exists in your world came out of the etheric - materialized from an etheric form into dense matter."

This communicator, as has been said, claims (for members of the group) a distinguished identity. *Such assertions are, obviously, incapable of proof. The only question of real importance is the intrinsic nature of the communication - the knowledge and power of reasoning displayed, its bearing on other generally accepted data, and the general tone and impression made by the whole personality. In all these respects the Control we have quoted ranks very high - and it has been noticed that other communicators refer to him with great respect, and accept his alleged identity. And to repeat, the other Controls - that is, some half-dozen of them - have affirmed the same basic facts about the discs and the etherean people; there is no disagreement among them, so far as this particular group is concerned.

The RR Editors pass this information along to you, only repeating that we have gained a good degree of confidence in these communicators, though without attributing to them an omniscience they are the first to disclaim. At least they should have opportunities for knowledge not accessible to us; hence, if they are honest, we should be able to learn much from them. The correctness of the facts they have given us, or their falsity, cannot be determined by any means save the fast-unfolding future. What we believe or disbelieve personally, what this and that 'authority' or 'expert' has to say about it, what religionists may declaim, or logicians infer or deduce has no value at all - or, has exactly the value you personally may attach to it. The question of the Lokas, like the issues of war or peace, or of vast seismic convulsions, will be settled by the progress of events. But we cannot dismiss them from our minds, simply because, having at least semi-rational and reflective faculties, is it is not in our human nature to do so.

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Seance Reports:

As many of our readers know, reports of the Mark P. seances have been issued at irregular intervals, two or three months, in booklet form, about 30 pages each. Four of these have already appeared, No. V is now being mimeographed, and No. 6 will follow within a few weeks (a shorter interval than usual). It is our opinion that the quality of these trance communications is steadily improving and their interest increasing. The New Age Interpreter, the Kosmon Pioneer, and several spiritualist publications have given these booklets favorable notice, and a well-known scholar and Theosophical writer tells us that "they may yet come to be regarded as a classic" in the sense of being a remarkable storehouse of material for students of psychical research. Issue No. V contains important matter, and Issue VI will cover four consecutive seances in which an attempt was made to establish communication with an entranced (hypnotized) subject in London. The English medium was instructed, under hypnosis, to visit the Mark P. group in San Diego, to act as a control for Mark Probert, and to deliver and receive code messages. Tho' the code was not transmitted, much valuable information was obtained. (Address RR for these Reports - $1.00 each)**

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* The identity claimed by this Control will be given to anyone sufficiently curious to inquire: it has been withheld from publication by his own request - and probably wisely so, since distinguished names awaken scepticism, often well justified.

** The phenomena of these seances are those of trance mediumship only - i.e. wholly verbal communications; they are not 'message circles' and not religious in nature, nor are they 'test seances', or designed to 'prove' any particular thesis.

(Correspondence)

Mysterious Lights ...

Editor, Round Robin:

I have read with at least average interest the reports on discs, fire balls etc. Recently I have been wondering whether an experience of mine would be of any interest to you.

During part of the war I was in command of the U.S.S. Peridot PYc-18. In 1942-43 we were serving in the central Pacific. In 1943 a bombing raid was made on Wake Island. We were stationed approximately 50 miles south of Midway Island, to act as a picket and rescue ship for returning bombers. Late that night we saw flares, or rather what we took to be flares. We assumed that these were being dropped by planes trying to find their way back and proceeded in their direction. The lights continued to appear on and off for perhaps an hour, during which time we chased after them, going so far as to give recognition signals on our searchlight. Eventually the lights simply disappeared. The next day we returned to port and found no planes had been in that area during the night and the authorities had no idea of what might have caused such lights. Naturally I had taken the precaution of calling the crew to general quarters. Probably twenty officers and men were topside, all of whom saw the lights. Whatever they were, they were not a figment of my imagination.

Later, a similar experience again occurred. We were patroling off Honolulu when we saw similar lights somewhere east of us but apparently within the bounds of Kaiwi Channel. We reported unidentified lights to the Patrol Area Commander, and almost immediately after we went off the air another ship made a similar report. We were ordered to investigate, Several hours of running the channel produced no results. Again we were informed ashore that there had been no planes showing the lights in the area. I have no explanation of any kind to offer.

P.J. Rasch

(Mr. Rasch writes that he would like to obtain "a pamphlet or other inexpensive publication on the Bell Witch." The book entitled The Bell Witch - a Mysterious Spirit, was written by Charles Bailey Bell, M.D. of the Medical Department of the University of Nashville; copyrighted by the author, 1934, no publisher given. We recommend that persons wanting this book place a standing order with Occult Sciences Library Service, 15 No. Maryland Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. - also with Millie Lukes, 3006 Lake Park Ave., Chicago 16, Ill - and/or other responsible dealers. We print this inquiry on the chance that some reader may have a copy for sale, or some pertinent information concerning this very mysterious case. Address Mr. Rasch at 715 West 112th St., Los Angeles, 44, Calif.).

February Round Robin and the Huna Concepts:

Editor, Round Robin:

Congratulations on the February issue of RR. It is the best issue that I have read. The article on disease germs is excellent and has opened new vistas for speculation, on my part at least. I have been a spiritual healer (unpaid) for a number of years, and will now have new confidence in treating infectious diseases, as I can now understand the modus operandi of spiritual healing in reference to germ-caused diseases.

All that I know of Huna is what I have read in your periodicals, but I have sent for Mr. Long's book, so I hope to eventually know more about it. There is one theorem in Huna, however, to which I take exception, and that is the concept of three different entities occupying or controlling, or possibly manifesting through the same vehicle would be more accurate. This reminds me of the mediaeval (and modern) theologians concept of Deity - Father - Son - Holy Ghost.

Actually, man has but one mind and the connotations of sub- and superconsciousness are but expressions of the different levels of function. Thomas J. Hudson, in his "Law of Psychic Phenomena" is probably the originator of the concept of the

concept of the subconscious mind. But I do not think he ever had the concept of two distinct minds in this connotation.

Personally I prefer the theosophical concept that man is a septenary being while on the material plane. This counts the soul as being one of the seven bodies - (which it is not). The soul, the entity, the auric egg, the I, is one and indivisible. The nomenclature of Huna, in dividing the I into three parts, while acceptable as an expression of the different levels upon which consciousness functions, is confusing to many students as it gives them the idea that multiple personalities manifest through all of us - which is not true except in cases of obsession.

I notice in RR an impatience with the 'masses'. Let me quote from Zanoni: Mejnour tells Glyndon, "When wisdom contemplates humanity, the result is either compassion or disdain." ... I, being one of the masses myself, have compassion for my fellows who are deluded and preyed upon by both church and state, and give my full measure of disdain to the intellectual fools whom I will no longer consort with.

While your periodicals may not have a large circulation, I am sure that they go to the 'salt of the earth', and in upholding and spreading the light you are doing a splendid and worthwhile job. - In friendship

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(Round Robin of course is neither a 'popular' nor a 'high-brow' publication, but its Editors take great satisfaction/being able to hold the interest of highly intelligent and widely informed students of psychic and occult matters. Except for the basic facts of survival and communication, RR represents no cult and defends no dogmas. If the data it presents are often 'sensational', the sensationalism is in the facts themselves and not imported by RR in hope of adding to its circulation. And our 'impatience' is or should be always with the leaders of the masses - "blind mouths/ Who creep and climb and intrude into the fold" - the 'intellectual fools' to whom our correspondent also refers, and whose responsibility in the present world-crisis is indeed a heavy one).

Professor Twining's Communication (RR - IV - 2).

Editor Round Robin:

'The ideas expressed in the communication from Professor Twining fit perfectly with the work I am trying to do in this same field (psycho-physical theory)' "' Between action and thought' (says the communicator) 'there are lacunae, or spaces of at least comparitive inaction, momentary gaps of blankness.' He mentions mind atoms and mental quanta. 'The stream of consciousness as understood by psychologists is an illusion. Identity does not depend on or derive from continuity.'

If this is so, the perceptual mind, that section of consciousness through which the entity recognizes an objective world, functions somewhat in the manner of a stroboscope. If we look at rapidly moving machinery we see only a blur under steady light. A stroboscope produces a brilliant but intermittent light. The duration of illumination is very short, the periods of darkness are long. The periods of light can be adjusted to the speed of the machinery so that it will appear to be stationary or moving slowly, backward or forward.

Another analogy is a coaxial telephone cable. A large number of voices can be carried both ways on this, and the unscrambling is done much the same way as when the stroboscope 'stops' the machinery. The receiver is 'on' only during those intervals when the wave pattern passing through the machine has the 'impression' of the transmitter. When receiver and transmitter are synchronized, all other waves falling in the 'off' intervals are excluded. Radios work this way. We imagine the carrier wave makes the difference - but the same ether carries them all; the carrier wave

simply determines the 'off' and 'on' intervals of transmitter and receiver..

Thus, the cosmos is conceived to be a mass of waves of energy, that the perceptual mind winks on and off at such a frequency as to register only certain groups of the cosmic wave patterns; the effect is to give us, the spiritual entity, a limited perception of them, which appears to us as a three-dimensional, physical world. When one's perceiving mind gets out of step, one has 'hallucinations', because of seeing or sensing groups of waves we are not normally aware of. If we should lose the 'particulating' action of our minds, we would get all the stations, and the world would be a mussed-up blur without meaning.

In my writing to ... I called a thought-atom by the name IDEO. In that idea we have assumed a particle or a number of particles going around an axis, or axes, like electrons in an atom. Mental electrons of this sort might perhaps be called METATRONS or IDEOTRONS. .. I'm still chewing on Roger Graham's article in Flying Roll Delta II. They all seem to be headed the same way. Something may come of this yet.

John A. Hilliard (Engineer).

(Round Robin is indebted to engineer Hilliard for the striking analogy of the stroboscope, and for his very lucid thinking from the standpoint of the physical sciences. When the time comes that scientific minds on both sides of the 'veil'- on both planes of existance - can freely cooperate, and do so for right purposes, a new life for mankind will be in the making.)

In lighter vein Advertisement appearing under Personals in Washington Herald of Feb. 3, 1948: "ANYONE, anywhere, who saw a man become invisible eight years ago, on May 3, 1940, please write immediately to Virginia Davenport Hunt, 74 T St.,N.W., Wash.,D.C., as an invisible man has been with me for almost eight years." ... Clip from Mary Judith Hyde. ... 'Anxious Inquirer' asks Editor about this: "Is the gal nuts?" ... Comment by Editor: No comment!

London Daily Express prints a cable from Spain; reprinted by New Yorker: "A Santander surgeon, Vicente Quintana, stated today that he and 29 other persons heard a cat speak. He said: Just after the death of the cat's mistress Senora Tomasa Quintana Gomezacebo, and while the family and friends were saying prayers, the cat kept saying in a sad tone for ten minutes, 'Let me alone. Shut up.'

"I believe" (said Dr. Quintana)"that this is merely a phenomenon, the animal repeating words it heard an old family servant say, and I don't attach undue importance to it."

Clip from Mrs Helen Lotreck. .. . All-inclusive comment by Mrs H.L.- OH! Further comment by RR Editor: AH-HA!

UP dispatch from RYE, England : Mine host of the Standard Inn here is worried by a poltergeist, which overturns tables, scrambles bed sheets and scatters clothing- experts of the SPR are on the watch ... superstitious folk say it's the ghost of a mayor of Rye, murdered on the inn doorstep in the 14th century ... The real crux and peril of this matter is, will the geist open the beer taps, maybe even start drinking the stuff, now in short supply in England. (Clip from Mrs. H.Lotreck) -- Englishmen have put up with a great deal from poltergeists, but there are LIMITS, sir! There are LIMITS!

And from Stockholm, Sweden; one Bishop Bohlin orders investigation of spooks and spooking "in a vicarage near a deep forest, when the moon was full" - reported by five clergymen, "very intelligent persons with a critical sense." -- Well, we have advocated this for years; we mean, a systematic spooking of orthodox clergymen and sceptical scientists, particularly of psychiatrists and M.D.'s. Thirty seconds with a damp-clammy-hant can out-argue 30 books-full of evidence, any time. (Clip from Florence Wilcox).

Oddities
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Items various

Kosmon Pioneer - which does Round Robin the honor of frequently reprinting selected articles, has two pages dealing with "Etherean Ships" in its March issue. "According to Pahspe, there are a million varieties of fire-ships, of sizes from ten miles across to the breadth of a world. The different names of the ships are called after the manner of their construction" (some 20 of which are enumerated), and there are various methods of propulsion. Some are driven by "vibrating chords of music, others by colors made in waves of sound, and their carrying capacities "allow thousands of millions to be transported at one time." -- Whatever one may think of Oahspe in other respects, its descriptive and imaginative range probably exceeds that of any other work ever produced. -- Concerning the "Space Ship" reprint on page 17 of this K.P. Bulletin, RR wishes to add, for whatever the reader may think it is worth, the emphatic statement of the seance controls (Mark P. seances) that the discs or Lokas and the other air craft of entirely different construction, all come from the same source in the etheric worlds, and are constructed by beings of the same order (Etheroans); they merely represent different types of experimental development.

Journal of the British Interplanetary Society (said to include "many prominent British scientists") has a long article on a "probable future race to establish bases on the moon" with a resulting sanguinary struggle extending throughout the solar system. Recommended reading for people who cannot find enough in our own terrestial present and near future to worry about, and for scientifiction enthusiasts generally.
(Clip from Mrs G.B.Lambert)

Ghostly Pips heads an item from an Eureka (Calif.) paper of March 7., which refers to a Satevo Post write-up of the Landing Aids Experiment Station near that city. The "pips" appear "without rhyme or reason on the radar scope when no plane is in the air. The strange invisible objects always seem to move at 30 miles an hour. Their presence even baffles the inventors of ground radar control"(!!) This apparently is a visible phenomenon in the scope, and hence different in some respects from the "radar ghosts" or "angels". Round Robin's "Astral News-Station" informs us, the "angels" are semi-materializations, or 'densifications' of the finer forms of matter existing in space - dense matter in embryo, so to speak. What the "pips" may be, the 'baffled inventors' may be able to tell us in time - or may not.
(Clip from George Hume)

N.Y. dispatch of March 5 concerns a "new volcano forming inside a huge glacier on the south side of Iceland" to the alarm of Icelandic volcanologists. Blue flames are shooting into the sky over a 3,280 square-mile glacier, in the vicinity of the Myrdal volcano and close to dormant Laki, whose eruption killed 9,500 people in 1783. "The Volcanoes Declare War" writes geologist Jaggar, whom we refer to on another page - and in fact seismic disturbances are on the increase throughout the world.
(Clip from Mrs. Lambert)

Page Mr. Max Freedom Long - and the ghosts of the Kahunas! News Week for Feb. 2 last prints a half-page on "Death Mystery in Hawaii". There have been 38 'mystery deaths, in Hawaii, of Filipinos, recent arrivals and long-time residents, from all districts of the Philippines. About 80% of the bodies showed inflammation of the pancreas, but medical experts are "completely baffled" as to the cause. "Frightened natives whispered that the Filipinos had been prayed to death through the voodoo rites called Kahuna", but even this was doubted because "not one of the dead young men was hated." We do not interpret - but for a look behind the scenes at the very real life-and death magic of Polynesia, read Mr. Long's remarkable new book, The Secret Science Behind Miracles.(Extract from this on another page).

Poisoning, murder, intemperate living, the tropical "fluke" and other theories have been eliminated by the investigators. All the men were between 32 and 38 years, unmarried, laborers, in good health - and all died between 1 and 4 o'clock a.m.

TEST C": "Is Test C to be Secret" is the headline of an article in Science News Letter of February 7. The writer speculates as to whether "test Charlie", originally planned for deep water off Bikini, will now be held in open sea in the Eniwetok area, with effect on submarines as its principal object. "As a matter of permanent policy, all press and radio observers are excluded from the Eniwetok area.", and "top-secret atom bomb experiments are scheduled for this new mid-Pacific proving ground." Whether the deep-water test will be restored to the program is conjectural - but we would not put it past the authorities, who still have little comprehension of certain dangers involved. This area is said to be geologically un - stable, and this is the year for which a distinguished volcanologist has predicted earthquakes and eruptions in the Pacific of extreme violence - "The Volcanoes Declare War." It is, therefore, exactly the place and time for this further extremely dangerous release of nuclear energies!! ... Whom the Gods would destroy --

In this connection we add a note sent to RR Editor "for your information" by a well-known publicist: "The USA, whose motto should be changed from In God We Trust, to We Stop at Nothing, is storing underground 200,000 TONS of A-Bombs"..... RR does not care to reprint sensational rumours, incapable of verification. In this instance, however, the alleged facts are highly plausible and also of deep public concern - both the Test C and the accumulation of the nuclear weapons.

Connecticut Geist . . . Rather a good ghost story comes in a clip from Hartford Times of January 24, tells of happenings in an old mansion of Revolutionary times. Georgie-the-Ghost is invisible, apparently harmless, but likes to roll up window shades on six windows in succession, walks the hall at 3:00 a.m. puts lighted cigarets in the ash tray, whistles, once washed and wiped the dishes - and he, It or Something makes all the sounds of an automobile coming in onto the driveway. Then a young woman, stranger, called at the house, said she lived there as a child, and inquired "Is Mortimer still here?" - meaning "Georgie" of course. Clip from Helen Monks, who thinks it is probably just a good story stretched in the telling, but "worth passing on" - with which RR agrees.

Odd Psychism: Mrs. H.M. Plemon of Long Beach, Calif. (known to many RR readers) looks at newspaper photographs and immediately sees numerous faces surrounding them, which she sketches in with pencil. Many of the faces are those of children, the costumes, so far as visible, are usually old-fashioned. The "artist on the other side" declares (by automatic writing) that the faces are those of friends and relatives of the person shown. "You see the lines as we form them. When I draw here, it is one who stands by; you follow the lines most definitely". Whatever the explanation may be, the faces are interesting and worth careful study. (Mrs Plemon's address is 59 Atlantic Ave.).

Danger Areas: Mrs W.J.Shade (Rt.1, Marietta, Ohio) inquires whether Fr. FGH has charted danger areas for other countries than the U.S. RR has no such information, but inquiries addressed to "F.G.H., Care of Round Robin, 3615 Alexia Pl.,San Diego, Calif." will be forwarded to him.

KAHUNA IDEAS

Concerning the Nature of the Complex and Healing

(From "The Secret Science Behind Miracles", by Max Freedom Long)*

What the doctors and psychologists have failed to see clearly is the rather startling fact that the subconscious or low self is not the only one afflicted with fixations of ideas - the complex.

Freud, Jung, Adler - all of them fixed their attention on the subconscious, not realizing that the conscious self had similar and equally dangerous fixes.

The astounding fact is that almost all persons have CONSCIOUS BELIEFS OR OPINIONS WHICH ARE FULLY AS FIXED AS ARE THOSE OF THE LOW SELF. ... Take the person who is set in some political belief. He has passed beyond all appeals to common sense and logic .. (or) any of the millions who have accepted a religion, and who close their minds entirely against any possible change of their opinion. New facts, new findings, or new circumstances make not the slightest impression on there individuals. They have developed a complexed system of beliefs or opinions WHICH ARE SHARED BY BOTH LOW AND MIDDLE SELF. .. If you wish to know whether a person has a complexed belief belief which is shared by his low self, watch to see whether the emotions react to any suggestion that the beliefs might be less than cofrect... The low self is the only one responsible for emotional reactions. The middle self reacts only with logic and reasoning unless it is entangled with the low self in holding complexed views, in which case reason fails to function as emotions flare.

A man's political complexes, fortunately, seldom react on his health. His religious fixations frequently cause endless illness and misfortune.

The Kahunas knew what the psychoanalyst has overlooked to a painful extent. It is the fact that when a man has "sinned", and his low and middle self agree that he has sinned, the low self may have a fixed idea that punishment must be given for sin. If this is the case, the low self may set about punishing the man through illness or accident.

(The author then cites the case of a young man who had a shared guilt complex of this kind, over his decision not to enter the ministry. He developed a dislike for every other occupation, and this amounted to a physical illness. The source of these attacks of illness was pointed out to the patient, but no cure was effected by doing so, for the reason that the complex was shared by both the low and middle selves - that is, the reasoning mind was already involved in it. "Recovery came only after the fixation was accepted as immutable and a school for ministers entered." The need for an understanding of the single and dual complex is urgent; "one out of every family of six will eventually need treatment on this core")

Present methods of treatment are far inferior to those used by the Kahunas", and a complex which cannot be cured, yet is not allowed to have its way, "creates a house divided against itself, which certainly will fall - into insanity or chronic invalidism. Dr. Edward S. Cowles said a few years ago, that mental conflicts caused by fixations were the direct cause of the steady lowering of nerve energy, which if continued ended in disaster.". This lowering "turns to a feeling of depression" and may lead into hysteria, fear, nervous break-down, mania and psychosis."

It might be added (Mr. Long continues) that during the gradual depletion there is always danger that a poltergeist type of low self which has been separated from its middle self may drive out the selves of the ailing body and obsess it .. With violent death so frequent in the two world wars, it is inevitable that there are more of these ghostly low self spirits waiting a chance to seize a body .. (there is) an alarming increase of insanity...In self defense we need to learn the Kahuna methods for combatting this .."

* Ch.xiv, pp. 244 ff. RR will continue with this and other highly important portions of Mr. Long's new book, in later issues. Kosmon Press, 2208 W. 11th. Los Angeles 6. Price $4.00).

Dr. Jaggar - and the Seventh Vial!

Mrs. S.H.A. of Coronado, Calif., sends us a 4-page clip from an unidentified* magazine, dealing with the predictions of scientist Thomas Augustus Jaggar, presently of the University of Hawaii, concerning probable seismic disturbances during 1948. * This Dr. - Professor Jaggar "is probably the most learned man in the world on the subject of volcanoes, also a recognized authority on earthquakes and tidal waves" and has a highly distinguished academic record. He is said to have predicted with considerable accuracy the eruption and lava flow of Mauna Loa (Nov. 1935), also the repeat eruption of lava dust from Kilauea in 1907, and the Pelee cataclysm of 1902 (within four days). He has studied volcanic action by firsthand observation in all parts of the world, and since 1911 has made intensive examination of the volcanoes of the Hawaiian group.

These studies reveal that in 1948 the world in general and Hawaii in particular "will experience the most terrific series of explosions that living man has yet known." The eruptions in Hawaii will be almost simultaneous with "a tremendous explosion of Tomburo in Japan", and volcanic activity on Tin Can Island, famous lava bed of the Polynesian chain, will also reach a crisis at the same time. "We are far from understanding the earth in its relations to tides and seasons" says Dr. Jaggar, "but the solid globe has a tide and the lava has a tide. In Hawaii and Australia the earth indulges in seasonal tipping, and in all volcanoes where the lava is visible there are physical records of decades-long cycles of activity." Dr. Jaggar"sees scant hope of avoiding huge loss of life and property in the forthcoming eruptions and quakes, some of which will come <u>in surprising locations.</u>"

All this is a cold-blooded statement of probabilities as seen by a great scientific authority, who has a remarkable record of accuracy in similar forecasts.

And one need not be mystically inclined, to believe that coming events cast shadows before them. The mind of man, which in mysterious ways transcends time and space, becomes aware of these shadows, though perhaps only as dreams, visions, presentiments and the stirring of deep instincts. We are seldom wise enough to interpret these at their correct value, but it is very foolish to take no note of them at all. So in this instance we append a few items, though without giving names. We can only assure our readers that they come from persons known to the Editor, and in whom he has confidence. The incidents themselves can be vouched for, though they cannot be evaluated, and they seem to connect with the forecasts made by Professor Jaggar.

(1) A psychic sensitive and excellent clairvoyant of good character, tells the Editor: "I was aware that I was standing in a street in Santa Barbara, and afterward on a house top in the same city, and I saw the water filling all the streets, coming in from the sea and rising higher and higher... Some two months later I suddenly seemed to be standing on a peak of the coast range mountains, and looking out toward the west, and everywhere there was water and nothing else, and no houses or living things to be seen. But I have no knowledge as to <u>when</u> this condition will come about..."

(2) A civilian employee of the Navy writes, that three fellow employees have recently experienced "very vivid dreams of seeing the Station under water and the workers trying frantically to find means of escape." This Station is near San Diego, Calif. "None of these people has ever heard of occultism... One of them saw water creeping down the streets and all the houses standing empty."

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*The magazine has been identified as a recent issue of PAGEANT (probably Jan.1,'48

(3) A correspondent of RR writes of having had as dinner partner a "well-known psychic" who "talked to me for more than an hour about occult matters and predictions and said: 'San Diego will suffer the results of a very severe earthquake. Some of the cliffs of Mission Hills (sic) will topple into the bay. The epicenter of the quake will be San Bernardino where the court house will be engulfed. Coronado will not be destroyed because it will ride like a cork.'"

Eruptions and quakes of great intensity in the Pacific might cause huge tidal waves as far away as the California coast; in addition it is almost certain that there would be earthquakes originating in the west coast area itself -- and, as Dr. Jaggar says, in other "surprising locations". -- Though we have no statistics comparative or otherwise, it seems certain that the press of the U.S. has reported a surprising number of earthquakes during the last few months. According to Dr. Jaggar again, "we are approaching the end of the 132-year world-cycle heretofore followed by the Fujiyama and Sakurajima chains, as well as the Hawaiian chain. The next sunspot cycle, which usually corresponds with such eruptions, is culminating." Active volcanoes have a cycle of about 132 years, and the half, quarter, and eighth periods also are significant. --Small wonder that "the Hawaiians are uneasy about Jaggar's predictions." --As to the "occult" side of these matters; the cyclic law or laws of which esotericists make much quite naturally is both physical and superphysical; the facts may be expressed in different terminologies, but to suppose there is any real separation of the two is neither good science nor intelligible philosophy.

Some of our readers infer, from the fact that we have published maps of zones of danger and comparative safety with reference to a predicted third (and last) world war, that RR is "advising" flight into these latter regions. But RR is NOT advising anybody to do anything of a specific sort; we merely pass on to our readers certain predictions, facts, and alleged facts for their information. Very few people indeed will be in a position to flee either from war or from convulsions of Nature, and anything like mass evacuation of cities or danger zones is impossible. IF the populace and the authorities alike had advance information, which was accurate, and thoroughly accepted by them, with even two or three years leeway, something could be done in the way of human and industrial salvage (tho' not very much, at that); but these preconditions cannot possibly be met. Perhaps you -- and you -- IF you are sufficiently convinced and impressed, and determined to survive, will work out some plan of your own and actually do something about it. But our guess is, that you won't.

HUNA STUDY AND EXPERIMENTAL GROUPS: Persons interested in this subject should first of all read the basic text (Secret Science Behind Miracles), and take note of study suggestion on pp 367 - 369. If a group can be formed, the members should choose a leader, a secretary and a treasurer, and arrange for regular meetings. Small HUNA pamphlets (32pp) may be had for a dollar a dozen, and membership cards will be issued. NO OBLIGATION is assumed, except the promise to help push forward Huna investigation and to spread information concerning it. Study material for group use is being prepared as rapidly as possible. Write to Max Freedom Long, 702 No. Cherokee Ave., Los Angeles 38, stating your interest in individual or group stdy. The book, Secret Science, is published by the Kosmon Press, 2208 W. 11th, Los Angeles 6. ($4.00)

Round Robin takes pleasure in assuring its readers that the formation of HUNA study groups is NOT a profit-making scheme; it is an attempt to spread abroad and utilize certain extremely valuable material. Nevertheless, in our opinion all study groups should certainly contribute something toward the constant expense of printing and mailing HUNA material - and should try to interest friends and acquaintances in this important psycho-educational project.

"Shooting Goes on as Usual"

by

Bertha Williams

This fall the staggering total of 13,000,000 hunters, an all-time record, will fire into woods and fields so bankrupt of game that 50 species have been reduced to extinction or are in imminent danger of it.

"...Even the deer, most numerous of all big game, has been reduced to one quarter of its former grazing range...

"Three times as many duck hunters as there were four seasons ago will turn out for the fall shooting...and even though the bird census revealed the hugest one-year decline in history, shooting will go on virtually as usual."

The shocking statements quoted above, together with others no less shocking, appeared on Sunday, October 19, in the magazine section of a daily newspaper. "What is Happening to Our Wild Life?" was the question asked and answered by Bob Deindorfer. "What is happening to America, and to America's citizens?" is a question which might well follow.

Not upon hunting alone, of course, can be blamed the present wild life situation. "Both small and large game have been reduced," states the author quoted, "by drought, starvation, disease, climate, predators, inadequate grazing land, reduced timberland, bungling administrations, warped conservation measures and illegal slaughtering." But hunting, legal and illegal slaughtering, has taken heavy toll and will apparently continue to do so.

"The most lawless era in our outdoor history" is what Mr. Deindorfer terms the present.

And what of our indoor history? To answer that query in respect to animals, we must realize what is happening in the experiment halls of "science" and in the slaughter houses. In 1946, so one advertiser states, forty-three million animals were slaughtered for food. How many million others were murdered by the slow tortures of vivisection, it might be more comfortable not to remember.

Man-made law is not overmuch respected; too often it harbors injustice and deceit. But let a man once have some inkling of the law of karma, the law which never fails, and the story will be different. Let a man realize that he does not profit at the expense of any other mortal being, and he must begin to think twice in regard to sports, food, health and all that makes up his daily round. Let a man once glimpse the idea of the One Life -- will shooting still go on as usual?

From the December, 1947 issue of
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Too late for more extended notice in this issue, RR has received "The Personality of Man", G.N.M. Tyrell, from Dorothea Frood; "The Guru", Manly Palmer Hall, gift of Mr. Thos. Robertson; "They", by Marian S. Bush, gift of Mrs Lue Salter; "MMM - Man, Minerals, and Masters", Charles W. Littlefield, from Vivian C. Brinkley. Our deep appreciation of these and many former gifts and loans; we hope to make comment on "They" in next RR, and on the "MMM" in next issue of Flying Roll, about end of this month. RR is anxious to buy or borrow the other, earlier books of C.W.Littlefield, and to locate any critical references to his thesis, that the formation of microscopic crystals can be affected by mental energy directed thru mantrams.

Parapsychology Bulletin

"In May of this year, four talks on parapsychology by four former presidents of the English Society for Psychical Research were broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation. They were given on the "Third Program" under the general heading "The Implications of Psychical Research." The first address, "The Philosophical Implications of Telepathy," was given by Professor H.H.Price, Wykeham Professor of Logic at the University of Oxford. The second was "The Philosophical Implications of Precognition," by Professor C.D.Broad, Knightbridge Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Cambridge. The third was "Psychical Research — the Next Step," by Dr. Robert H. Thouless of the Department of Education, University of Cambridge; and the fourth was "The Implications of Psychical Research," by Mr. G.N.M.Tyrrell, outstanding investigator and writer in the field of psychical research."

"A new English publication to be called ENQUIRY will soon be introduced to American readers who are interested in parapsychology. The magazine is designed to 'meet the need for inquiry into and interpretation of the immensely rich and varied material that in recent years has been accumulating in the field (of psychical research) and to provide a printed forum for discussion." The first issue is scheduled for December, and the editor, Alfred Ridgeway, promises that contributiors and subscribers will include scholars of high academic distinction. The editorial panel at present consists of Dr. Donald West, Mr. G.N.M.Tyrrell, Dr. L. P.Jacks, Dr. C.E.M.Joad, Prof. H.H.Price, and Prof. C.G.Jung."

(The Parapsychology Bulletin is published at College Sta.,Durham, N.C.

A.R.E. Bulletin: "In the latter part of this chapter Dr. Rhine comes forward with the issue raised in the scientific mind which examines the ESP findings. He says 'It is fear more than anything else, that blocks scientific acceptance of psi phenomena ... Scientific men see that if they accept ESP and PK they will have to recognize the non-physical nature of these phenomena; this step, then, poses a serious problem to the scientist. The acceptance of non-physical action would admit two kinds of reality and divide his universe. Such a step looks to him like retrogression, a throwback to the days of supernaturalism'

Hugh Lynn Cayce, in his review of The Reach of the Mind, in ARE Bulletin, Jan. 1948.

(RR would add, that while Dr. Rhine states the situation correctly - that is, as the average scientific worker thinks about it, the expressions involved are naive, popular, and wholly non-critical. What is meant by 'non-physical nature' as opposed to the 'physical'? To the 'scientific' naivete of the mid-19th century the physical was an indivisible bullet-like atom, or the measureable pull of gravity or a magnetic field. But who invented this childlike notion, that the mind, for instance, was any less 'real' than the objects it perceives. It was the scientists themselves (incapable of critical thinking) who invented this dichotomy, an utterly artificial division of reality, or limitation of reality; and now they are fearful and perplexed because Nature and commonsense will have nothing to do with it. .. No one in his senses questions the brilliant achievements of science, but that has nothing to do with this matter. The point is, that any scientist who tries to think about basic concepts has to use metaphysical and philosophic terms - Reality, physical, nature, force, consciousness, life, time, causation, space, matter, electricity, ether - and usds them, nine times out of ten, with all the glib inaccuracy of a high school sophomore, actually imagines that he is saying something intolligible, and is smugly contemptuous of anyone who points out what an intellectual fog he is wandering in. Perhaps a year of compulsory semantics plus a few chapters of the Critique of Pure Reason and the Hegelian logic would forestall some of the fears and tears to which Dr. Rhine refers ML)

BOOKS FOR SALE: -

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Also RAGNAROK, Donnelly. 1883 - 451 pp. Good condition ... #3.50, - and - ATLANTIS, Donnelly, 18th ed., N.Y. 1882, 490 pp... $4.50

Brother of the Third Degree; W. L. Carver. 377 pp. Cover poor. $3.00

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A Book of Verses, 40 pp., 5½ x 8", 100 numbered copies only... $1.00

With any publication purchased we will enclose, if requested, one copy of HUNA, a pamphlet by the Huna authority, Max Freedom Long (author of Secret Science Behind Miracles); this gives the essentials of the HUNA or KAHUNA teachings in condensed form.

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