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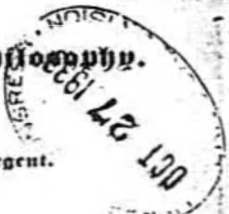
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Number Eight.

Terrestrial and Sub-Terrestrial.

Vulcanism, Seismatics, Activities of the Planetary Regent.

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Earth's Reincarnations.

In following the progress of our Earth and its humanity from primordial conditions to its present status, we must remember that as we now know it our Earth is a most ancient planet reincarnated, having passed through three preceding planetary states or "Periods," the Saturn, Sun and Moon.

Known thru Akashic Records.

Therefore much of our knowledge of these incarnations has to be recovered through a reading of the Akashic Records, as even the most advanced scientific hypotheses do not carry us farther back than is possible through a reading of the geological records of our planet.

When Man's Evolution Began.

The exact point at which man's evolution began and his involution ended is variously placed by different exponents, but from the true Rosicrucian standpoint the real point of evolution of man from purely material conditions to the higher spiritual planes began when he emerged from the animal kingdom, became a true Ego, "knew himself" as an objective, physical manifestation, and then slowly began to develop spiritual supremacy over his lower vehicles.

When Earth's Evolution Began.

In the same manner, the real beginning of the evolution of our planet itself may be said to have been in the Saturn Period of its incarnations, when, with the appearance of heat it came out of the more spiritualized condition into objective manifestation; its ultimate destiny being that of a true Sun or center of a new Solar System. The evolution of our planet, or its return journey to a Spiritual Status was begun at the juncture between the Mars and Mercury halves of its rounds.

Each Planet to Become a Sun.

This is also the ultimate destiny of the planets in all solar systems. Each planet will, before its disintegration, become a true Sun, directing its own subsidiary bodies, ruled by its own

Regent (as we shall now term the Indwelling Spirit.) who will by that time have become advanced to the status of a true solar God. A planet becomes a sun when the Beings of its life waves approximate the solar status of evolution. When they pass beyond that status the work of the planet is ended, and its disintegration begins. Moons of a planet indicate stragglers in the evolutionary waves of that planet.

Life on Other Planets for Earth's Humanity.

That this is true may be seen by the fact that all our present planets having been cast off from the parent Sun, to support life in varying degrees of differentiation from the solar life, must according to the Law of Compensation provide evolutionary opportunities for their future waves of reincarnating humanity until each planet shall have ultimately approximated the vibratory status of its original parent and solar center; and the fact that in due course initiate groups of Earth's past and present humanity will accomplish evolutionary progress on higher planets such as Venus and Mars does not alter the conditions. Each planet will in due time approximate the vibratory status of its parental Sun, thus becoming a true Sun in turn. And in the mean time, until it reaches such a status, its human life waves will receive assistance from higher planets and give assistance to those lower in the evolutionary status than its own. For we must remember that our own progress was helped and accelerated by outside planetary assistance, through previous periods.

Venusian and Mercurian assistants.

The Venusian and Mercurian entities are not as yet arrived at the status of Sun evolution, but they are immeasurably advanced beyond our own. While humanity has been in-the-making through all of Earth's reincarnations, races, as we understand them, did not exist in the Saturn, Sun and Moon Periods, neither will they continue as we now know them in the Jupiter, Venus and Vulcan Periods. Let us see why it was that assistance from the Venusian and Mercurian entities was necessary or desirable.

Sayings of Elbert Hubbard, No. 17.

"Nobody can make you ridiculous but yourself."

Order in which planets were thrown off.

The planets were thrown off from the parent Sun in the following order:

- 1st. Uranus.
- 2nd. Saturn.
- 3rd. Jupiter.
- 4th. Mars.
- 5th. Earth.
- 6th. Venus.
- 7th. Mercury.

Why one planet can help another.

From this it will be seen that the evolved humanity of each planet is in a position to render material assistance to the evolving humanity of those planets which are farther from the parent Sun than their own, as the farther from the Sun a planet is, the slower its evolutionary progress will be. (Jupiter is an exception to this rule, having a very highly advanced order of beings).

Lords of Venus and Mercury.

Thus, Venus and Mercury were in a position to help the humanity of Earth, and they gave it by sending advanced beings known to occultists as the Lords of Venus and the Lords of Mercury.

Races began in the Earth Period.

Races as we know them, began in the Earth Period of our planet's existence, and their organization as such may, broadly speaking, be said to be the result of the guidance given man-in-the-making by the Lords of Venus.

When Man talked with the Gods.

This was the time when mankind literally walked and talked with "the Gods," for these Lords of Venus and Mercury were truly Messengers from the higher spheres.

Rulers by Divine Right.

When the physical development and progress of mankind was sufficiently advanced to permit of the awakening of his intellectual or soul faculties, the Lords of Mercury took charge, selecting the most advanced hominids and placing them as rulers over groups of humanity. This was the real beginning of the line or dynasties of "Rulers by Divine Right," who were fully impressed with the sense of the responsibility with which they were entrusted. This idea of "Ruler by Divine Right" we see in every precept of the ancient Egyptian Rituals, wherein the members of the royal family were regarded as the children of Ra or the Sun, and by whom the sanctity of the blood royal was so highly venerated that intermarriage within the family line was in many dynasties imperative.

Masses and Classes.

The same idea has been perpetuated even to very modern times, with the loss however of the sense of personal responsibility, which has given place to the greed of personal aggrandizement. This idea has now served its purpose, and dynasties must and are giving way to the greater personal freedom of advancing hominids. The Lords of Venus ruled over the masses. The Lords of Mercury selected the classes. Masses and classes are now breaking up to make way for the aristocracy of brains in the developed individuals.

Why Mars half of Earth Period is so called.

The first half of our Earth Period has been called the Mars half, as it was necessary during that interim that the influence of Mars should polarize the iron of Earth to such an extent that the formation of red blood should not be accomplished in man-in-the-making until the Ego was ready to withdraw completely into its vehicle the blood being the sphere in which the Ego functions. When the Ego was thus ready, further polarization of the iron elements was unnecessary, the formation of red blood was permitted and accelerated, and with this acceleration came the greater use of iron in all its forms objectively. In accordance with the developing intellectual faculties under the influence of the

Mercury half.

Lords of Mercury. Their influence still continues and our Earth is now said to be in the

Mercury half of its present incarnation. In fact, we may be said to have but entered the Mercury half, the Great World War closing the Mars half and though Wars must still occur, they will result largely from the Mercurian philosophic wave which is awakening the world and causing Earth's humanity to think for itself instead of being passively ruled by the few.

Races began on Lemuria. Animal-like.

Races of human kind or their progenitors began on Lemuria, a "lost" continent which has been described in previous instruction. Man's physical body at that time was animal-like. The physical body, with some features of which there are now only rudimentary remains and vestigial organs, assumed shape during the Altantean Epoch, Atlantis being another so-called "lost" continent already mentioned.

Five Post-Atlantean Races

Since Atlantis, with its Seven Races the succeeding human races have been described as "Post-Atlantean" or Aryan in five general time divisions as follows:

- 1st. Ancient Indian.
(Not of the India of today, but of the locale adjacent to India then known as the vestiges of Lemuria, hence really Lemurian persistences through the Atlantean time).
- 2nd. Egypto-Chaldean.
- 3rd. Ancient Persian.
(Some occultists reverse 2 and 3).
- 4th. Greco-Roman.
(About the 8th Century, B. C.)
- 5th. Modern.
(Preparations for which began in the 4th and 5th centuries A.D., and actually took form about the 12th cent.)

How races reflect.

Just as general conditions pertaining to the spiritual vehicles of man are said to reflect themselves in the Physical vehicles, i.e., Divine Spirit in the Physical Body, Life Spirit in the Etheric Body, etc., so the general conditions of each Post-Atlantean time division will be found reflected in succeeding times, thus, those of the

- 1st. will be found reflected, reproduced and carried to greater perfection in the 3rd. The
- 2nd. will be found reflected in the 4th. The
- 3rd. will be found reflected in the 5th. The
- 4th. will be reflected in the 6th yet to come.

Seven Great Root Races.

In referring to the generalization of mankind since its diffusion into races occultism and Rosicrucian science teach that Seven Great Root races and 16 sub-races will constitute Earth's human evolution.

Of These Seven Great Root Races, five have existed up to and including the present. They are:

- 1st. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round—the POLAR.
- 2nd. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round—the HYPERBorean.
- 3rd. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round—the LEMURIAN, 1 Sub-Race.
- 4th. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round—the ATLANTICAN, 7 Sub-Races.
- 5th. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round—the ARYAN, 7 Sub-Races.
- 6th. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round—will mark the 6th Epoch, 1 Sub-Race.
- 7th. Great Root Race of the Present Earth Round will witness a restoration of humanity to a higher spiritual status and Emancipation from materialistic crystallization.

Not sharply demarked.

These races do not have sharply defined lines of demarcation. They overlap, and we have always with us representatives of preceding races. Thus the greater part of humanity at present belongs to the Seventh Sub-Race of the 4th Root Race, but also another large proportion of humanity is entering the Sixth Sub-Race of the 5th Great Root Race of the Fourth Round. (Key to Universe, 230).

An Interesting Prophecy.

In a pamphlet published in 1874, that energetic pioneer Roserueian Worker and Exponent Pascal Beverly Randolph gave a most interesting prophecy, which in view of the many new and so-called "radical" movements in the world today, is of interest to our students. We publish it complete and invite your attention to some features which have been apparently realized and others still to be manifested. The prophecy is entitled "The Coming Woman and the New Divorce Law" and is taken from the pamphlet entitled "Supplement to the New Mola." Subsequent instalments will reveal many conditions now being actively taken up by social workers and humanitarians. Ed.

SUPPLEMENT OF "NEW MOLA."

When the questions just answered were asked, others were propounded in reference to universal reform, the social millennium, the good time coming, and the mode and method of their advent. To these I briefly reply, but preface what I have to say by the remark that before they get here this land and this whole earth of ours is doomed to pass through a terrible series of convulsions, electric, volcanic, magnetic, climatic, — a general upheaving and overturning of the present state of things the wide world over. Preparations are now going on, and there are portents abroad in the air and lands which are unheeded, but which bode fearful disasters to the earth and man. There will also be social, political and military upturnings, and cataclysms such as were never known before; while the purely physical disturbances will almost equal the terrible event of which the "Deluge" is a traditional reminiscence, which altered the axis of the earth, and changed with the equator; sunk the Old Atlantis and upheaved it again, with a few of its pyramids yet intact, but transforming the happy land into the deserts of Zahara, Zih and Shur, and the measureless Salt Kuvcers. This took place about fifty-eight thousand years ago. All these recorded things will transpire before the good time arrives, wherein the present false and barbarous civilization will be displaced, and replaced by a true one, which will be inaugurated by a female, and therefore be immeasurably superior.

II. A spirit of religious persecution is beginning to fill the air, and will finally possess all sects alike, leading to open conflict and such a bloody series of wars everywhere, as only can be waged by God's masterpiece in His behalf. In the name of God they will again redden the rivers and glut the lands with human blood, for no such revelry in carnage ever cursed the earth, as when men murder each other for "pure love of God!" This is in the near future. Its causes will be attributed variously, but the real ones are purely, wholly physical, that is to say, chemical. Bolides, meteors, internal fires, magnetic and electrical storms, comets, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are the moving elements out of which the bad time, preceding the good, is coming. These all result from fire-tempests in the sun, which even now are working great changes; but the awful clash will begin as soon as an awful solar event takes place—not long either—the propulsion from explosion of a vast mass of incandescent matter from the sun—a tremendous sheet of fire, which breaks, and streams in zigzag paths about the central orb, thus shrunken one twenty-fourth in size, and of course affecting every other mass in the solar system; changing polarities; melting polar ices; levelling huge mountains; altering ocean beds and river courses; submerging plains and deserts; building new islands and continents amidst the storm-tossed waters; changing earth's angle to the ecliptic plane; completely reversing magnetic, thermal, electric and isothermal lines, thus occasioning sudden climatic leaps from hot to cold and cold to hot, of course generating famine, madness and disease, to say nothing of the millions who reach quick death, leaving their festering carcases to poison the air, and transform the fair lands into charnel houses, redolent of cadaver and death! The air itself will lose portions of its present characteristics. In some localities it will be sulphur rife; in others carbonaceous gases will snuff out life as raindrops kill a forest fire. Crime for a while will reign supreme, and property seek a curious level. Enormous amounts of oxygen in some parts, nitrogen in others, will surcharge the air, carrying nervously delirious death to some, intolerable

suffocation to others. Most winds now blow athwart the earth in curved paths; then they will rush straight up and down in clear cut lines, levelling forests, emptying lakes, devastating cities, hurling man's proudest buildings into dust, and driving fields of lurid flame along the march of ruin. The melting of polar ice; and liberation of berg-continents, rushing down the steaming seas, will relieve earth's ends of mighty weights, thereby further changing polar angles, so that sun-beams strike us as they never struck before, the consequence of which will be that terrible hurricanex, tempests of fire and ice combined, will finally convince man that the awful end is very near, very near indeed; but then, as before, he will be mistaken, for God will still live, and the species be preserved. The cerebral activity of man will be quickened, but at the same time the chemical change will goad him to vehement fury, energy and madness, making his eyes glare like famished tigers, or the horrible gaze of the cuttle-fish; and he will create such a hell on earth that the main business will be that of finding pretexts and excuses for universal rapine, war, slaughter and unchecked play of the most damnable passions of the homos. In this change of things vegetation will participate; fields, forests, farms and gardens will fail the wide world over except in Ceylon, central Africa and the Aleutian isles; which places then, in earth's awful famine, will become providential granaries. Pestilence will not yet be checked, however, but will decimate whole nations; and cities by hundreds will utterly perish by fire and flood. People will then begin to realize that money is worthless in itself; they will also doubt, and then deny the existence of a God in any sense or form that belief has ever yet assumed on earth. Thus two starting-points will be established,—the end of selfishness and the abrogation of the clergy; therefore, the last religious war will have been fought, and—what naturally must follow therefrom—in time.

National lines and useless governments will be wiped out forever, the divine right of kings and rulers be laughed at, and the solid foundations of universal rule of the people, by the people, for the people, will become for the first time practically possible. As soon as this last idea begins to spread, the Commune will rise to shed its lurid light upon this death-day of the old civilization. It will arise everywhere, and the air will ring and wildly echo with the terrible refrain:—

Et des boyeux du dernier pretre
Serrez le cou du dernier roi!

that is, hang the last priest with the entrails of the last king.

All this will be preparatory, for the Commune will never stand, for the simple reason that their army will be all leaders, like a regiment of thirteen blacks I once knew in New York. It contained one general, two major and three brigadier generals, one colonel, two majors, one captain, one lieutenant, one sergeant and a private. But through the Commune some good will come,—they will abolish church sectisms; the laws of primogeniture and entail; establish every one's inalienable right to schooling, as far as choice may reflect or ability allow; to a certain amount of land, and every one's right to think for themselves. Marriage will not be repealed, but for a time will go out of fashion and be laughed at but only for a brief period, merely to prepare for an altogether better state of things. All this re-approach toward order out of anarchy and chaos will result from the conglomeration of the sheeted fire coursing round the sun, which mass will condense and become an inter-mercurial

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planet. But other causes will also have been at work. The asteroids will be rushed together—thousands of them, and the heat evolved will seal them like melted wax together, and it will become a planet two-thirds larger than the moon, and will act as a satellite of Mars. Earth will have withdrawn from space myriads of bolides and meteors, and rushing comets will have whirled other millions upon the sun, or swept them off to outer space. Earth's tides and angles will be established, and a higher and purer air begin to be evolved from the waters and the land. It will be possible for man to be really,

actually civilized! and an order and beauty will begin, so grand and glorious that it exceeds my capacity of description.

"In that new childhood of the world
Life of itself shall dance and play,
Fresh blood through Time's shrunk veins
be hurled,
And Labor meet Delight half way."

Then, but not till then, there will arise, like Venus from the sea,

(To be continued)

College Notes.

Accompanying this issue of Mercury, members of Metropolitan will find a Directory of Officers, Committees and Congregations of Metropolitan College. They are invited to preserve this Directory for ready reference throughout the ensuing year.

The best wishes of the College are extended to our new Secretary, Soror Activitas, 0°-0°, as she enters upon the active work of this important office. The Secretarial position is a permanent office, and we bespeak the cordial co-operation of all members of the College with Metropolitan's new incumbent.

At the last Convocation, the officers of 1919 were reinstalled by Rt. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus, IX°, representing the High Council, assisted by Ill. Fr. Novius, 9°-2°, Chancellor of the S. R. L. A. After the regular installation, by consent of College and Council, Fr. Firmus, IX°. Permanent Celebrant of Metropolitan was Raised to the Rank of Adeptship by Fr. Paracelsus, in recognition of his splendid and meritorious work of the past three years. He now becomes Honorary Past Adept of Metropolitan.

Masonic Notices.

At the last Dinner-Voyage of Metropolitan Lodge No. 1, Ark Mariner Masons an interesting paper on the Third Degree of Masonry was presented by Fr. Fannius, 0°-0°.

The congratulations of the College and High Council are extended to Ill. Fr. Irenaeus, IX°, on the occasion of his recent installation as Excellent High Priest of that time honored Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Jerusalem, No. 8. The installation took place on Friday evening, December 19th and was conducted by Most Excellent George C. W. Stivers, Past Grand High Priest. Fr. Irenaeus is well known in and about the several apartments of the 24th Street Temple as an eminent ritualist, and we are sure that Jerusalem Chapter will enjoy a most profitable and successful administration.

V. V. Wor. Fr. Reficio, IX°, enters upon the second year of his work as Adept of Metropolitan College, being the second on the list of Adepts of this College to be elected for a second term. The officers and members join in wishing him success in all his endeavors for the Great Work.



Directory.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Stated Convocation of Metropolitan College

S. R. L. A., will be held in the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue

Between 125th. and 126th. Streets, opposite 125th. Street station, Lenox Ave. Subway.

Friday Evening, January 9, 1920, at 8.00 P. M. precisely

Work:

REGULAR CLASSES.

Neophytes' Class Instructor, V. Wor. Fr. Reficio IX°

Elementary Rosicrucian Philosophy, No. 7,

Subject: "Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

This Class will also meet at 8 P.M., on Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Room 1517 Masonic Temple, 24th St. Take Elevators from 24th Street entrance.

Elementary Hermetic Class.....Instructor, Rt. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus IX°

Junior Hermetic Instruction, No. 4,

Subject: "The Goal of the Alchemists."

This Class will also meet at 8 P.M., on Friday evening, Jan. 16, in Room 1517 Masonic Temple, 24 St. See instructions above.

Senior Hermetic Class.....Instructor, Fr. K.

Senior Hermetic Instruction, No. 11,

Subject: "Pro-Creation, Fecundity and Creative Industry."

Astrological Class.

Sr. Progressia 0°-2°.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 712 West 180th Street.

CLASS CONVENES AT 8:00 P. M. PRECISELY, PLEASE BE PROMPT.

Masonic Notices.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR VOYAGE AND DINNER OF METROPOLITAN LODGE, NO. 1, ARK MARINER MASONS, will be held Monday evening, January 12, at the Au Coq Gaulois, 32 West 57th Street, Manhattan, at 7:30 o'clock. Bro. Ellis B. Guild will be the guest of the evening and speak on the "Rite of Memphis."