

TOPSIDE

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THE FIVE FACES OF MAN

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When we enter this physical universe we find that there are five relationships to which we are subject. An understanding of these relationships is necessary for a successful sojourn here and progress to higher planes. Not only do the majority of us remain in ignorance of these relationships, but many of us do not even recognize their existence. It is true that there are certain ones which are of interest to us and we do a little lip service there for purely selfish reasons, but there is almost no recognition of the essential nature of these five relationships.

The first Relationship is Religion, which is the relationship of a Being to its Creator. Here we have a hodge-podge of superstition dressed up in pageantry giving lip service to something in which few people actually believe, and practically no one knows anything about. Every great religion says "LOVE THY GOD!" but how many understand what this means? We think we know family love, love of country, love of things, but do we know love of God?

Love Thy God as Thyself! This is something a bit nearer to our understanding because we are all pretty selfish creatures, but again do we really know what it means? Do those of us who abuse our bodies and minds with the many and varied current malpractices have any understanding of what it means to love ourselves?

Love Thy God with all Thy Heart, with all Thy Soul and with all Thy Mind! Here again we are urged to a definite course of action which is spelled out rather clearly, and again we do little or nothing about it. We must learn to know our hearts, our souls, and our minds: to know their capacity and then to use this capacity. There is a tremendous potential here if we but understand it.

The Hierarchy is the relationship of a Being to others not of its kind. In this universe we know very little about the Hierarchy beyond the few other living things which share this planet with us, and which we regard with disdain as being of little or no consequence. We have little knowledge of the vast realms of beings of higher evolution than ourselves and when we do experience a little impact from them, we ignore and suppress it and hope that it will go away because it embarrasses us. There are very few people on this earth who do not feel that somehow they are the Acme of Creation and there are none greater, except possibly a vague and nebulous Deity with which we have little or nothing in common. And yet, knowledge of the Hierarchy obviously is necessary if we are to progress in it; for we are a part of it whether we realize it or not.

Civilization is the relationship of Beings with others of the same kind. This is something about which we know a little, but don't do very much. We have a civilization of sorts but it isn't very good, not nearly so good as the civilizations developed by the Ants and the Bees. We have a general idea of what a civilization ought to be and we all have dreams of a Utopia, but we have not yet mastered even the basic principles upon which a successful civilization must be based.

The many ideologies and 'isms are all attempts to develop a more satisfactory civilization and each must be regarded as a stepping stone leading towards the ultimate. As long as there is disagreement about how civilization should be set up, just that long will it continue to evolve. When people on this planet are satisfied with their civilization it will crystalize as has the civilization of the Ants and the Bees, and further evolvement will rest entirely with the individuals. Because of the basic restless nature of our branch of mankind we will probably not settle for a civilization pattern in the near future, and our ultimate civilization will bear little resemblance to what we have now. But the important thing is to recognize that what we have isn't very good and the ultimate is still far off, and we should work towards it.

Science is the relationship of a Being to the physical world in which it exists. We have evolved a science of sorts by observing Nature and guessing at the causes of the phenomenae which we observe. When we have guessed a plausible explanation we test it by asking Nature a few experimental questions and then fitting the answers into our hypothesis. If they can be made to fit we assume that our original guess was right and we then proceed gleefully on to the next guess. By following this method we have built up a most magnificent concept of this universe in which we live, all beautifully supported by mathematical analyses, and almost entirely self-consistent.

Although it is not generally admitted in scientific circles, there is a prime Cause for this universe, called the Creator, and this universe was established from and within Nothing-At-All. What we observe is the end product of this Creation, or at least that stage of it which involves us. What we do not see is the mechanism by which this all came about and so long as we insist on inspecting it from our rather limited point of view we are not likely to find out very much about its inherent structure. However, if we follow the path trodden by the Creator and start as He did, from Nothing-At-All and follow up the logical sequences, FROM THE BOTTOM UP, checking with Nature by experiment every so often we can get quite a different view of this universe which is ever so much simpler and probably much more accurate than that of our conventional science. By definition Science is the relationship of a Being with the physical world in which it exists, so it is fairly obvious that the viewpoint should be that of the Being, ie. an emanation of the Creator following the path set by the Creator.

The relationship of the Being to the physical vehicle which it occupies is the Talus, and this is an area where understanding is most conspicuous by its absence. Unfortunately, many, many people do not even recognize that there is such a relationship, believing that the physical vehicle IS the Being, in spite of the vast amount of evidence which is apparent to all that the Being is quite apart, though intimately associated with the physical vehicle. The subtraction of limbs or organs does not detract from a Being and the retirement of a Being from its physical vehicle is not necessarily related too closely with such subtractions. The transcendental

nature of Awareness and impossibility of localizing it within a physical structure indicates that it is something separate.

We are accustomed to living in our physical bodies and to us it feels "normal" and any deviation from this condition results in feelings and sensations which are unique. If our thresholds are depressed as in sleep or under anesthetic we can alter the relationships of our Beings to our vehicles without undue disturbance, but on the other hand, if our thresholds are raised any such alteration becomes most apparent. These are the Tallic sensations or experiences, and are an essential part of our experience here. Drugs, excitement and many other stimuli simultaneously raise our thresholds and allow alteration of the Tallic relationship. The group of experiences involving sex, birth, death and mediumship all involve closely related physical sensations caused by the partial (or complete) withdrawal of the Being from the physical vehicle, or some rearrangement in relation thereto.

These then, are the five relationships which make up the experience of a Being in a physical environment. They are part and parcel of our lives and their understanding is an essential part of our evolvement. We have but a scanty appreciation of these relationships, and even to many they do not exist except as philosophies or superstitions. However, we have only to look at what little is apparent of our Brothers from Elsewhere to appreciate the results of Better understanding of these basic relationships; and they tell us that they too, have a long way to go!

SIGHTING REPORT

At about 10 P.M. Wednesday, February 7th, 1962, a neighbor (Mrs. Rose Luman, Kirk's Ferry, Quebec) phoned to say she could see a strange large star in the north east which was giving off colored light quite discernible to the naked eye. We, my daughter and I, got the binoculars and watched this object for at least fifteen minutes. It seemed to remain stationary during that time. This object looked to be circular with a bright light at the top. The remainder of this solid looking circle gave off a red, green and bluish light. These colors seemed to shimmer, not at all like the decided green and red flashers of an aircraft. It then seemed to get smaller and on checking later it had completely vanished.

Mrs. Margaret Clark
Kirk's Ferry, Quebec.

LIQUID OF LIFE

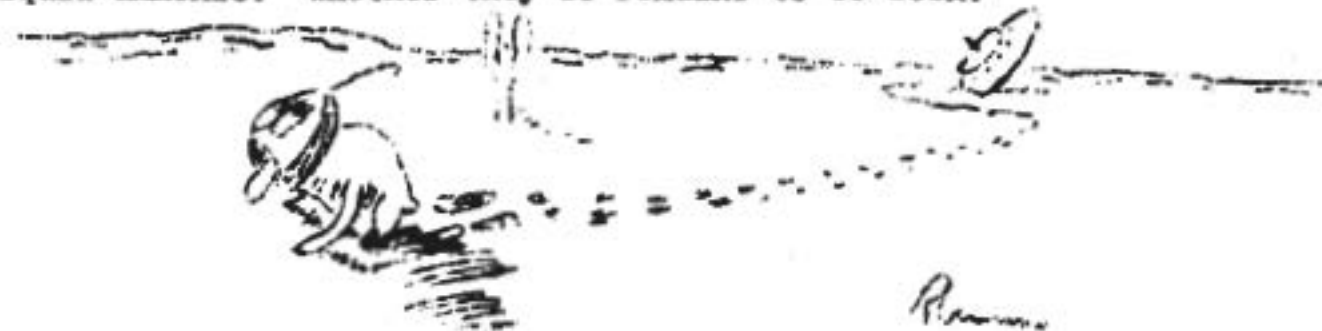
from TIME, Jan. 26, 1962

Ever since astronomers first analyzed the atmosphere of Jupiter and found a blanket of noxious gases thousands of miles thick, most scientists have assumed that the distant planet is devoid of life. But just because earthlings could not live there, says British Amateur Astronomer Axel Firsoff, is no reason to believe that Jupiter is not a populous place. Animals might well thrive even if their planet is covered with a limpid ocean of cold, liquid ammonia.

Life on earth, Firsoff points out in the British magazine DISCOVERY, is based on the reaction of carbon compounds in water solution. But liquid water is not entirely necessary for life. Jupiter is apparently well stocked with ammonia (NH_3), and Firsoff argues that the ammonia would be as satisfactory a solvent as water for supporting life.

"Ammono" chemistry, says the astronomer, is very different from earth's familiar "aquo" chemistry, but there are vital similarities. Both systems produce some well-known compounds, among them the amino acids of which proteins are built. Firsoff is certain that when the first living organisms evolved on earth, the atmosphere above the primeval ocean contained ammonia but no free oxygen. When oxygen accumulated in the atmosphere and ammonia disappeared, life on earth adapted itself to the new conditions. The amino acids that form earth's proteins, says Firsoff, are relics of the prehistoric conditions under which earth life was born.

The digestive systems of modern animals, Firsoff explains, depend on hydrolysis, a process in which proteins, sugars and other compounds are broken down in combination with water. Creatures that have ammonia instead of water in their tissues, would digest food by ammonolysis, i.e., by combining it with ammonia. Instead of oxydizing food to liberate energy as earth's animals do, Jovian animals would combine it with nitrogen, and the final product would be cyanogen (CN_2), a gas that is violently poisonous to life on earth. "Jovian animals," says Astronomer Firsoff, "could breathe nitrogen and drink liquid ammonia. Whether they do remains to be seen."



"Ammonia! Ammonia!"

BOOK REVIEWSMANY MANSIONS by Gina Cerminara.

The author introduces the concept of reincarnation in a casual and subtle, yet logical and convincing, manner. The text is well organized and highly informative, though the style is free-flowing and makes for pleasant reading.

A brief over-all view of what the author terms "the magnificent possibility" is followed by a comprehensive discussion of Karma. The law of Karma as an action, and with its inherent element of consequence, is developed in its many aspects on a chapter by chapter basis.

The popular view that Karma is solely retributive is elegantly dismissed and the true nature of Karma, as a necessary and formative process, is thoroughly explained. In the light of this all-embracing concept, even the retributive facets of life, in all its trials and tribulations, are seen as necessary contributions to the formative process. Certain problems of health, both physical and mental, marriage and celibacy, parent and child relations, inborn traits of vocational competence, are fully explored. The reader, however, is made aware that everything that happens is not all karmic in nature; that immediate circumstances can lead to the creation of completely new situations; that "contemporary" decisions can initiate actions and conditions of their own.

Acceptation of the concept of reincarnation, as put forth in this book, can provide a sense of purpose to one's existence; an attitude of consoling resignation towards otherwise disturbing misfortunes; a feeling of humility and gratitude for our talents and good fortune, rather than one of self-centered exuberance; an inspiration in correcting certain of our ways and in developing true human values.

The author has based the discussion on evidence obtained in the files of the late Edgar Cayce. For those who may not be familiar with this American psychic, Edgar Cayce was at one time, prior to his knowledge of his psychic abilities, led to diagnose his own state of health under hypnosis. His success was also evident in his ability to diagnose ailments of other people as well. Furthermore his ability was found to be not only diagnostic but, in the hypnotic state, the causes of the ailment also could be known. It was with relation to the latter that the laws of karma were put forth as the causes of certain conditions, and in the light of these same laws that corrective action was suggested. Throughout the remainder of his life, Cayce in this manner contributed not only to the relief of suffering but also significantly to our knowledge of man's clairvoyant faculty and our understanding of karmic action.

NO MORE HUNGER by William Dudley Pelley. \$2.00

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U.S.A.

This little book, NO MORE HUNGER, brings sharply into focus the basic causes of the many problems which beset humanity on this planet, and sets forth a remedy which is at once practical and attainable, and yet would place mankind on an almost Utopian basis. It is called "Christian Economics" and the state a "Christian Commonwealth". It is not communism, socialism, capitalism, or any other of the myriad of "-isms" which have been suggested from time to time as Panaceas for all ills. It is simply the incorporation of the entire resources of a nation, together with its people, as a giant Corporation in which every citizen holds a single share of common (voting) stock together with preferred shares corresponding with the value of assets which he turned over to the Corporation.

A guaranteed dividend on each common share would assure a minimal living standard for everybody, which would be supplemented by earnings of the scale of which would be determined by individual qualifications. In this manner there would be exactly enough purchasing credit in the hands of the people to purchase everything they produced in any basic period, and there could never be any glut or shortages. Money, and all the evils stemming from it, would disappear and be replaced by credits in a national bank, against which personal cheques would be issued up to the value of the credits as they were earned. By making the cheques non-negotiable, the incentive and mechanism for crime would be tremendously reduced, and since all transactions except those of a personal nature would be with the Corporation, it would be much harder to be dishonest than honest.

The economic system set forth in NO MORE HUNGER is almost identical with the economic systems used by the various nations of people from "elsewhere", and it is most probable that Pelley obtained these principles from them as he is known to have had considerable communication with "outside". It is apparent that Pelley has taken the basic principles which have proved to be workable "elsewhere" and developed them into something fitting our concepts, namely a Corporation. By so doing he makes it crystal clear that nobody is going to lose anything by incorporating, and the Corporation, by its very magnetude, could accomplish that which smaller effort couldn't even consider.

This book, NO MORE HUNGER, can and probably will do more for Humanity than Marx has done for Communism, or the Rothschilds have done for Capitalism. It is a book that is well worth reading and should be part of every thinking person's library. It is well worth the nominal \$2.00 cost.

SIGHTING - REPORT

Date: March 4, 1962 Time: 2.30 A.M.

Location: In the area bounded by the streets Palsen, Laird and Perry in Meadowlands, City View.

Description: Upon entering the laneway to my house I glanced across the street into my neighbor's back yard. In doing so I noticed about a hundred yards away a small object, with a shimmery pale yellow halo about its circumference. It appeared to be about a foot in diameter and appeared against a background of a garage and then a house. It climbed rather slowly, from an angle of about 15 degrees and disappeared from view behind a house. When I went to investigate the object was gone. The night was extremely still and quiet. The object emitted no sound whatsoever. The sky was crystal clear, so if the object had attained a higher altitude it could have been seen quite plainly. I still wonder where it went. The total time of the sighting was about 5 to 10 seconds.

Keith Rodie
City View, Ont.ON LIFE

W.B. Smith

Make the world a little brighter,
 Make somebody's burden lighter,
 Lend someone a helping hand,
 Pull a brother from the sand,
 Do your bit, however small,
 Have a smile for one and all,
 And when you meet the Judgement Day
 Hold high your head and proudly say,
 "the world, though little I could give,
 Is better now, because I lived!"