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The mystery of Mars deepens. First, the appearance in NASA orbiter photographs of Mars, of an object on the Martian Surface that looked very much like a *human* face -- and now a meteorite, believed by the scientific community to have come from Mars, bearing "unmistakable signs of life!"

Reprinted here, for the benefit of our readers, are excerpts from the HCT for Nov.,1993 and Jan., 1994, regarding "The Face on Mars."

MARTIAN MYSTERIES

An interesting article entitled "The Monuments on Mars" appears in the Sept./Oct. [1993] *American Theosophist*. In the subject article, Herbert Lubitz, a Delaware Theosophist recounts how Viking Orbiter 1 in 1976 made photographs of the Martian surface which revealed "a 1500 foot high stone outcrop which appears to have been carved into a sphinx likeness facing upward," and that there are "other objects in the vicinity of the 'face' that define the basic mathematical constants of e, pi and phi," as well as "a five sided pyramid." These Martian surface features, located on "the plain of Cydonia" strongly suggest having been formed by intelligence.

Yet, strangely NASA has seemed to avoid following up on the questions raised by this tantalizing discovery. The so-called "Face on Mars" has been a subject of much speculation and



controversy since it was first discovered by 'outsiders' on Viking Orbiter photos released to the public by NASA.

The article calls attention to the Mars Observer Satellite (MOBS) which was scheduled to arrive at Mars and begin orbiting the planet on August 24, 1993.

The orbiter carried photographic equipment capable of mapping the Martian surface with a resolution of fifty times better detail than that provided by the 1976 Viking photos.

It was therefore hoped by groups outside of NASA that new and greatly improved images of the plain of Cydonia would be forthcoming which would shed new light on the mysterious objects seen there in the 1976 photos.

As mentioned in the *AT* article, Richard Hoagland, a former science advisor to NASA has written a book, *The Monuments of Mars* (North Atlantic Books, 1992), on the subject and is spearheading interest in the enigma.

As the planet most like our Earth, Mars has always attracted much interest and speculation as to whether it is or has been the home of a human civilization.

Even in the late nineteenth century, it was believed that a system of canals existed on the Martian surface as astronomically visible surface features, lending support to the speculations.

The 1976 NASA photos pretty thoroughly dispelled the idea of Martian 'canals,' although surface features having the appearance of riverbed patterns were found.

With the publication *Esoteric Buddhism* by A.P. Sinnett in 1883, the idea of Mars having been the former home of our own terrestrial humanity was put forward by Sinnett's statement that "there are only two other worlds of our chain which are visible to physical eyes, ... Mars and Mercury -- Mars being in a state of entire obscurity now as regards the human life-wave." [p. 136]

The source of Sinnett's information was the two adepts of the Tibetan Brotherhood, Masters Koot Hoomi and Morya.

H.P. Blavatsky took great care in pointing out in *The Secret Doctrine*, published in 1888, that Sinnett's statement was the result of his mis-interpretation of the Master's answer to his question as to whether Mars and Mercury belonged to "our system of worlds";

Sinnett erroneously assumed that "system of worlds" was synonymous with the term "sevenfold planetary chain." [*S.D. I* - pp. 162-3].

Unfortunately, author Lubitz, in the current *AT* gives this historically imbedded error credibility, saying; "evidence of a prior civilization on Mars [may] resolve the old controversy between H.P.B. and Sinnett about Mars being part of the Earth chain or a separate chain."

His unstated assumption *seems* to be that if the "Face" and other nearby objects in the vicinity can be shown to be the work of 'intelligent' beings; it must then follow that they could only have been made by ancestors of our present Earth-based humanity -- and therefore Mars would have to be a member of the Earth chain.

H.P.B., in *The Secret Doctrine*, clearly refutes the notion of humanity being unique to the Earth chain saying;

The Doctrine teaches that, in order to become a divine, fully conscious god, aye, even the highest - the Spiritual primeval INTELLIGENCES must pass through the human stage. And when we say human, this does not apply merely to our terrestrial humanity, but to mortals that inhabit any world ... [S.D. I - 106]

The refusal to admit in the whole Solar system of any other reasonable and intellectual beings on the human plane, than ourselves, is the greatest conceit of the age.”
[S.D. I - 133] (emphasis added. Ed.)

It has seemed strange to this editor that NASA has been conspicuously unresponsive in pursuing investigation of the ‘Face’ and nearby objects depicted in the 1976 viking photos. Now, adding to the enigma, all communication with the Orbiter has been lost and scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories at Pasadena haven’t a clue as to what went wrong or where the Orbiter went after the last communication was received on August 21.

Reflecting on this, I was prompted to look into the teachings of G. de Purucker regarding Mars, as I remember that he had much of interest to say concerning other planets in our solar system, i.e., Mercury, Venus and Jupiter, etc.

In *Fountain-Source of Occultism*, G. de P. says regarding Rounds;

Jupiter in its present embodiment

is less advanced in its cycle of seven rounds than is the Earth. [p. 326] (Earth, Globe D, is just past its seven round mid-point, the middle of the fourth round). Venus, Globe D, is finishing its seventh round. [p. 327] Mercury is emerging from ‘Obscuration’ to begin its seventh round. [p. 331]

With regard to Mars’ obscuration we are told that;

As for the planet Mars, its physical sphere is younger than the earth, but presently it is in obscurity. It is more than merely ‘asleep,’ for the great bulk of its living entities have moved on to the higher globes of the planetary chain of Mars. However, certain beings were left there when its globe D went into obscurity.

These are the Shistas, ‘remainders,’ i.e., those who serve as the seeds of life on any planet, until the returning life-wave in the next globe-manvantara shall find these bodies waiting and ready for their use.

At present, the vital essences of the Mars planetary chain have left its physical Globe D, having ended their third round thereon, and have gone to its other globes.

There is a mystery with regard to Mars, and that is why H.P.B. in a certain passage on the seven sacred planets mentions only four (Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury and Venus), and merely hints at three more.

Like the Sun and the Moon which are substitutes for two secret planets, Mars - to a certain extent - is in the same category.

[*Fountain source of Occultism*, p. 332]

It therefore seems quite reasonable that relics of a Martian third round civilization, independent of and unconnected with our own, might well exist on the planet in the form of durable artifacts such as a stone 'Face.'

Another possibility, rather more 'far-out,' but not to be overlooked is the possible 'synchronicity' of NASA's curious lack of interest in the 'Face' and other artifacts nearby on the one hand and the loss of the 1993 probe and orbiter on the other. Could it be that the 'Occult Brotherhood' deems it unwise to allow Earthbound humanity to probe into this Martian mystery at this time and is therefore deflecting our efforts?

Precedent for such occult intervention may be found in *The Secret Doctrine* concerning the 'invention' of the 'Keely Motor.' [S.D. I - pp. 554 - 566];

Had Keely been permitted to succeed, he might have reduced a whole army to atoms in a few seconds ... [p. 555]

[OCT93HCT]

Martian Mysteries (update)

"A federal panel investigating the disappearance of NASA's Mars Observer Space Probe [MOBS] concluded on January 5th that the spacecraft leaked enough fuel - barely two tablespoons - to cause an explosion ... The Observer's 450-million mile voyage had proceeded uneventfully until three days before its scheduled rendezvous with Mars. No sign of the probe has been detected since last August. (1993).

"To avoid damaging its communications gear, ground controllers at JPL (Pasadena) turned off the communications system while the probe's propulsion system was pressurized. Contact was never restored. No one will ever know for certain exactly what happened to Observer. There was no telemetry from the spacecraft, no hard evidence to investigate.

"The most probable scenario was a massive rupture of the pressurization system. At best, the ruptured fuel line would act like a jet to send the spacecraft spinning out of control. At worst, it could have exploded. Mission controllers plan one last attempt to contact the missing spacecraft next month, but they do not expect the probe to reply."

[*Los Angeles Times* via *Boulder Daily Camera*, Jan. 5, 1994]

The fate of the Observer spacecraft is of special interest to Theosophists because its planned mission included photographing the Martian surface with a resolution fifty times better than was provided in the 1976 Viking photos. It was in a NASA Viking photo that the so-called "Face on Mars" was discovered - a mile long, 1900 feet high geologic oddity that has excited the interest of more than a few persons for a variety of reasons.

Since writing the commentary on "The Monuments on Mars" article in *The American Theosophist*, (Sept./Oct. '93), I have had time to read the book of the same title by Richard Hoagland. (See HCT Oct. '93)

Author Hoagland, formerly with NASA, is a science writer with qualifications in fields of astronomy, biology and physics. He has

gathered an interdisciplinary team of independent investigators who have exhaustively scrutinized the 1976 Viking photos.

He and geologists on his “Mars project” team are convinced that the “Face” could not be the result of natural geologic processes -- and its remarkable resemblance to a human countenance presents an enigma of its origin. *How, indeed, can there be a human face carved into a mile long rock mesa on Mars!*

Hoagland and his associates have studied Viking photos of Martian ‘terrain’ in the vicinity of the ‘Face’ and have identified additional land features suggestive of a ruined city and several objects that look like pyramids.

Much of his book is devoted to grappling with the problem of proposing a plausible explanation of how a “human” face could have been constructed on Mars.

In reading this book from the world-view of a theosophist, I am acutely aware of the way in which the range of *possibilities* within the minds of each and every one of us is subject to and limited by our unconsciously accepted basic assumptions.

Kurt Godel, a theoretical mathematician, achieved a proof of far-reaching significance in his Incompleteness Theorem. In this proof he established that any system of rigorous logic must depend upon accepted axioms or initial propositions or ‘givens’ which are not provable by any combination of theorems derivable within the system -- and are therefore outside of and independent of the system.

--The conclusion to be drawn from this remarkable and far-reaching insight is that we

are effectively “prisoners of our premises!” Our theosophical teachers warn us against this.

In the *Mahatma Letters*, K.H. tells us to escape from the well-worn grooves of our thinking and G. de Purucker admonishes us to “break the molds of our minds.”

In order to do this we must constantly be aware of and be willing to re-examine and call into question our most basic assumptions about “reality.”

We can realize only relative ‘truth’ at any one time and must forever be prepared to revise or discard old models of the “possible” in the light of new and deeper insights.

It is inevitable, then, that the range of credible scenarios we can envision depend as much upon our original assumptions (usually unexamined and unquestioned) as upon logically rigorous deductions from observed facts.

With these thoughts in mind I can easily see how Hoagland, lacking the world-view of theosophical cosmology, has not seriously considered the possibility that the Martian artifacts in question may be the relics of an *indigenous Martian humanity* which, according to theosophical teachings, is now performing its rounds on the upper globes of the Martian septenary chain, the Martian globe D being in ‘occlusion’ following its third Round.

As to why should the ‘Face’ present a human appearance, one can as justifiably ask ‘why not’?

The science community of the West seems still to be laboring under the limiting

assumption that the emergence of life and of the human race on Earth was an unique and fortuitous event in our solar system, and that it slowly and painfully evolved from its precarious beginnings as viruses or amoebas in the chemical broth of the archaic oceans of our planet.

Following this line of thought, G. de Purucker, a half century ago, said:

“You will doubtless have heard how our scientists have concluded - they say that their theory is true, but it is absolutely false according to theosophy - that the planet Mars is older than the Earth; and their sole reason for saying this is because when they examine what they can see of the surface of Mars through their telescopes, they see no sign, certain and convincing to all of even vegetable life. Apparently, they see no particular organic activity of any kind on that ruddy sphere; and they at once jump to the conclusion that Mars is dead, in a state something like that of the moon, and that therefore it is very much older than our planet Earth.

In the first place, to the student of the ancient wisdom, the “age” of a planet may be of two kinds. Does it mean *older in spiritual experience* - because, remember, a planet is an “animal” in the Greco-Latin sense, and “animal” means “living being,” for it is a hierarchy of lives - or does it merely mean that the physical sphere is older than ours?

Now the teaching of the ancient wisdom is that Mars is *younger* than the Earth. Its body, its physical sphere, is younger; but at the present time, it is in a state of “obscuration.”

It is what we may call asleep; it is more than merely asleep, actually for the vastly larger

part of its hosts of lives, of its living entities, have left it in order to go to higher spheres or globes of the Martian planetary chain.

But this again does *not mean* - one has to be very careful in the use of expressions in our studies - that there *is no life* on Mars.

When our own physical body is asleep, does it mean that it is in decay, that it is dead? Are there no vital processes going on in the sleeping human body? Of course there are, many: recuperation, reinforcing of the bonds of the inner nature; not of the nature itself, but there is a strengthening of the bonds connecting the vital astral entity with it.

There are, and this will illustrate another point - on the planet Mars in its present state of obscuration certain beings left there by the receding life-wave of Mars when that planet went into obscuration; and these beings are called in the Sanskrit language *sishtas*, meaning “remainders” or “remains,” i.e., those whose duty it is to keep the seeds of life on that planet until the incoming flow of the returning life-wave in the new manvantara to come shall find these bodies ready for them and in all ways appropriate.

Now these *sishtas* are of seven kinds: three elemental, the mineral, the “plant,” the “beast”-type there, which represented- the human on Mars; and one other.

There are certain ones of these *sishtas* which are not at all of the lower types;

they *must have been* higher than the average of the average of the humanity when that planet went into obscuration, in order to provide for the more evolved humanity coming down on its succeeding round fit and appropriate vehicles for the new life cycle, or manvantara there.

Generally, then, the *sishtas* are those superior classes, - each of its own kind and kingdom - left behind on a planet when it goes into obscurity, in order to serve as the *seeds of life* for the inflow of the next incoming life-wave when the dawn of the new *manvantara* takes place on that planet.

[*Fundamentals of the Esoteric Philosophy*, G. de Purucker, pp. 207-8]

[Jan94HCT]

Life on Mars?

RESEARCHERS SAY METEORITE PROVES IT
EXISTED

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A meteorite from Mars provides “unequivocal” evidence that life once existed on the red planet, Scientists familiar with the discovery asserted Tuesday.

Researchers examining the rock from Space recovered in Antarctica say it bears organic compounds that are unmistakable signs of life.

NASA officials in Washington and at Johnson Space Center in Texas confirmed the report that research sponsored by the center had concluded the meteorite bore chemical evidence of past biological activity on Mars. But they declined to give further details.

A spokeswoman at the journal *Science* confirmed that a Mars paper had been received, but she said it would not be published until next week.

Meanwhile, word of the discovery flashed

through the astronomy community. One scientist familiar with the study, commenting on the condition of anonymity, said, “The finding was unequivocal. This could be one of the biggest discoveries ever.”

Another scientist, also speaking only anonymously, said he was skeptical but if the report could be confirmed it would be a major discovery. Past or present existence of life on Mars has been considered a possibility ever since studies by spacecraft landers showed that water was once present on the planet surface.

None of the Martian landers, however, found evidence that life now exists on Mars, nor did the robot craft find chemical markers for life in limited soil samples that have been analyzed.

The new findings center on a meteorite called Allan Hills 84001, the oldest of 12 pieces of rock that earlier studies confirmed as originating from Mars. It is thought the rocks were jolted away from Mars by some massive collision in ancient times and then drifted in space until they fell to Earth.

Allan Hills 84001 was found to have crystallized about 4.5 billion years ago, during the formation of the solar system. It is thought to have been knocked from the Martian surface about 15 million years ago and then to have smashed into the icy surface of Antarctica about 13,000 years ago.

The meteorite was discovered in 1984 and later identified as originating from Mars.

Scientists from NASA’s Johnson Space Center, from Stanford University, the University of Georgia and McGill University in Montreal recently studied thin slices of the rock

and found organic molecules called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs.

PAHs can be formed only in two ways—by biological action, such as by microorganisms, or in the process that forms planets.

However, the researchers determined that the PAHs in the rock were deposited in cracks that occurred after the meteorite was formed, suggesting the molecules were deposited by later biological activity.

Also, a scientist familiar with the find said that within the PAHs were particles of magnetite that are structurally like those made by bacteria on Earth. The researchers also found iron sulfide, a chemical compound related to bacterial action.

[Contributed by Robert Hütwohl from *The Sante Fe New Mexican*, Aug. 7, 1996]

THE MESSAGE OF THE SPHINX:

A Quest for the Hidden Legacy of Mankind

By GRAHAM HANCOCK
and ROBERT BAUVAL

Doubleday, 362 pp.

Reviewed by JOHN OLIPHANT

Something big is going down at Giza.



An archaeological team funded by an American multimillionaire is working at the Sphinx under conditions of absolute secrecy, preparing to open a chamber that may contain the Records of a Lost Civilization over 12,000 years old.

In *Secret Chamber*, a seven-minute videotape shown by Graham Hancock as part of his recent presentation at the Vancouver Public Library, Egyptologist Dr. Zawi Hawaas, chief Inspector of Antiquities for the Pyramids and Sphinx, scrambles into a tunnel and whispers to the viewer:

“Even Indiana Jones will never dream to be here. Can you believe it? We are now inside the Sphinx. This tunnel has never been opened before. But we are going to open it for the first time.”

Over dramatic aerial images of the Sphinx and the Pyramids, the narrator of the video explains that Edgar Cayce, America’s famous “sleeping prophet,” predicted that a chamber containing the recorded history of human civilization would be discovered beneath the Sphinx, and that it will be “opened tonight, live, for our television cameras.”

The video, which was financed by the American multimillionaire Joseph Schor, who is a lifetime member of the Edgar Cayce

organization and is funding the Sphinx project, was produced by Peter Zuuring, head of the Amtex Corporation, a multi-media CD-ROM company in Belleville, Ontario. It was apparently made for the purpose of hooking a major American network into televising a live opening of the Sphinx chamber.

The large, perfectly rectangular chamber was discovered in 1992 at a depth of about 8 meters beneath the paws of the Sphinx by a team using seismic equipment, headed by the Egyptologist John Anthony West.

According to Hancock, after making the discovery, the team was physically expelled from the site by Zawi Hawaas, and its application to continue its research was turned down.

At about the same time, a previously unknown chamber was discovered in the Great Pyramid. On March 22, 1993, Rudolf Gantenbrink, a German robotics engineer, sent his robot Upuaut II (Egyptian for “opener of the way”) up the inclined, 20 centimetre-square southern shaft in the Queen’s Chamber. At the end of its 200-foot , the robot came to a portcullis door, equipped with two copper handles, behind which there appears to be an intact chamber.

After releasing a videotape of this discovery to the media, Gantenbrink, like John Anthony West before him, was banned by the Egyptian authorities from doing further research.

Graham Hancock is profoundly disturbed by what is occurring at Giza, and by the

prostitution of the Egyptian monuments to commercial ends.

Peter Zuuring, who is reported to be raising the sum of \$10 million to promote the live opening of the Sphinx chamber and Pyramid door, recently told/Hancock in a taped interview: “I’m working with a private guy who is a personal friend of Hawaas, and we are absolutely going to drum this thing to death.”

Hancock wonders how “live” the staged “live opening” will really be.

“I’m extremely suspicious about what they’re doing,” he comments. “There is no control over what is going on there. It is perfectly possible for anything that is found to be removed from underneath the Sphinx, and for other objects to be substituted. It’s perfectly possible for the mine to be salted. They could put anything in there they like, and they could take out anything they like, and nobody is going to know. I’m not saying it’s going to happen, but it’s possible.”

In *The Message of the Sphinx: The Hidden Legacy of Mankind*, Hancock, a former East Africa correspondent for *The Economist* and author of the international bestseller *Fingerprints of the Gods*, and Robert Bauval, a Belgian Egyptologist and co-author with Hancock of *The Orion Mystery*, give the background to the events currently unfolding at Giza and offer a radical new theory regarding the origins of Egyptian civilization, and the significance of the Egyptian monuments.

They argue that the Sphinx is far older than the accepted date of 2500 BC., a thesis

supported by the work of Dr. Robert Schoch, a professor of geology at Boston University, who concluded that the weathering of the Sphinx indicates that it was exposed to thousands of years of rainfall, and was carved during a period when heavy rains fell on the eastern Sahara - perhaps more than 12,000 years ago.

[See HCT; Aug. '92, Nov. '91]

On the basis of their own archeo-astronomical investigations, Bauval and Hancock conclude that the Sphinx was built in 10,500 B.C., and was the work of the survivors of an earlier lost civilization, which was destroyed by an enormous global cataclysm that occurred at the end of the last Ice Age.

These survivors, referred to in Egyptian texts as the Shemsu Hor, the "Followers of Horus," were a pre-dynastic group of Initiates who, Hancock and Bauval believe brought to Egypt, an advanced knowledge of astronomy and mathematics, as well as an incredibly sophisticated religion; they "switched on" Egyptian civilization around 3,000 BC.

Although not disputing the orthodox dating of the Pyramids at 2500 BC., Hancock and Bauval contend that they were not royal tombs built to aggrandize the egos of megalomaniac pharaohs, but were constructed to model a special region of the sky known as the Duat, comprised of the constellations of Orion and Leo, and through which the soul was believed to travel after death in its quest for immortality.

Egyptian scriptures specifically instruct the initiate to build on the ground the terrestrial equivalent of the Duat. The ground plan of the

three pyramids at Giza corresponds exactly with the three stars in Orion's belt and the colossal lion-bodied Sphinx, a precisely aligned equinoctial marker, is the earthly equivalent of the constellation of Leo. Reconstructing the ancient skies over Giza with computer software, Hancock and Bauval demonstrate that sky and ground lock together perfectly, like a huge celestial machine, in 10,500 B.C.

The Pyramids and Sphinx may even have been used, they suggest, in elaborate rituals, in which the "equipped spirit," prepared for the afterlife journey. Inside the Pyramid and Sphinx (the two may be joined by a tunnel) he would undergo the trials he would have to pass in order to achieve immortality as the resurrected god Osiris.

Hancock and Bauval have used geology, astronomy and a study of the monuments and texts to arrive at a new understanding of ancient Egyptian beliefs.

They acknowledge that Edgar Cayce appears to have scored a "direct hit" when it comes to the Sphinx, even though his information was received from psychic sources.

They also point out in *Message of the Sphinx* that the Cayce organization has been funding projects at Giza for years, educating Egyptologists who are sympathetic to its aims (including Zawi Hawaas), and strategically positioning itself for the great moment when it can open the "Hall of Records" and prove that Cayce was right.

Cayce prophesied that this event would

occur between 1996 and 1998. So far, everything is happening according to his timetable.

But the prophet made another, lesser known prediction: that those who opened the chamber beneath the paws of the Sphinx would not initially share its contents with the world.

And this is what Hancock doesn't want to see happen. "These monuments are a legacy of mankind; they cannot be acquired by wealthy individuals for their own purposes. That is why we are calling for an international investigation, and full public oversight of the research that is taking place there."

In a recent announcement to the Egyptian press, acknowledging the existence of the Sphinx project, Zawi Hawaas stated that he expected to find a large statue of Khafre, the Pharaoh credited by most Egyptologists with building the Sphinx.

The statement alarms Hancock. "Why does he expect to find that? This makes me very disturbed. What is his information on this? What is going on?"

On November 26, 1922, Howard Carter pried loose some stones to make a small opening in the door to King Tutanthamen's tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Peering inside with a lighted candle, he was struck dumb with amazement by the strange animals, statues and glint of gold that he discerned in the musty interior. In reply to Lord Carnarvon's anxious inquiry, "Can you see anything?" the only words he could manage to utter were: "Yes, wonderful things."

What "wonderful things" will be found when the chamber below the Sphinx is opened? Will there be records dating back to the time of Atlantis? And will the discoveries prove Hancock and Bauval's theory that the glories of ancient Egypt are a legacy, inherited from an antediluvian civilization?

If the promotional video, *Secret Chamber*, is any indication, artifacts of inestimable value, may be revealed to the world, between commercials for Coca Cola and Mc Donald's hamburgers.

The Sphinx, a monument that has endured for thousands of years, and whose battered enigmatic visage is synonymous with mystery, is about to have its ultimate secret revealed.

Will that revelation be given, in its entirety to the world, or will it be as Cayce predicted and as Hancock and Bauval fear, be withheld or somehow misrepresented to the public?

This hidden legacy of mankind must be shared openly with the peoples of the earth. Such an momentous discovery might well be a matter of both history and destiny.

John Oliphant

Letters Received

Dara Eklund writes from Studio City, California:

It was good to see the remainder of Emmett's talk, which he did not have time to

deliver at Coulterville. However, there are a few typos you may wish to be aware of, besides the lack of sequence in the note scheme.

1. Judge passed away on March 21, 1896, not April 26. (see p.3)

[This was not an HCT typo. The text of Emmett's talk was scanned and converted via O.C.R. (Optical Character Recognition), and was printed as given, but was not cross checked for accuracy. We stand corrected. Ed.]

2. p.11 line 9 from bottom and line 17 from bottom: "He" should be "the"

[These are O.C.R. recognition errors and were not caught and corrected during proof reading. A typical OCR recognition error is to misinterpret the lower case letters "th" as a Capital "H".]

3. Line 13 p. 12: The date should be January 1942, as in fact you can see by the sentence a few lines down, reading: "This was done in May 1942."

[Here again, the date (January 1948) was printed, as given, in Emmett's manuscript. We stand corrected, subject to Emmett's concurrence.]

As to the endnotes, the numbering is correct up to number 17. Superscript 18 is correct on page 5, col.2 para.2 ... ages."¹⁸. On page 7, col. 1, -para. 4, delete Superscript 18 following the word extracts. Dara's corrections are truly appreciated Ed.]

Since your issues are so special and worthy I hesitate to mention such typos, and some of the other confused sentences may be just hasty observations in Emmett's inimitable

concise style

I felt sorry no one stood by Richard Robb, who was heavily berated for his expose of Alice Bailey, which I thought was just fine. An editorial urging discernment, based on a knowledge of basics might prove helpful for those wishing to focus on source teachings.

Are you still planning to print my response to Eldon's thoughts on the Internet list? Or could you possibly draw on your "Questions we all ask" series to clarify that on the upswing of evolution the animal kingdom is dying out, not becoming higher than men? Or do you think Eldon has implied this???

As mentioned on E-mail it is questionable philosophy to consider us as "pets" of the Dhyani-Chohans. Perhaps someone better equipped than I am to explain G.de P. could remind Theosophists that in the next "worlds" (does he mean globes?) the monads are developing the Higher Manasic and Buddhic qualities. Where do the animals fit in with this scheme? Well maybe you will get some response from someone who has the time to fully delve into the matter!! ...

All our best to you and Marty,

David Keane writes on behalf of the East-West Network from Gosnells Australia

I WAS MOST INTERESTED IN YOUR DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION OF THEOSOPHY FOR RUSSIA, AS PRESENTED IN YOUR JUNE '96 edition of HCT. It may be of interest therefore if I were to share with you some of my own experiences and perceptions of networking with Russia

Russia is a truly mysterious country, combining youthful immaturity with a deep and

profound spirituality. It, and the neighboring republics, are passing through a period of immense change. It is a time when the old order has disintegrated, and the new order is vigorously emerging, yet has not yet taken form.

In the midst of this rapid change and turmoil there is an exceedingly intense and painful economic crisis. This crisis is the fruit of many generations of corrupt management by the former communist government, during which time administration was centred in Moscow, there was severe repression of freedom of speech, and the economy was directed towards the maintaining of a military nuclear super-power.

The fall of the communist government was essentially for economic reasons --- the average worker was finding it very difficult to pay for food, clothing and accommodation, and often had to wait in long queues for essential items.

The malaise was felt even in the army, which was sympathetic with the people at the time of the fall of communism.

And yet with the fall of communism, the old law-enforcement order was by then so corrupted that it was rejected by the people and the in-coming government.

And so for a couple of years during the early 1990's, there was inadequate law enforcement, and in the vacuum the major world crime cartels moved into Russia, and Moscow is now considered as the organised crime capital of the world.

Nowadays, it is estimated that the vast sums of money injected into Russia and former Soviet nations, is balanced by the enormous amounts that are laundered out of the system through corruption and crime syndicates.

And so the plight of the people is as bad as before. Though the shops are now full and there are no more queues, the people cannot afford the items and many have not received their wages for months.

It is refreshing to note that since the last election in 1996, the keynote of government action has moved away from the old communist versus anti-communist conflict towards more pragmatic issues of fighting crime and corruption and dismantling conscription.

But in the meantime the plight of small business is exceedingly difficult, and this inhibits the development of many New Age groups and bookshops that we in the West would take so much for granted.

The price of rent in Moscow is as high as anywhere in the world. My friends Karine and Boris advised that to make an agreement to rent 3 large basement rooms for their library/ club/offices, they are required to place a \$10,000.(US) right to lease downpayment. Even in America this is an enormous amount.

But the wage of the average Russian is less than one tenth of Western equivalents. A Russian would find it difficult to earn so much in 5 years.

Sergei Belkovsky wrote to me once that

his attempt to set up a New Age bookshop in Kaluga was aborted because of the immense business taxes and bureaucratic red tape in getting things going.

If you were to walk through Moscow these days you can find many bookshops overflowing with New Age books. But the situation is not so fortunate in provincial cities, most of which, I understand do still not yet have a single New Age bookshop.

I have never known a people to be so passionate about books as the Russians. In communist times, it was the dissident authors such as Yevtushenko and Pasternak that kept the flame of spirit alive in the heart of the people. And nowadays many of my friends in Russia talk of books with a passion that amazes me.

The books of the Roerichs and Agni Yoga are exceedingly popular. Russian was in fact the language the Agni Yoga series were first transcribed in, and many Russians think of this teaching as specially intended for Russia.

But the Roerich heritage, involving also the paintings of Nicholas Roerich, has recently been disputed in the highest courts in the land.

Many claims and counter claims abound, for during communist times forged documents were planted which were aimed to divide religious and New Age groups among themselves.

That which is held in high esteem in the West, is labelled as black magic by fanatical zealots in Russia.

On Russian television there have been scenes of book-burnings of ancient wisdom teachings in front of Russian Orthodox Churches. The burnings were presided over by the priest.

The Russian Orthodox Church has now labelled as heretical, all books on Theosophy, by Roerich and other arcane and ancient wisdom teachings.

Reacting against this, piracy publication of manuscripts is widespread, and these translations are often of poor quality and distort the truth. Some Western groups with much money are promoting their own dubious line of books.

You can perhaps begin to understand why the New Age scene in Russia is so underdeveloped and in such turmoil.

With the exception of astrology and Roerich study, there is a real deficiency in structured courses in spiritual/meditational/discipleship study.

In such an environment, I wonder why Adyar is delaying in registering the Theosophical Society in Russia.

The need is so intense, and I have come across many true disciples who lift up the three principles of Theosophy and have a deep commitment in service, meditation and goodwill activity.

A few of my friends in Russia talk of the intense need for a discipleship training course in Russia, but there are few disciples who are

properly trained. It is a vicious circle, and so there is a desperate need for a cheap correspondence course in meditation, service and discipleship.

It was with this thought in mind that I came across a wonderful correspondence course, run by a group called the “International Association for Creative Meditation”.

The course started in the 50’s and has become quite popular in the West. The British headquarters is Sundial House, Nevill Court, Turnbridge Wells, Kent, England, and the American headquarters is Meditation Groups for the New Age, PO Box 566, Ojai CA 93024.

Both groups run similar courses varying a little according to national differences. The Sundial House course is in 3 parts, of 144pp, 140pp and 175pp respectively. They would be glad to give enquirers further information about their courses.

Yuri Gorbunov, a Russian speaking lecturer living in Crimea, Ukraine, has now offered to translate the Sundial House course, if finance could be found to print and distribute the course. The people of Russia literally hunger for such spiritual nourishment.

And though I am on an invalidity pension with certain other commitments, I set aside what I could, \$950. (Aust.) cash for the printing/distribution, and I offered a wage of a sustained \$100. (US) a month to Sergei Belkovsky.

I find now that I can afford to maintain this besides continuing to give a yearly donation

for Sergei to buy spiritual books of his selection in English. Sergei has written back to say that he accepts this offer though he says that the cost of living in Kaluga is closer to \$200 a month. At present he supports himself (with difficulty I suspect) through lecturing and workshops.

The terms of the arrangements are not yet finalised, but pending agreement with Sergei Belkovsky, Yuri Gorbunov and Sundial House, I have proposed the following. That Yuri Gorbunov supervise the translation and distribution of the Sundial House course. In return for paying Sergei Belkovsky’s wage, Sergei would offer half his employment as translator attached to Yuri’s group, and Sergei’s translation activity would be “for the purpose of translation of material of a goodwill/ educational/ meditational nature for outreach to aspirants and disciples in provincial Russia and ex-USSR”--- for this half of his work, Sergei shall receive wages from the West.

The second half of Sergei’s work will be translation of books of his own personal choosing, or if he prefers, lecturing which is his present occupation --- he can use any money received from publishing the books translated in his own time however he chooses, to buy more books, for family, for his Kaluga group, however --- we will still be continuing to pay him his wages of \$100 or \$200 a month (depending on how much others can contribute).

The selection of books to be translated under this arrangement is to be made as a group decision involving Yuri and Sergei. I think it best for them to make their own choices. I can say however that I approve of their present

interests.

For example, Yuri shared with me a dream that one day every university library would have a complete collection of the works of Roerich, Bailey, Steiner and Blavatsky.

Sergei said he has in the past translated a few Theosophical books, and he now buys many books in English, through my donation, but selected with the assistance of Liesel Deutsch.

My one regret is that I do not have the finances to pay Sergei's full wages of \$200.US a month.

I was quite surprised when he accepted my offer of \$100.US a month, for I knew it was a great sacrifice with no material benefit for him. To make ends meet, besides translating in Yuri's group, he would still need to lecture and hold workshops. But if someone else were also to support Sergei for \$100.US a month, making \$200.US a month in all, then he would have enough money to live off for his own needs.

If he chose to hold workshops and lectures, any money earned could then be put into group work. This in the past he could not afford to do.

Yet in Sergei I sense there is a man with a true vision for the spiritual education and awakening of the Russian people in the provinces away from the major cities. With a little support for a man such as Sergei much could be done.

In conclusion, I suspect that the reason

that the Russian people are so passionate about books and there is so much turmoil and change in that nation, is because they have a great destiny. Of that destiny we can only speculate, but it seems significant that Russia was the birth place of Madame Blavatsky.

There are two prophecies about Russia that have come to my attention that I find most interesting.

“Out of Russia --- a symbol of the world Arjuna in a very special sense --- will emerge that new and magical religion . . . It will be the product of the great and imminent Approach which will take place between humanity and the Hierarchy. From these two centres of spiritual force, in which the light which ever shineth from the East will irradiate the West, the whole world will be flooded with the radiance of the Sun of Righteousness. I am not here referring (in connection with Russia) to the imposition of any political ideology, but to the appearance of a great and spiritual religion which will justify the crucifixion of a great nation.”

Destiny of Nations, p. 61, by A Bailey

“(Russia) is the place where God will be most glorified”

Our Blessed Lady, message to the children of Mejdugoria

For myself, I consider it as a blessing to be permitted to help in my own small way in the building of a positive future. I invite others to do likewise, for it is not well that the affluence of the world remains in the West.

Yours in Love and Light,
David Keane

[David Spangler of Findhorn published, in 1980, some prophecies concerning Nations on the world scene in 1980, under the title *Conversations with John*. Here are relevant excerpts from *The High Country Newsletter* for May and June 1990 (Ed.):

The spiritual entity that is the soul of the Soviet Union is now asserting itself, and there is considerable uneasiness and conflict within that country over its future direction and policy.

The Soviet Union has a destiny to fulfill in bringing about the well-being of humanity: a spiritual light will emerge out of that country. Its current flirtations with force and power are only a way-station towards that end, and even now a more mature and aligned planetary force seeks to emerge.

This is not to say that the Soviet Union will not continue to be a source of planetary agitation, of tension, and even of danger for some time to come.

The Soviet Union is involved in working out karma within itself and with the nations upon its borders.

It has an unintegrated nature, which makes it vulnerable to being an instrument through which forces and trends inimical to human evolution can manifest, forces of repression born of fear.

These will have to be wisely confronted and transmuted, but even their appearance can fulfill a purpose in the transformation process.

I should add that there are vulnerabilities

within the collective and institutional energies of the United States to the manifestation of such anti-evolutionary forces as well.

There is no one villain upon the world stage. The villain lies in states of mind and of attunement that are universally experienced, just as the heroic force of love and goodwill is also not the exclusive property of any one race or nation.

Those countries that would challenge the negativities of the Soviet Union must look as well to challenging and resolving negativities within their own borders.

David includes the following letter which he received from Yuri Gorbunov who writes from Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine: [Ed.]

Thank you for your letter, circular and coupons.

You are doing a great task, aspiring to the development of friendship bonds and business collaboration between the peoples of the East, European countries, and countries of the West, to distribute esoteric knowledge among people so recently enslaved under communist ideology.

It is a great task just to begin. It is pleasing to realise that our Australian friends are seeking to help us.

I send you a book from Helena Roerich, which I have succeeded in publishing with the help of sponsors. I have still plans, but not the means, for booklets.

The Crimean Association for big-energy information exchange in nature, has been

working now for 6 years. We call it a Unit of Service, reporting under the guidance of World Goodwill in London.

The Association does much. Its doctors treat people and make them well. Every year we lead a Week of Spiritual Unity from the end of May until the day for the defence of our children, June 1st.

It seems that we have established, through the association, the largest library of esoteric literature in the Ukraine. It has 600 to 700 books. We receive as a gift more books from New York World Goodwill, and from Mr Torkam Saradarian in the English language.

We have formed a School of the Mysteries. I head it, and read lectures in the history of esoteric studies, comparative religion, occult philosophy and Hermetism and the Kabbala.

Those attending read and know the works of Blavatsky, Roerich, and Alice Bailey. Studies in the school and meetings are concluded with a meditation. As you see, we have achieved quite a bit through great desire.

I could organise the translation of the Course in meditation that you suggest (from Sundial House). The translation of 40,000 words in the Ukraine today comes to \$40-\$45 (U.S.) I could reproduce the course and organise a branch in a correspondence course if we are provided with financial help.

Please understand me correctly; people have not received their meagre wages for months. For example, I need to read lectures at University (history and Eastern philosophy), lead studies in Wednesday school of business

ethics, study in the School of Mysteries, and prepare lectures in it, and then do my personal work of book publication, for which payment is made monthly.

I dream of the formation of a Crimean Scientific Research Publication and Educational Centre. For a beginning there is need for technical equipment; FAX, computer, printer, zerox. A place to provide for workers and an open office is to be found;

I have been building a two-story house for 6 years, which is more to do with my hands. In it will be a place for a library and publishing house.

However this year I nearly succeeded in completing the building --- we don't have the funds for outside plaster, furniture, installation of a telephone and driveway.

The Association leases a basement and is making there doctor's consulting rooms. And we have our library there also.

In these days, deep roots for Roerich study are established. The basis for esoteric study and exposition of Roerich, in the Russian language, is known to millions of Russians.

However it is not possible to unite all the Roerich followers. The communists separated them, brandishing the first version of the book Helena Roerich's "Community", published in 1926, demonstrating that Lenin was the great Mahatma.

L. Shapovnikov heads a second group of Roerich followers, at The International Roerich Centre in Moscow. The centre does very much:

It publishes large and small series of the works of the Roerichs, and studies their manuscript legacies. It is to be hoped, that the Centre succeeds in publishing the full Roerich collection with scientific studies. The principal group of participants of the Roerich movement in Russia has a very weak esoteric and theoretical training and is still captive to communist ideology.

How, from my view, do we approach these problems facing the esotericists of our planet in their relationship to Russia?

Firstly, is the translation, preparation and publication of the full collection of works of H.Blavatsky, Rudolf Steiner and A.Bailey. Ignorance will reign throughout Russia until such a time that every university library has its full collection of the works of Roerich, Bailey, Steiner and Blavatsky in the Russian language.

Second comes the publication of popular Russian cultural newsletters containing such articles, as inform readers about steps, leading to different international movements, the printing of lessons in meditation, theosophy etc, and advertising esoteric publications.

Thirdly, the creation of a Theosophical University providing contemporary specialization for young people. I understand that my proposed projects begin with small means. But without the realization of such things, without such a scientific research centre it is naive to hope for the success of expansion of simple networks between East and West.

Until then, theosophical, esoteric ideas will not be adopted by the minds of our youth; the New Russia will not appear. The Masters of Shamballa did not tire of speaking of such

things to the Roerichs.

And now some practical matters:

There are some Russians living in Australia. I could come and read lectures in Russian and English languages, together with Sergei Binat, president of our Association.

He is a doctor-cardiologist, lecturer, naturopath. Besides lecturing, he could do much healing. Perhaps some firms would be interested in our proposals, and such work could repay all our expenses.

Concerning advertising; possibly such collaboration would give us a chance to earn the finances for our projects. Then sponsors would be found. With respect and hope for continuing co-operation,

Yours, Yuri Ivanovich Gorbunov.

John Greschner writes from Florence Colorado:

I am very well and thank you very much for the recent H.C.T.. It was a good issue. I especially liked the "Embarking On A New Attempt," by Rodolfo Don who quoted excerpts from The Mahatma Letters regarding the primary purpose of the T.S. being the Universal Brotherhood of Mankind in the Light Of The Truth - that is true.

How could it be otherwise? In fact even deeper than *brotherhood*, all of mankind and All that is. It is the one presence, the same presence, just in different vehicles of expression -- that is the truth and that is the

teaching of the S.D.. The one presence has *become* and shines forth as, *All That Is*.

It is simply one's conduct, one's dharma, whatever one's station is life. It is to do that which affirms and uplifts Life and not just simply Human Life but it affirms and uplifts All, for All is You.

The adage "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You," is right on the mark and literally, in a dual application, as what you do unto others, is what you are doing unto yourself, in that act, in that moment, but deeper.

The *Kriya Karma* of your act shall manifest as your experience in your life. At the same point in the unfolding process you shall eat the fruits of that which you have caused to be planted - you shall reap that which you have sown and there is no escape from the harmony and balance and Perfection of the One.

As stated in the S.D., Vol II, Anthropogenesis, page 446:

Such is the course of Nature under the sway of Karmic Law: of the ever present and the ever-becoming Nature. For, in the words of a Sage, known only to a few Occultists: -

THE PRESENT IS THE CHILD OF THE PAST;

THE FUTURE, THE BEGOTTEN OF THE PRESENT.

AND YET, O PRESENT MOMENT!

KNOWEST THOU NOT THAT THOU HAST NO PARENT,

NOR CANST THOU HAVE A CHILD;

THAT THOU ART EVER BEGETTING BUT THYSELF?

BEFORE THOU HAST EVER BEGUN TO SAY

'I AM THE PROGENY OF THE DEPARTED MOMENT, THE CHILD OF THE PAST,'

THOU HAST BECOME THAT PAST ITSELF.

BEFORE THOU UTTEREST THE LAST SYLLABLE,

BEHOLD! THOU ART NO MORE THE PRESENT BUT VERILY THAT FUTURE.

THUS, ARE THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE,

THE EVER-LIVING TRINITY IN ONE -

THE MAHAMAYA OF THE ABSOLUTE IS."

And as set out in H.P.B., Collected Writings., Vol. XII, 1889-1890, pg 436:

MARCH

Say not I am, 'I was, 'or I shall be, '

Think not ye pass from house to house of flesh

Like travellers who remember and forget,

Ill-lodged or well-lodged. Fresh

Issues upon the Universe that sum

Which is the lattermost of lives. It makes

Its habitation as the worm spins silk

And dwells therein ... "

And in same Vol., page 440

APRIL

"The untouched soul,

Greater than all the worlds

(because the worlds by it subsist);

Smaller than subtleties Of things min-

utes";

last of ultimates;

Sits in the hollow heart of all that lives!

*Whoso hath laid aside desire and fear,
His senses mastered, and his spirit still,
Sees in the quiet light of verity
Eternal, safe, majestic - HIS SOUL!"*

Same Vol., page 469

NOVEMBER

*"As large as is the unbounded Universe,
So large that little, hidden Spirit is!
The Heavens and Earths are in it;
Fire and air, And sun and moon and stars;
darkness and light, It comprehends!*

*Whatever maketh Man,
The present of him, and the past of him,
And what shall be of him;
- all thoughts and things
Lie folded in the ethereal vast of it!" -*

Edwin Arnold, The Light of Asia. Book 8.

THE SECRET OF DEATH. (*From the
Katha Upanishad. Section 1, Pt. ii, 20.*)

*The one, has become the many,
yet remains, unbroken inseparably, the
one—*

*All perceived exceptions to this,
are but tremors and deliriums,
the phantoms of the lower house of manas,
who's halls are filled with the impassioned
shreiks and defensive averments of
its wispy gallery of imprinted beliefs...
- Om Mani Padme Hum -*

John Greschner

Dear Marty, July 27, 1996

I am well and I received your card dated

July 23, 1996. Thank you, I also received the H.C.T., and again thank you to you and Dick.

Marty, you must trust your inner Self as it is the fountain of Pure Truth, for your unchained Inner Self and it is the pure truth

On understanding my letters, I speak of the inner, not the Outer cloaks and shells. The Secret Doctrine is very good for a foundational understanding of the manifestation in Cosmogenesis and Anthropogenesis.

This is the "cycles" of cloaks and shells but it is almost wholly exoteric, with a sprinkling of hints.

I am no expert on the S.D., yet if you wish to correspond regarding the same, I will do that gladly.

However, during our discussions on whatever - ultimately, we will have to go within as everything flows from within/without in the Becoming/evolutionary process - all external phenomena are but living symbols of the Inner unfolding - the vibrational "will/desire" pulse of consciousness itself - the Universal Shakti/Kundalini and the Great Goddess of Wisdom.

It is the movement which is all power, force, form and each pulse or vibration is the movement of The Goddess Shakti. It is the unfolding and becoming of Wisdom itself.

All phenomena, irrespective of its inner or outer planes is a living, vibrating, conscious aspect of Wisdom/Shakti in That Specific Form. It continuously unfolds and becomes a flowering of a conscious petal of being, through all the various cyclic periods. Its forms are Pure Shakti/Wisdom (A.K.A. "Sakti" in S.D.)

In movement, the Shakti is simply the movement/vibration of the **One Consciousness**. There is only one essence/presence, which through its movement, appears to be two or more due to its diversity and manifestation.

Yet, it is still only **The One**.

Do not be fooled by Differentiation, size or form. They are simply living symbols of Wisdom/intelligence in the specific form at a specific stage of its transition and at a specific moment in time, in a perpetual state of transformation.

Now they appear as this and in the next now, they appear as that -- a continuous transformation through all the cycles of manifestation, of becoming.

Indeed, Time does not even exist. There is simply movement which is change/transformation - a transitional state of Being and we call this movement, *Time*.

If you spell Time backwards it is Emit. Emission is simply movement a Be-coming - the Shakti in a macro-cosmic or micro cosmic Consciousness.

The entire Hierarchy of Cosmic manifestation or perceived reality is but a *dream - maya*. The reality you perceive is based on *Your* conscious experience and although it is relatively real due to your experience - its associated dynamics and sensations are but a impermanent momentary, fleeting phantom in a Transitional State of Change.

It is blinking in and out of existence at a very high rate every micro second, which gives it an

appearance of solidity and reality but it is simply a projection/emission/vibration of the *Shakti*.

It is both Being and nonbeing. It is both active and at rest. It is both the Peaks and the Valleys. The Active or Peak is the state of manifestation - the phenomena of Being that is experienced as the Relative Reality States.

The Rest or Valley is *absolute* emptiness. The rest state is truly the *Valley* and the darkness of death's shadow. It is the cessation of the active or peak emissional state of being. Leap into the Valley and you have leaped into and through the crack between the manifesting reality worlds - into the infinite void and dark emptiness where all exists but it is simply at rest.

It is for this reason that you through your will can manifest literally anything. It is through the vehicles of your own thought. Your mind is the palette and brush and the field of infinity is the canvass. You and *that* are one and the same, and many travel therein via *will and thought* by *mocking-up/creating*, reality fields -- islands within the inner sky so to speak.

Your thought is pure *Shakti* and right now you are the one consciousness manifest in this form, the inner witness and rider in this form. You are the carriage of *Shakti* which is your thought witnessing your own creation which is a dance of delight within your own being.

Through the aeons and aeons, all the cycles of your creation and dissolution are in all its apparent diversity and multiplicity. You are dancing within your own play or drama -within your own BEING.

You are THAT!! It has never been otherwise. Those are but Karmic dreams necessary

for the play to unfold and become. That is the truth and that is the essence of the S.D.

In Truth none of this is actually happening. It is but a Karmic projection of your own mind. The seeds which blossom forth as experiences within heaven states; Hell's, purging Kama lokas.

This realm, in fact any place, are but phantom Karmic dreams. The shining forth of your consciousness through skanda's samskaric imprints, which are your karmic seeds unfolding as reality experiences.

Your imprints lie within your "subtle" matrix body vehicles.

GO WITHIN, KNOW YOURSELF,
WITNESS YOUR TRUE SELF.

You and Dick take special care, stay healthy, happy, focused on your good Karmic Works, and live centered in Your Inner Light of Consciousness. Love each other as one.

Satchitananda~

John Greschner

John Cooper writes from Bega, Australia:

... Your readers may be interested to know that **A Theosophical Fable**, which can be found in the HPB CW, VII, 53 was written by Franz Hartmann. See The Letters of H.P.Blavatsky to A.P.Sinnett. 158..

Next I must correct my statement on p.27 of the July issue. The first volume of The

Collected Letters of H.P.Blavatsky will not be published until probably the end of next year. There is a huge amount of material to be set up on the computer and then it must be checked and rechecked and so on.

However the first volume will be roughly as follows:

Published in The Theosophist, The Path etc. 108 Letters

Published in well known volumes- Letters HPB to APS, HPB Speaks, Old Diary Leaves etc. 76 Letters

Published in rare volumes-Solovyoff, Corson, Sarda etc. 75 Letters

Published in rare pamphlets - 2 5 Letters

Never published from Adyar and Pasadena Archives etc. 73 Letters

The above is approximate only as letters are still being found including the correspondence with Thomas Edison which is to be published in **Theosophical History**.

Finally I enclose a rare item you may wish to reprint. If so the enclosed could introduce it. Warm regards, John Cooper

We received a letter from Sy Ginsberg of the Miami Lodge (Adyar), announcing a "Theosophical Friendship Conference," to be held at the St. Louis (Adyar) Lodge in Webster

Groves Mo. On October 4th and 5th.

Accompanying the invitation was a “Pledge of friendship,” affirming sympathy with the objectives of the T.S., admiration for founders HP Blavatsky, HS Olcott and WQ Judge and expresses “profound concern” over “the recent actions taken by officers of the Society on both International and National (in America) levels to restrict or expel members of national sections and lodges or branches ...”

And on Internet, an e-mail addressed to John Algeo (president TSA Adyar) from a person using the non-de plume of Radda Bai, points out the discrepancy between the Adyar Society’s proclaimed “Freedom of thought” and the expulsion of the Boston Lodge at the National level and expulsions of National Sections in Yugoslavia (1984), Denmark (1989) and Canada (1992), at the international level, under Adyar President Radha Burnier.

Our Editorial Position

As an independent theosophical journal, *The High Country Theosophist* takes no official position in what appears to be a struggle over political issues within the Adyar family. We shall continue to report on events as they unfold as a source of information to our readers.

It is the editor’s opinion that our limited resources can best be focussed on reprint projects such as *Questions We all Ask* and Outreach efforts in support of Russian and African Theosophists

At John Cooper’s suggestion, we reprint the following, (Ed).:

ROSICRUCIANISM And A FEW QUESTIONS TO HIRAF

In **H.P. Blavatsky: Collected Writings**, 1, 95-119 mention is made of an article titled “Rosicrucianism” which was published in *The Spiritual Scientist* on July 1 and 8, 1875. HPB called her reply her “first *Occult Shot*.”

The Rosicrucian article was written by three lawyers connected with HPB in her court-case over a farm she partially owned in New York State. The background is given by Boris de Zirkoff in the above reference.

The article “Rosicrucianism” is copied from Charles Ranlett Flint’s *Memories of an Active Life*, New York, 1923. and follows.

Omitting the introduction the article states:

“Within the past few years some attempt has been made to solve the mystery of life by scientific investigation. The facts and theories in regard to the correlation and conservation of force, advanced by Count Rumford, Grove, Faraday, and Liebig, have started new methods of investigating life. It is determined that light, heat, electricity, and motion are all convertible material affections. This has led to the generalization that no force is ever annihilated.

“All matter now existent has been from time everlasting. Of late the theory, first enunciated by the genius of Boscovitch, that all matter is static combination of forces, has justly engaged the attention of philosophers. It will

thus be seen that the law of dynamic conservation embraces the universe.

“From the ultimate essence have sprung or evolved the countless varieties and concatenations of force and matter, all interdependent and all cognate with the unknown centre.

“The oriental philosophers taught the same dogma but in grander forms; to them the universe was of God, was God—there was no God but the combined forces and laws manifested in the great universe.

“Through all ages and in every land there have been those who saw and wrote in eternal words the oracles of the infinite. Few indeed they were -- few indeed can be those who deny to themselves the pleasures of this world to revel in the joys of the soul.

“Therefore, we claim, that at this day, when the whole scientific world is awakening to new and startling revelations, because of the magnitude of the field, we are in danger of passing over the greatest of great mysteries. There are a few minds, which, either in their greatness or happy in the secret possession of the richest wisdom, are awaiting their time, when scientific turbulence shall have subsided, to give unto the world the fruits of their ripest knowledge.

Like the ancient gymnosophists, who invented (?) the everburning mystic flame, they are still unwilling that the world should share with them the secret of secrets.

“But even the blindest are becoming conscious that, in the history of the human mind, Cabalism, Alchemy, and Rosicrucianism

have not been accorded their proper place, and that the great nursing-mother of all later intelligence, Ancient Egypt, has been overlooked with rare perversity. Many are conversant with the Nilotic liturgical formulas, but a knowledge of the esoteric religious ideas within these, as symbolic manifestations, is confined to a remarkably small circle.

“Who can trace the central solar conception through the length and breadth of those radiant ideas and ceremonies? Can we look the great Ra in the face and not be blinded by his splendor? Can we raise the dim veil from Isis and Osiris?

“If pre-Christian Rome has perpetuated herself by the adoption of a new religion from the East, we can see shining through as a germinal principle the cultus of Elgobal, and the measure of its inherent truth is the measure of its inheritance from the Cabala and the mystic learning of the Orient.

The scientific presumption that the end has been reached is as sadly ludicrous and unphilosophical as the cosmic myth of the World tortoise. Sabism converted Christianity, and Cabalism—shall convert science.

“Before the Ain-soph (En-soph) whom Spencer has unwittingly discovered, the thought of India, the formulas of Egypt, and the science of modern Christendom, stand forever reconciled, in perfect harmony.

“If then the Cabalists who stood nearest to creation saw and explained the causes of all life, all form, all law almost in the words of Spencer, so far as they go—if the world, having forgotten them for ages, now awakens to the truth of a part of their teachings, where is the

logic in denying the truth of the remainder thereof, if such remainder flows naturally from what precedes?

“Those who devote their lives in purity and righteousness to the search of wisdom, become, after a time whose length depends upon their subjective and objective inertia and the divine forces—untrammelled by the bonds of sense and passion, and behold the universe no longer ‘through a glass darkly,’ but face to face.

“To him, the novice, the all-world is threefold, the sphere of man, the sphere of nature, and the sphere of God; or, as is laid down by the ancient sages, microcosm the macrocosm, and the super-mundane emanations. The evolution of life is perpetually from the macrocosm into the microcosm and is the third physical emanation. The microcosm is *one* in its end, viz: the attainment of the spiritual and the final co-association with the Eu-soph; it is several in its growth, viz: in the gradual elimination of the mundane, and the macrocosmic bonds.

“The lowest life is the microcosmic bud, and is selflocked, seeing naught, knowing naught of its illusive environment; the higher life, the microcosmic flower, be it of the beast, or of the swarming millions of men, dimly sees and knows itself and the other self; but, purblind, reckons these the end-all and the be-all, here and now, as well as yonder and forever.

The highest life, the microcosmic fruit, half realized in a few grand types—Christ, Buddha and perhaps Khoung-fou-tsec pierces the clouds which surround and shut in the soul and seems in never-failing beauty, the august emanations of Him, styled Perum, Bom, God or Al-fadir.

“To him who rises through study and holiness into the higher powers, all mysteries become unravelled, and new faculties, or the new use of old faculties, is given. Right—moral and mental right—becomes moral, mental, and physical might.

“The sage becomes the magi, the master of the Ku Klos. He transmutes all elements, interchanges and forces, and thus defies time and space; learns, though he never uses it, the secret of immortality and life and works ‘Miracles’ such as were wrought in Galilee.

“To the adept of the first, the novice of the second, the all-world is two-fold—flux and reflux. The one is justice, truth, courage, power; the other, mercy, love; “Altruism” in the latter-day tongue.

“The one is centripetal, and matter; the other, centrifugal and force. The one is male and vertical; the other, female and horizontal. The All combining these is the Divine of the Unknown, and hence his symbol, the composite of emblematic lines—the cross. Hence, the microcosmic flower, unwitting, but with truth, has always typified the Invisible by the cross. Be it among the Christians who employ the ‘Crucifix’; Scandinavians and Goths, ‘Thor’s hammer’; Latins and Greeks: ‘Jove’s Thunderbolt’; Mohammedans, the ‘intersected crescents’; Egyptians, the ‘Cruciform Ibis’; Aztecs and Toltecs, the ‘black X’ of their teocalli—the same symbol stands forth, forever significant.

“Thus marriage, the union of male and female, is the microcosmic cross. But, alas! at the same time it is the confession of man’s inability to realize the ideal of the fourth

physical emanation. At times, however, in the history of our race, have appeared those who have achieved their desire. AND THIS IS THE END OF THE BRETHERN OF THE ROSY CROSS. The true Rosicrucian never marries, in thought or deed, but preserves himself aloof from the allurements of earthly passion. His principles go further. To him, happiness is a phantasm, the object of living is symmetrical development of the soul. The attainment of this aim requires the subjugation of the lower self—the macrocosmic mixings of the third emanation. Wants, desires, and ambitions are sent, like unbidden guests, away.

“To the adept, of the second, the All is one. One spirit actuates, in manifold manifestations, the Cosmos which is but an emanation itself. In the sphere of man, the spirit is the soul, in the sphere of the Universe it is the stellar energies; and in the third sphere it is the first principle, the Unknown. Thus, the Rosicrucian, in his symbolic hieroglyphics, depicts the soul as a little flame, a spark or a flickering star; the macrocosm a sea of observed light, or a full moon; and the panurgic power, by the everblazing sun. (Thus it may have been remarked by my readers that a short communication from the Brotherhood of Luxor in a past number of the *Scientist* was signed ** whereof both the star-points and the outline are symbolic of spiritual truths.)

“The All is neither create nor uncreate; for these are conditional of limitation in time and space, and the All is [limitable, or—as the English metaphysicians have phrased it—unconditioned. Likewise, with the minor integers of the All;—of them neither create nor uncreate can be predicted. Their experiences are from chaos unto their re-association with the Divine. Until, therefore, the solemn moment of apotheosistic concomitance, the

passage of the soul through the ever-changing vale of circumstance goes on. So that the Rosicrucian may exclaim, in the words of the stern Roman general:

“Through what variety of untried being, Through what new scenes and changes must we pass!” “

Truly, an article to ponder well!

The “Hiraf,” despite its almost superhuman ability, was not making much progress until a brilliant woman with brains and money in prospect, came to the office of Ivins to retain him as her counsel, to bring about the reformation of a deed to certain lands on Long Island which stood in the name of another woman, but in which the lady claimed a half interest. The suit was tried at Riverhead, the court reserving its decision.

The circumstances of the trial were interesting, for Madame, who was her own principal witness, testified quite contrary to the way in which her attorneys assumed she would testify. Ivins had associated with him in the trial Fales, who was then a law student. As cautious lawyers, they had gone over the testimony with Madame before the trial, and had advised her as to what points she should emphasize; but, to their great discomfiture, on the witness stand she took the bit in her teeth and galloped along lines of evidence quite opposed to their instructions, giving as a reason, when they complained of her testimony, that her “familiar,” whom she called Tom King, stood at her side (invisible to everyone but her), and prompted her in her testimony. After the court had taken the matter under advisement, Madame left the city, but wrote several letters to Ivins asking him as to the progress of the suit, and finally astonished him by a letter giving an outline of an opinion which she said the court would render in the course of a few days, in

connection with a decision in her favor. In accordance with her prediction, the court handed down a decision sustaining her claim upon grounds similar to those which she had outlined in her letter.

In Ivins' disclosure of the "Hiraf" he stated that Madame had surprised him by her remarkable intellectual powers and apparent second sight; that she was engaged at the time of the suit in translating such works as Buckles' *History of Civilization* and Darwin's *Origin of Species*, into Russian; and that she asserted that she could tell the contents of a book without reading it, and could specify material which appeared on any given page.

This lady was Madame Blavatsky, who obtained control of the *Spiritual Scientist* and who became mainly instrumental in the organization of the theosophical movement in New York City. The part that was taken --

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