

Lesson VII.

The Law Of Cycles.

This evening we have to do with the Law of Cycles. A Cycle is a complete motion of anything possessing motion. We may say the pendulum of a clock swinging back and forth completes a cycle when it reaches the two extremes of the arc, and it also reaches a cycle when it reaches the middle distance between the extremes of its motion. A cycle may be a great period of time, or it may be a single completeness of any kind. The baseball player, when he hits a home run, completes a cycle when he walks back over the home plate. Man from birth to birth completes a cycle. He passes through all the conditions of life back to the condition from which he started. This is a cycle.

The history of the duration of man from the cradle to the grave is another cycle. There is another cycle composed of the motion of the Sun coming back to the Vernal Equinox. Therefore a cycle is the completion of any period of time which returns again to its approximate position.

In our discussion this evening we want to discuss the cycles under which man lives, the cycles which constitute the framework of time, against which we are reflected as shadows in the foreground.

In the first place, we must study the meaning of the word time. Time is not an entity or being. It is merely man's effort to divide the immeasurable and inconceivable expanse of time into sections. Therefore, time has existence only where there is some comparative or relative thing by which it can be measured. When man is awake objectively, he follows the clock around the dial. He then goes to sleep and sleeps away a third of his life, and yet the time he sleeps he is unaware of. It is subjective. As far as his consciousness is concerned, there is no time.

Experiments with dreams have shown that an individual can in a dream pass through an entire life, vividly and vitally, with innumerable occurrences that would require years to accomplish, and yet the time it took to have this dream required less than ten seconds. To live the same experience outwardly would require fifty years. So time belongs definitely to matter. It is one of the attributes of matter.

That which preceded time was termed the Timeless or Ageless by the Ancients, which was Absolute Being in which existed only an Eternal Now, of which there was neither Past, nor Future, or, as one Philosopher termed it, "Unaging Time", Time that is always flowing but never going past. Not in our material structure we measure time, and the medium of time measurement is useful in the measurement of events and the circumscribing of the duration of any form that exists in Nature. As long as any form exists, time will exist, but when form ceases, time ceases. The consciousness and spirit of the life of man and the eternal life of the Universe exist always in the state of unaging time, or unpassing time. But all human existence is measured by duration of time which we have created, and the unit of all time measurement is that of the Brahmans, which is the pulse. The interval between two pulse beats is the unit of the measurement of all time among ancient people. This was the common denominator of the vast cycles which exist in space. For example, our evolution is taking place within a system that contains not only our Sun but six other Suns. One of these other Suns is Sirius, the Dog Star, and another of these Suns is Regulus. They are Suns of our own Sun chain. Therefore a universe composed of a certain number of solar systems was termed by the Ancients Brahma. It was the collective Entity, Brahma the One Life that manifested through the separate solar system with its subdivisions.

Under these conditions, Brahma lives a hundred years. One hundred hundred years constitute the life of Brahma. This one hundred

years is made up of 100 periods of 360 days. These days in turn are broken up into hours. This in turn into minutes, and these in turn, into seconds, and the second in time, or in the life of Brahma that which corresponds to a second, is 432,000 human years. Sixty of these make a minute; sixty of these make an hour; twenty four of these make a day and 360 of these days make a year, and a hundred of these years make the life of our universal system. Therefore we term it a cycle, because the cycle is the period from animation or manifestation back into a state of suspension once more.

There was a cycle developed by the Greeks. This cycle was termed Ages. The first of these was the Golden Age; the second was the Silver Age; the third was the Bronze Age; and the fourth the Iron Age. These are called in India, among the Hindoos, which they took from their Sanscrit, the Yugas, or Periods of Manifestation. The Yugas are constantly following each other in cycles. First the Gold; then the Silver; then the Bronze, the Iron; then the Gold; the Silver; the Bronze, and then the Iron.

The Golden age of our cycle has passed. Plato said the development of the human being depends upon the influx of the vitality within the earth itself, and through the Four Ages the earth gradually becomes sterile, producing, therefore, sterile beings at the end. At the close of the Dark Age, or Age of Iron, the Golden Age returns again, when man starts a new cyclic process, which he internalizes in the Silver Age, adapts in the Bronze Age, and perverts in the Iron Age --and so through all the periods of existence.

At this time we are in the Age of Iron according to the Greeks, and it corresponds with the Red or Kali Yuga of India. Kali means red---iron with its rust is red. The Kali Yuga will last about 432,000 years, and I am glad to say we are now in the sixth of those thousands of years. We have now something considerably less than 400,000 years before it is finished. Therefore, everyone may be happy. Prosperity is just around the corner, the 432,000 corner, minus 51,000 years, which means we are almost there. At least we have a good start.

During the period of the Kali Yuga, or the decline of life, men fall into evil times; crime comes into the world; darkness falls upon man. The Kali Yuga had its beginning at a time in the remote past, over 50,000 years ago, when there was a conjunction of all the planets in the sign of Aries. That was the beginning of the Kali Yuga and it will continue until the Golden Age, which will begin when there is a conjunction of all the planets in Sagittarius. They remain in their Triplicity, in their own element, always skipping one sign. Aries is a Fire Sign, Leo is a Fire Sign, and Sagittarius is a Fire Sign. The conjunction occurred in Aries. Therefore it skips the Sign of Leo, and the next conjunction occurs in the sign of Sagittarius. Then the conjunction following that will take place in Leo, skipping Aries. After the conjunctions have taken place in the three signs of the Triplicity, it moves to the next, and this goes on according to these mysterious cyclic laws. This continues world without end, creating the proper environments suitable for the growth and development of various creatures in their evolution.

(B) According to the Hindus.

We have here three headings under which we discuss the Law of Cycles: the way the Law of Cycles affects us in our daily existence; in our daily problems. First of all, let us remember we are in the Kali Yuga. That means we are in a time of great stress. This whole world cycle of 432,000 years is going to be a cycle of retributive action. Therefore we are reasonably certain there is going to be unsettlement, uncertainty, unrest, until the beginning of the next Yuga, when we have again a Golden Age, an Age of Creation, an Age of Development, an Age of things we all long for but which can only come in the fullness of time. So our experiences here at this time are to

be regarded as efforts to achieve against adversity. We are in a negative Yuga. Therefore, the average individual is not concerned about being good, but not being too bad. That man keeps the Law who is not caught breaking the Law, and we find the "Thou shalt nots" dominate our thinking. We are constantly surrounded by negative things. We build prisons to hold our criminals. We build institutions to house our failures, and we keep the morticians busy taking care of the final remains. It is a period in which we are fighting for self-identification against the corrupting force of external things. Instead of our world around us helping us to think and grow, we live in a world in which we must grow and think in spite of it, rather than because of it.

This is always true in a negative Yuga. It is always true while we are on the negative side of a Yuga. In some 400,000 years we will be out of this, and we will be able to do some of the things we desire to do, but have not the skill to perfect now. Therefore, the individual's single purpose in the Kali Yuga is to learn how to live well in the midst of the absence of right living; how to think well in a time when right thinking is not rewarded; how to grow inwardly when outward things are cherished; how to be divinely unpopular; how to be the exception that proves the rule; how to be so completely out of tune with the world that you are in tune with the infinite. Instead of the world helping you, it will hinder you. Instead of it rewarding you, it will persecute you if you achieve a great amount of wisdom, ---this is because of the Kali Yuga we are in.

Therefore, according to the Brahmins, the Vishnu Purana states definitely, there will be corruption of faiths. Men will be deceived by false creeds and they will wander in darkness. Men will persecute the wise, and give prestige to the unholy. A man will be called great because he has an elephant and not because he thinks. Men will prey upon each other, as they prey upon the beasts of the field. They shall corrupt the Scriptures, destroy the law and break down the covenants. By this we shall know the Kali Yuga has come. In that day there shall be no one to interpret the scriptures; the keys will be lost and the gates of initiation will be closed. Men shall search for wisdom in the desert of ignorance. There will be wars and the strength of men shall be destroyed by disease. There will be famines and pestilences upon the land. There shall be earthquakes and tidal waves, and the rivers will break from their beds. Men shall cry to the Gods and the Gods will not hear them, and by that they will know the Kali Yuga has come.

That was written 2000 years ago, and it strangely resembles many things we know. In another part of the same scripture Parasara, The Holy One gives further information. He says, "In that day there shall be many books, but they shall not be written for those who think

In that day there shall be rebellion against princes and rulers and tyrants shall arise and oppress the earth. Men shall be ruled not by love and wisdom but by force and fear. There shall be many troubles caused by finances, and men shall starve in the midst of plenty. This was written 2000 years ago which indicates these gentle men of the Himalayas knew what they were talking about. They knew so well that they described our present time far better than we can, in many parts of their scriptural writings.

So what is the wise man to do? He shall not flourish like the green bay tree. We know honors will not be given to him, but we know by this, the Kali Yuga belongs to this world only. It does not go beyond the mundane sphere. Therefore at the end of each life, man is liberated temporarily, from the Kali Yuga, although he must come back to it through rebirth. While he lives here he must fight for his Spirit, for his Consciousness, for Reality. He must fight against the illusions established in society. He must fight against the corruption established among men. He must eschew false teachers and follow that which is good. Because there shall be many false prophets in the last day.

So in the Kali Yuga we have our difficulties and problems and we have the statement of our solution; namely, in this time of doubt and uncertainty men shall cling to Truth. He shall invest all he has in becoming wise, and that is the only good he can gain. It is the only solution. Objectively, most men must suffer because they have not outgrown suffering; they have not ceased to cause suffering. Therefore they must suffer. It will be 400,000 years before the end of this Kali Yuga; before that suffering gives way to peace. Of course there will be smaller, or sub-cycles within this greater cycle, in which there will be periods of peace and happiness, and periods of darkness. But the general motion is downward.

At the end of the Kali Yuga, what happens? Then it is said that the Gods are reborn again, and by this it means the great and Wise Ones will return to the earth again. The arts will flourish, foundations are established, and the world starts out on another great cycle, until finally in the Kali Yuga again there will again be a perversion of that which has been revealed. In the beginning of the Golden Age, many, many thousands of years ago, we developed the arts, sciences, crafts and trades we now know, and the perversion of these things we are now living in is their corruption. We are living in the darkness of our own discovery. Out of the dim past comes our knowledge, and we use this knowledge to exploit each other.

That is the correct interpretation of the Kali Yuga, and the Karma of the individual is modified by the cycle in which he is placed. Therefore it is not expected of man that he shall be more than the cycle gives him permission to be. It is not to be expected that he shall accomplish all things at this time, but rather that he shall arise through the illusions of his time to inner awareness. Because it is only within he shall find the source of Wisdom. Barassara further states, there will be many prophets upon the earth; The world will be over run with them. But there is only one sure way for the achievement of release, and that is by going within. There is no prophet who can teach Truth. Truth comes from within, and all the prophets can do is encourage others to seek it.

(A) According to Astrology.

As far as I have been able to find out, occidentals have not done much with astrology as a method of discovering facts of the previous life, and what is more important, the specila Karma which governs the destiny of any individual in any specific life. The Hindus were more interested in Eternity than in the Now, and they have left certain rules by which we may achieve to a certain knowledge concerning, not the details, but the facts of previous existence.

Therefore according to their belief, man incarnates through a rational succession of the signs. A person born under Aries in one life must be born under Taurus in the next one. Therefore, to the Taurus individuals the Aries qualities are his Karma. To the Cancer person the Gemini qualities are his Karma, and to the Pisces person the Aquarian qualities are his Karma. The preceding sign under which the individual is born designates his Karma. Therefore he has to balance the qualities in this preceding sign. That which is true of the Sun sign is also true of the Ascendant, which must be calculated,; which also progresses at the rate of one sign per life. The preceding sign tells you why you are here.

So, if you were born under Aries, you have Pisces' precrastination and worry to overcome. Therefore the Aries person works very hard to control these with force. If you were born under Taurus, then the Aries qualities you have to control, and you must control force with beauty. If you were born under Gemini, then the Taurus qualities are your Karma, and you must rationalize and intellectualize beauty and overcome emotional unbalance. If you were born under Cancer, then you must overcome the mental uncertainties of Gemini. If you were born under Leo, then the Cancer qualities of precrastination and imagination must be controlled. If you were born under Virgo, then you must fight Leo's tendency to dominate others. If you were born

under Libra, then you must constantly fight the mental uncertainties of Virgo. If you were born under Scorpio you must control the emotions of Libra. If you were born under the sign of Sagittarius, you must moderate and control the appetites of Scorpio. If you were born under Capricorn, then it is necessary for you to moderate and integrate the unorganized Sagittarian qualities. If you were born under the sign of Aquarius, then you must get out of the Capricornian crystallization. If you were born under Pisces, you must then render normal and reasonable the excessive uncertainties of Aquarius.

When you reach Pisces you come to the end of a cycle, and there are thousands of cycles in the life of the individual. Having reached the end of the cycle, we know Pisces is the Sea or Deluge upon which Noah's Ark rode. Pisces is a watery sign, and it is across Pisces the mysterious Ark went and carried Noah to the Promised Land. So the Pisces person is always tired, always beset with worries and responsibilities, and is a suitable person to receive the confidence of others. Then Aries starts out the new cycle; comes into the world as though shot out of a gun, full of energy. He is ready to pick up the world by its heels and throw it out. But by the time he is back to Pisces he has lost all his energy. He doesn't want the world and he would even just as soon not hear about it. Youth is always ready to go out and fight wars, but in their last years, men are ready to settle down with a comfortable income and not worry. Youth is always tearing the world apart, and leaving it for age to put together again. The same is true of Aries. Aries is the birth sign of the Zodiac. Everyone born in Aries is born again. He is the precious infant of the Zodiac. He goes slowly around the cycle until finally he comes to Pisces, completely worn out. Then he takes on a new load of energy and starts out again with Aries.

That is the simplest and most common cycle we have, a cycle that dominates the personal life of people. It takes about 12,000 years at the present time for the individual to go around this cycle. Sometimes through special discipline he is able to do it more rapidly.

There is another interesting cycle in Astrology that is quite important to us, and that is the cycle consisting of approximately 25,000 years, which is called the Great Platonic Year, consisting of a period of time, which, by the precession of the Equinoxes, brings the Sun back again at the Vernal Equinox to one degree of Aries. To one degree of Aries to one degree of Aries, by retrogressive motion, requires approximately 25,000 years. During this period of time the Vernal Equinox occurs in each of the signs of the Zodiac.

At the present time the Vernal Equinox is not taking place in one degree of Aries, as we commonly believe, but at what is about the Small Fish of Pisces. In other words, the Equinox is taking place in about 9 degrees of Pisces. We have standardized our calendar, but that has no effect upon the Heavens. If only the Heavens changed with every whim of man, what a whimsy world we would have; but the Heavens do not. At the present time we are in the Pisces cycle, therefore most of the world is tired. It has to be. Retrogressive motion has brought us to a water sign, in which navigation and travel have been developed, and in this Sign our religion has given great emphasis to the Fish.

The Vernal Equinox entered the Sign of Pisces in the third century. About 23,000 or 24,000 years ago it entered the previous sign Aries, and it will continue falling back through the Zodiac until it has completed the cycle. When the Vernal Equinox occurred in Aries, we had the scapegoat of Israel, the Ram, the Lamb of God.--Jupiter Amon; we had the mystery in religion of the Lamb of God. The Priests of the Eleusinian Mysteries entered the portals of the Temple at the Vernal Equinox and cried out, "All Hail, the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world." There are many who believe that is a Christian statement, but it was a part of the Eleusinian Mysteries of 1400 years ago before the Birth of Christ. This statement was due to the Equinox taking place in the Sign of the Lamb, Aries.

The previous sign to Aries is Taurus, and the Equinox took place in the sign of Taurus about 21,000 years before that, in the sign of the Bull, Apis. Then came the worship of the Bull, Apis. Came also stories found in Greek myths, of Zeus who took upon himself the form of a bull; mysterious tales of the Cretan labyrinth wherein dwelt the Minotaur, then bull-headed Man.

Prior to that time the Equinox took place in the Sign of Gemini, and for about 9000 years during that time there arose the worship of Generation, the worship of life. Prior to that time was the Matri-archal worship, or the worship of Mother, which was when the Equinox took place in the Sign of Cancer. If we go back over the period of history we find the stars set forth in the cycle of life; cycle of opportunities.

Today many references are made to the so-called Aquarian Age. Many people feel it is fairly upon us, but really it is not here yet. Many years must pass before it comes. To be explicit, it will be 9 times 72 before the beginning of the Aquarian Age, with three or four years less. That is the Golden Age we are looking forward to. The Aquarian Age, because it is the Age of Air, will bring the development of such things as television, the perfection and understanding of what exists in the Air; the development of the super-sensitive perceptions; the mystery of ether, and the strange line that looks like water, but was ether or energy moving through Space. This was the Egyptian hieroglyphic of the coming Age.

(C) According to the Greeks.

We must come back to the Greeks. The Greeks were a most amazing people, but never were they more astonishing than in their study of the invisible world. We know they believed the world was filled with nymphs and dryads. We know among the Greeks the Lares and Penates achieved its greatest emphasis. We know the Greeks regarded all material things as ensouled. Every thrr had its dryad; every lake had its nymph; every forest its Faun, its Satyr, its Pan. There was a belief in the existence of these things, a belief that the Greeks declared to be a true belief, a factual belief. They believed they actually existed. That brings us another interesting part of our problem, and that is, the effect of such things as elementals, nature spirits, nymphs, dryads, upon the life of the individual. To, what degree is the average person influenced in his daily life by the unseen creatures in the atmosphere about him on the subtle planes? That is an important question, because it interferes with the effect of free will, which, according to the Ancients, was not free will at all, but choice under Law, which is a much more elegant presentation of the term, because we are beginning to realize nothing is free, and will should not be left in that category.

During the last number of years there have been a great many people come to me who claim to have seen the Little People, and it is still believed in Ireland the Little People live. There is a legend to the fact that when the present Celts came to Ireland it was inhabited only by the Little People, and when the humans came in, the Little People were driven back in the fens and marshes where they live today. And they have the capacity to bewitch people, and cause love bitters to work and cows to go dry.

Now I might add at this point, I have been accused of making cows go dry. A few years ago there was a woman who had some cows, probably when they still had some cows on Hill Street, and she insisted as soon as she came to my lectures all the cows went dry.

If you were to search through the records you would discover edicts were actually passed against the Little People, who were put on trial before a Judge and Jury, and they forfeited the case by not appearing on their own behalf. Animals have been tried in Court, and cows have been burned at the stake for witchcraft, and rats have also been charged with witchcraft.

Witchcraft is a strange subject. It is now regarded as an hysteria of the Dark Ages, but the witch of the Dark Ages was a psychic, a person who could see, and because they could see further than others a great many believed to be wise, they were burned at the stake. Practically all spiritualistic mediums of today would have been burned at the stake in the Middle Ages for a witch, because the phenomena is the same. In many cases the witches claimed they were helped by the Little People, out of the fens and marshes of Ireland, out of Brittany, out of the Brocken, where now is situated a hotel on the top of the mountain; out of all the mysterious places of the world had emerged the history of the Little People, which has dominated certain fields of Theosophy and several other systems of thought.

What is the influence of these invisible beings upon the lives of men? Are they capable of actually doing things to him, and did a hobgoblin actually hide under the bed of the little girl whose bed jumped up and down? What are these forces? And what is their place in the life of man?

A very careful research brings certain facts to our consideration, and the first of these facts is, some people remain psychic until maturity, which is not normal to the race at this time. But some do remain psychics and are capable of seeing that which is invisible to others. Others achieve clairvoyance which expands the horizon of the visible and known. We constantly and frequently have people come to us who are under the belief that various things have been done to them by the Little People, but out of several hundred who have come to us, we have never encountered a true case. Except through ceremonial magic, a method by which it is possible to bind the Little People to you through extraordinary knowledge--except through ceremonial magic the Little People have no effect upon the life of people.

There is a curious thing that occurs to us when we start studying metaphysics, and it is something that needs correcting. A materialist stepping on a loose corner of a rug at the top of a stairs, and tobogganing down on his nose, generally decides the rug was not tacked down properly. But an individual who has been introduced to metaphysics is immediately of the opinion it is a doppleganger hiding at the head of the stairs, and what was apparently a normal condition to the materialist, assumes mysterious proportions to the metaphysician, because when the mind is introduced into the world of occult things, he loses his reasoning ability. The occult world is so immense, people become intoxicated with the vastness of it, and from believing in nothing, they shift over and believe in everything. This is very disastrous.

The truth of the matter is, unless men interfere with them, which most people do not know how to do, the invisible forces in nature pay little attention to the individual if he is behaving himself properly.

One poor little bookkeeper whose head would go through his collar, called on me one day and said he was having great difficulties; that there was no question the elementals had him. Well, he didn't look as though the elementals would want him, but of course elementals may have other standards of beauty beside the one we have. So, considering all things possible in the universe, until proven otherwise we thought it best to find out what was happening and why they were venting their hidden fury on him. He said the Little People had disturbed him so that he could not sleep. His inkwell was whisked off the table. Everything he looked for was not where it should be. The dishes flew out of the closet; he would light a fire and turn around and the fire would go out. The little bookkeeper was having a terrible time. He was like Casey at the bat after the third strike. That was what appeared to be the Little People interfering with the normal life of a human being, but it was not a normal life. The little bookkeeper had just finished about fifteen or twenty years of metaphysics

He had had a very bad attack. He had tried to breathe in rhythm with every Swami that came to town. He had starved himself

almost to death on the various diets. He had thought prosperity constantly, and he had got himself into a pretty bad mess. So when we got him, it was not a case of the Little People bothering him. It was a case of his annoying the Little People by upsetting the entire structure of his physical body. It only required three square meals a day and eight hours sleep at night, and in two weeks the Little People had gone about their business. It is only when we interfere that they bother, all stories to the contrary, not withstanding. They are not mischievous. They are intelligent units. They control the elements and the control of elements in various parts of the world. Salamanders are invoked every time we strike a match, because if there were were no salamanders the match would not light, which may be the reason some of these pocket lighters do not work. The gnomes work with the earth and the veins of ore. They have no time to bother with men. It is when we disturb our subjective vehicles these forces come in and bother us. They are karma and have been brought into awareness through the distortion of our mind, and they remain until we correct the cause, whatever it may be.

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There is another Karma that affects the Karma of people, and it is the prize booby of the occult sciences,--the black magician. Of course most of you have gone through the black magic stage. It is like measles and growing pains,--it seems to be an inevitable characteristic of growth. There is a time in the belief of every individual when he believes he has been signaled out as an entity against which the dark forces work, the malignant animal magnetism. Now there is a problem we have discussed with many individuals because it interferes with free-will. We hear frequently that someone is dabbling in black magic. People come in and say after leaving Professor Blotter's lectures, they woke up at night and saw Professor Blotter standing at the foot of their bed, and Professor Blotter had decided to use them as a vehicle of pernicious action. Then there is the individual who is certain the dark forces are after him, and there is nothing worse than an individual being chased by the dark forces. He doesn't know who they are, where they are, or why they are, and that makes it worse.

Under the general heading of black forces we get another thing that is important. We get earthbound entities, the haunted houses. There are many earthbound entities in the Old World. One of the vicars of Windsor Chapel in Windsor Castle is so accustomed to earthbound entities, he doesn't turn around and look at them any more. When he hears someone clanking along the stairs, he says, "That is old Sir Charles again. He is out." In any part of the Old World where traditions are not broken down, you find these things. So the Duke's ghost wanders up and down the corridors and no one pays any attention to it. There are chapels throughout England where earth-bound entities are so common they do not even wake the Vicar. He was amused by them the first ten years, bored by them the next twenty years, and the rest of the time he doesn't pay any attention to them.

It is quite useless to say such things do not exist. They do, but they do not bother people unless people bother them. But the dark forces are different. The dark forces are very funny things. They are like the very famous interests we hear about in politics. The opposing candidate is in the service of the interests. We are not sure what the interests are, but whatever they are, they are despicable, and if our candidate is not elected, we shall be in for it. The dark forces are something like that. The dark forces are always pestering people,--they are out looking for real estate or larger contributions all the time. They cause trouble no end. The truth of the matter is, about 999 out of 1000 exist only in the minds of the individuals who worry about them. The subconscious mind always plays tricks on us, and sometimes we are scared to death by our own subconscious mind, which is a sad state of affairs. We have checked many hundreds of cases of dark forces in the lives of people. At the present time we have several letters waiting to be answered, to people who feel the dark forces creeping up and down their spine in the morning. They feel the dark forces moving their slippers. They know the dark forces are causing the furniture to be moved around the room;

dark forces that make people feel like goose pimples; dark forces always doing something. But it is probably just a combination of circumstances by which the person frightens himself out of his wits.

There are always people who are better off if they do not know too much. That is one of the oldest problems that we have had to see face. I have known some of the best black magicians in this country, and after hearing the wild and woolly stories of their misadventures, --I have heard about pains in the head, pains in the back, feet moving without wanting them to, --but up to the present time we know of only one first class A 1 black magician, and he is too busy going after larger fry to be bothered with the average individual who is looking for a black magician. These people are begging for help. What they really need is a good psychologist and a good doctor. The head pain is probably a vertebra out of place. The terrible pain in the back administered by the black forces is probably a bad kidney. The furniture is probably where he left it himself, and he probably kicked his foot with the other foot. The black forces are frightening many people out of their wits. People come and tell me they are sitting in circles trying to get rid of them. The person who is worrying about black magicians should have a good health check-up. Many people who are worrying about black magic have fixations, complexes, inhibitions, and that sort of thing. So the black magician bogey can go where it came from, because it interferes with the lives of people. The real black magician of the universe is inertia, the force which always opposes action. It is the inertia of the individual, the unwillingness and inability to learn the capitulation of the Will and Principles to the appetites, that constitute the greatest enemy the individual has. If he will take care of that the universe will take care of the rest.

In connection with reincarnation it is only fair to mention the unusual case of Shanti Devi. Most of you know of the case of the little Hindu girl who not only remembered her past life, but her rebirth was so soon after death, she was able to prove to the scientists and university men of India she was telling the truth when she said she remembered she had lived before. This case has been proven beyond any question of a doubt. Now this leads to the question, Why did she come back so soon? One reason--she was earthbound. She died in childbirth, and there are many records of incidents of earthbound parents with small children who are in danger and unprotected. Another reason is, there are varying intervals between incarnations.

There is no fixed time between lives. The thing that is important is---is the environment suitable for the experience?--and under certain conditions the rebirth may be greatly hastened. It may be hastened by various disciplines and exercises of various schools of occult philosophy. It may be hastened by the individual desiring to study more rapidly. Therefore when we say from 800 to 1000 years is the ordinary interval, the individual may be born within a few years, or be out several thousand years. There is no absolutely fixed time in the rebirth cycle.

Now, there is one more problem in connection with reincarnation and the Cyclic Law, and I think it is well worth our serious consideration. It is a subject probably very few people have thought of seriously, but at the same time it is a most significant and important problem, and that is the occult causation and reason behind the production of what is now called the intermediate type by modern psychologists. We are producing to day what is termed an intermediate type; that is, one whose psychological reactions are not consistent with the physical sex polarity. This presents an important problem, and the only answer is to be found in the occult arts. The physical arts and sciences have failed utterly.

The real answer to the problem, the philosophical answer, lies in two things, Karma and the mechanism of Rebirth. Under normal conditions as we have explained to you, the bodies alternate from the physical bodies upward. In the male of the species, the physical body is positive, the etheric double is negative; the emotional body is positive, and the mental body is negative. The reverse is true of the

female, and the physical body is negative; the etheric body is positive; the emotional body is negative, and the mental body is positive. That might not seem to agree with statistical information, but still if you study it, you will see it is true. We know that Karma can cause many complications, and under these circumstances the intermediate type is one of the products of Karma. The intermediate type is one of the problems that must be solved by growth.

Now the substance of the problem is this:--When there is an inconsistency between the emotional and mental processes in the physical structure, there is a break or inconsistency in the chain of vehicles. Very often Karma brings us back into a life too much like our previous life. For example:--We are now living in a time that is approaching a matriarchy. The proof of this is apparent by the simple psychological factor of clothes. We find for the first time in a good many years men's clothing is beginning to take on colors. The moment we begin to find men wearing green, blue, purple, orange and buff colored suits; wearing wildly colored accessories, we will then find women going into black tailored clothing, and we find a shifting of the positive polarity. We are passing out of a man's world to go into a woman's world in which the woman will become a dominant factor for a certain period of time. This has occurred repeatedly in the history of the world. As men become more interested in exceedingly feminine things, the women become interested in government, politics, sociology and economics. We find there is a psychological shift of polarity and that psychological shift of polarity produces as one of its by-products the intermediate type. This type represents a false emphasis, an emphasis which is not yet brought into normal balance. So that brings us to another important problem and that is, :--What is the ideal state of humanity in the last sub-race of our present race? What are we building up to?

The answer is evolution. We are evolving up to individual completeness. We are evolving more and more away from attachment to detachment. We are evolving slowly but inevitable to absolute self-sufficiency. When absolute self-sufficiency has been achieved, then the entire of human behavior as we know it, will pass. That means we are gradually evolving in each individual a complete equilibrium of power.

The bruiser type of man is passing, now commonly known as the athlete. The football player with the helmet on the top of his head and a magnificent growth beneath his chin, this individual who tackles the line for good old Alma Mater, is disappearing. He will some day be as obsolete as miniature golf courses and flagpole sitters. He is a hood in mankind.

After all, in studying human nature, we know this type is not necessary. Your Chinese gentleman has as much appreciation of fineness as is generally accredited to the feminine mind. The Chinese gentleman will spend hours in front of a fine piece of brocade. He appreciates it, and yet by no means should he be regarded as effeminate. He is simply a man who knows how to appreciate all that is fine, a quality that takes years of culture to perfect. That individual is horrified at what we call masculinity. It looks like an anthropoid ape to him. He has found in beauty, esthetics and culture a gentle example of strength.

Therefore, we have the evidence civilization is slowly breaking up these extremes. Opposed to the colossal athletic type is that form of femininity that in the mid-Victorian era, fainted at the least provocation, or no provocation at all. We have the giggling type of femininity that overdoes the virtue beyond all reason. Today, in comparison to that, we find the well balanced, well poised woman who she preserved all the charm and fineness of femininity, and who has still become practical and useful to herself and others. We see the tangible appearance of what might be termed the civilized woman. That is what is coming, and what we are slowly approaching through the process of evolution. We are approaching the time when feeling and thought will be equally distributed over both sexes, and both will appreciate and rejoice in the same virtues. This is a very desirable condition, and it is coming whether we desire it or not, inevitably, but we should realize this con-

dition is arising through personal growth, and that is what we are moving toward. We are moving toward a balance and it will sometime come. It is Karmic. It is the result of action. It is the result of environment upon action, but sometime we will produce a race of people so perfectly equipped emotionally, mentally, physically, that they will be sufficient unto themselves, and completely capable of enjoying every one of the finally organized reactions of life. That is to be achieved in our next race, a race that will be the product of the development now going on. It is a happy omen, because we perceive in both men and women fewer and fewer of the extremes. Therefore the time is coming when both forces will assume a correct position, and the problem of the one being above the other will be done away with. Contrary to the general belief, the Eastern world has been for more tolerant and much more generous attitude than has the Western world on the matter of sex equality. Mohammed in the Koran plainly states that each human being must discover heaven for his or her self. Whereas the belief was held in Europe and was taught publicly as late as the 13th century, that women had no soul.

So we find these new forces moving in cycles. There is an alternating of patriarchy and matriarchy throughout the world, so finally both are perfected. The human being incarnates first in the male and then in the female organism, the result being a balanced internal growth, which is not projected in the physical plane, because in the physical plane it is normal to be extroverted. But the growth remains introverted as a source of further growth. Therefore, with the alternation of the sexes and the rulership of the world, by sexes, we find Nature gradually breaking down the prejudices of sex inequality, and producing a far more desirable breadth of viewpoint.

That is why the philosopher cannot accept the theory of soul mates which has been widely disseminated by certain groups of people, but which finds no authority in philosophy, because soul mates infer a separate self, whereas philosophy teaches self is not separated, but certain parts of self are capable of manifestation. Therefore, instead of soul mates wandering around somewhere looking for each other, philosophy teaches that in each human being one part of his nature is reduced or repressed by the manifestation of the other part. So, instead of looking round for a soul mate, he has to realize his soul mate is inside of himself, being the balance or unfinished part of himself. And that which he is always searching for in others will never be found except in himself. Therefore, the institution of marriage in modern society is significant because it is a method which has been established by instinct first, and finally by social institutions. But there is no such thing as two persons who are married becoming identical, either now or fifty million years from now, because they are each one a complete being, a unit. Each senses an incompleteness in himself and does not realize the rest is in himself.

Therefore we are constantly searching outside for the thing inside. We are searching constantly in others for the things in ourselves, and it has been well said by authorities on the subject of love that each individual falling in love with some one else, falls in love with himself. It is inevitable, because we bestow upon the person we admire the qualities we want them to possess. And it is only after considerable time we discover they are not there, -- or some little thing like that. But it is always man's effort to search outwardly for the things within. That is the reason that there is no philosophic teaching for the belief that we are fragmentary, as though we had been struck by something and broken into many parts, and we should be collected.

It is not that we should be collected, but self-collected, that is the important part. Always we are searching because we are unfinished -- we are incomplete. But we have all the potentiality for the rest within ourselves, although we are always searching for it elsewhere. We are searching for happiness through wealth, but we know we shall not find it. We are searching for happiness through power, but we shall not find it. We are searching for happiness through possessions, but it is never there. We are searching for happiness through dignities and honors, but we do not find it. The moment we have them we want something else. We search for happiness by associating ourselves with others, but

we cannot find it. It has to be found within ourselves. There is no way by which we can find this happiness other than by the slow growing up of perfection and balance within us, a perfection and balance which will ultimately make us complete.

Reincarnation works in that way, and in the end we finally achieve perfection. It surrounds us with things which are the shadows of our-elves, and it surrounds us with an external knowledge which must be re-discovered within. We look around and see the sky, the clouds and earth and find them there. All our yearning in life, all our desires, all our hopes are after something that can only be satisfied by internal reali-zation. That is why we cannot stop until we are satisfied. No matter how hard we try, everything else fails, everything else remains incom-plete and only wisdom bestows sufficiency. That is why wisdom is the most valuable of all things. That is why wisdom is to be valued more than riches and the treasures of the earth. That is the reason we are striving after wisdom, because we believe that wisdom is the end of all searching and the end of all seeking; the end of all desire; the end of all becoming. And wisdom is being administered by these wonderful laws of Nature by which we inevitably achieve Wisdom, whether we want to or not, which makes everything more or less shipshape.

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Question:--From observation, it would seem that the ego, the human soul and the animal each function separately, but the two lower are not en-tirely independent of the ego. Man's heart beats regularly, and all of man's internal organisms function without conscious self-knowing--All through life the human soul is unconscious of the Ego, and apparently functions unconsciously. Will you please explain how the human soul and animal soul function if man does not have a group spirit himself?

Answer:--Man does not have a group spirit, but man's collective entity or ego is itself the group entity of the body system. Each of the bodies is composed for two facts. The first is--the body is built as a vehicle for the body on its own plane; and second, because it is a me-dium of expression of a superior force. Therefore, every form or body has its collective entity on its own plane, and also serves as a vehi-cle for a higher form of being. For example:--Months after the death of the human body the hair and finger nails will continue to grow, sim-ply because the physical body has its own collective life principle. It is a servant for the higher principle, but it has its own entity.

The emotional body, while it is an instrument for the use of emo-tional and reason, still it has its own entity, and its own principle of energy. Otherwise the body could not be assembled.

It must have a collective, unified principle within. So each body of man has its own entity, as well as serving as a body for a high-er entity. Each of the races has its separate lives, yet serves as a medium for the collective race being. I think careful study will cla-rify that point.

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