

But the Dark Brothers do not wish man to fully understand all of the ramifications of Karmic Law, and they attack the possibility of such a grasp by trying to confuse the seeker with regard to time. For, if one concludes that the flow of time is an illusion, and that "all lives are lived simultaneously", then how can karma from one life possibly affect another? But karma does pass from life to life, and at the level where these karmic results manifest, it is quite correct and certainly adequate to consider that one life precedes another in an orderly sequence. The reconciliation of the earth-based point of view with the higher grasp of time as a single instant, which is "pulled out" into a stream by man's consciousness, must wait until the seeker has reached the spiritual plane from which these ideas can be seen in their full light.

One other example of misleading teachings will be given. There are sources which contend that the galactic observers now in the region of the earth are not all friendly to mankind. There is the suggestion that some are distinctly alien and even hostile, and that certain of these beings kidnap humans and kill animal life for experimental purposes.

It is difficult for us to present a line of argument which will fully set aside the fears that such messages engender, but we will attempt to do so.

Firstly, it is true that not all of the civilizations in this galaxy are highly evolved in a technical and spiritual sense. Some are comparable to earth civilization, which presently is at the very bottom of the scale due to the self-annihilation which mankind practises through war, violence and murder. However, the present phase of evolution of the galactic entity itself is such that only those civilizations which have attained a state of awareness of the cosmic laws and who have overcome the base passions which lead to war, tyranny and self-annihilation are allowed to develop the technical means which are necessary to permit them to move to other parts of the galaxy. The ones who remain imprisoned in their own negativity and violence must also

remain prisoners of their own planets. Hence, the other unevolved civilizations in this galaxy are, also, confined to their own local region of space, because they are not allowed to develop the technological means for escaping. In the case of man, the minor successes in terms of reaching the moon are the maximum which can be achieved using the current technology. The secret of energy-free space flight will not fall into man's hands so long as he threatens to pollute the rest of space with his hatred and his uncontrolled passions.

It thus follows that those civilizations that are able to make the journey to this part of the galaxy must be of an evolved nature, and this is true. If they were not, then with their vastly superior technology they could easily decimate this planet, kill all life, or set themselves up as absolute dictators. No force known to humanity could stop them. But they are stopped . . . by their own spiritual evolution. The galactic observers would never dream of attempting to interfere with man's path on his planet. They adhere to the law of separate development, which requires them to respect man's right to do what he wishes upon this planet.

That law is over-ruled only when a planetary civilization has descended so far into self-destruction — as man will have done within a few short years — that it threatens not only to destroy itself, but to poison or damage other regions of space into the bargain. Because man has been allowed to develop nuclear energy, there is a serious danger that, during the coming nuclear war, the explosions could actually damage the fabric of space itself. It is for this reason that the observers are here in such numbers. They have a duty to the Galactic being, namely to preserve it from damage committed unknowingly by humanity as it unleashes centuries of hatred and violence upon itself in the last death throes of the evil world-system which has been erected upon the earth. And at the same time, the observers understand that they must be prepared to step in and rescue the noblest fraction of the race from the holocaust which man's unevolved passions will unleash. With-

of the circumstances of his passing can only bring pain to the person who insists on looking backwards in this manner. More importantly, the soul of the deceased is actually held back in its progress by any untoward or magnified grief or yearning. The best thing that anyone can do for an individual that has made the transition is to let him go, to wish him well, to pray for his rapid progress and to turn the attention toward the future. Grief is an extremely selfish emotion. The one who mourns is mourning for himself, is pitying himself for being now left alone. This is not love or loyalty, and it is certainly not helping the one who has passed over. If there was indeed any real love felt for the deceased individual by the one surviving him, the way to show it is to beam that love toward him, to pray for his rapid progress, and then to let go. Only in this way can happiness eventually come to the survivor, and only in this way can the deceased get on with his path of learning and progress.

If meat-eating is not for human beings as God intended, why would He place the Inuit peoples in the far north where no food other than meat is available for survival?

First, it is not God Who has placed the Inuit in the far north. The souls of these native people have chosen to incarnate under those conditions for very special reasons. One of the reasons relates to the general explanation as to why certain souls are drawn to northern climes while others are attracted to the south. It is essentially a question of like attracting like, for those who are drawn to colder climates are those whose emotionalism is subdued and, in a sense, 'cooler' than that of others. Conversely, the souls who incarnate into warmer countries are those whose emotional impulses are less under control. Think of the aloofness of the British, as compared to the volatility of the Italians. In a sense, the "thought-form" of the country or region itself has a filtering effect upon the souls who

incarnate there, so that one incarnating in England would tend to "pick up" a certain reserve from the vibrations of that country, even if he had not quite that degree of aloofness himself at the higher level. However, this thought-form is itself the result of the thoughts of the millions of souls making up the country, and so to some extent one has the chicken and egg problem. Nonetheless, we think the above makes the process of country-selection more clear.

Turning to the second reason why the Eskimo and other groups incarnate into the far north, this lies in the fact that such souls have wished to atone for and set aside karma of a very serious nature arising from a previous life in which they exhibited a heartless attitude toward others, i.e. treated others coldly. By themselves being treated "coldly" by the very climate into which they incarnate, much of the burden that lies upon them can be discharged. If, at the same time, they incarnate along with a group of souls who are such that little compassion or tenderness will be shown by any of them toward any other, then a second manner of meeting the karma is available. Finally, by being born into a culture which is forced to eat the meat of animals that must be individually killed by the hunter with his own hands or weapons, these souls are being forced to live through echo-experiences harking back to the lives when the original karma was set up — lives in which they dealt with human beings as they are now dealing with the animal life around them. This, it is hoped, will remind them of the original acts, at least on a subconscious plane. In this manner they can make a connection between the life-pattern which they are now experiencing — with all its harshness and difficulty — and the initial actions which resulted in the necessity for the present life in the far north.

From the foregoing it can be seen that the necessity to be born in the far north where the only food is meat has a meaning far beyond the question of the propriety of consuming animal flesh. Indeed, the problems and the karma with which these souls are wrestling are much more serious

dominant indicator, thus pointing directly to something relating to the male side of the personality. This could be some normally male tendency which is being neglected, or which is being over-emphasized in an unbalanced way. The matter would have to be judged on the basis of the actual person involved. Often the sensitive interpreter will, because of his familiarity with the person afflicted, be able to spot immediately the area designated by the injury. As to the fact that the injury occurs on the left side, normally associated with the female area in some way, again the interpreter would have to look to his intuition for the answer, based upon his knowledge of the life circumstances and traits of the subject. For example, the over-emphasis of male traits (tibia) could be interfering with his relationship with the principle representative of female qualities, his mother. Many other possibilities are also available.

The fibula on the left side would refer to female traits in the first instance, but with some associated problem pertaining to the male side. Perhaps the boy is neglecting or strenuously suppressing certain female parts of himself, such as his kindness to animals or his sympathetic nature, and as a result is running into problems connected with the male side. For example, his suppression of the female side may be unbalancing his sexual development and leading to excessive masturbation or nocturnal emission experiences. As can be seen, the problems are often of a very personal nature, and it is not the case that individuals afflicted in these symbolic ways will always be ready to talk freely about the possible areas of significance. As with everything which pertains to analysis and occult interpretation, the best subject for study is oneself. Ultimately, these signals and clues are meant to be understood directly by the person to whom they occur. Indeed, this always happens at the subconscious or super-conscious (higher self) level, whether or not the conscious personality is also able to comprehend what is being pointed out.

Other instances of right/left symbolism are often easier to interpret. For example, when the femur on one side is diseased or damaged, then the message pertains to the part of the higher self that includes the appropriate sexual characteristics. The right femur will be the male package of traits as these manifest at the higher level, while the left femur will denote the female.

Having now dealt with the leg, we wish to turn to the major organs in the trunk of the human body.

Chapter 4 The Major Organs and Systems



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There is a general understanding among those interested in hidden symbolism that the major parts of the body are directly related to various kinds of problems, tendencies and lop-sided behavior. Most occultists, for example, will appreciate readily that someone who has a weak or damaged heart must learn something having to do with love. This is not to say that the person is not capable of loving. In many cases, the problem is

not how to love, but how to love everyone. Love is not a true spiritual emotion when the individual, at the same time, harbors dislike or hatred for some other person. To love someone truly, requires that hatred and resentment be erased from one's emotional experience, for otherwise the love is weakened and conditional. It is

not true, as some think, that one's love is intensified by the fact that an equally intense dislike is held for some third person. There is a false notion abroad that a maximum love experience can only be had by one who feels all emotions with great intensity, including the negative emotions like hatred. This is an illusion. The Christ Love experience - the greatest available to man on the earth - can only be had by one who has eradicated from his heart the last vestige of negativity, resentment and dislike. The Love which the Christ came to demonstrate to mankind cannot co-exist with any emotion that separates human beings from one another.

Let us begin this discussion with the organs and systems which are located toward the bottom of the trunk of the human body, and gradually work up toward the top.

LOVE



The Reproductive System

The system which the human body employs to continue the race through reproduction is one of the most wonderful and 'occult' systems in the physical vehicle of man. We use the word 'occult' because there are certain functions and processes forming a part of the reproductive cycle which operate in a way that is quite misunderstood by science. Indeed, there are some processes that require intervention from higher planes and other dimensions in order to operate properly. We wish to explain some of these processes in this chapter.

When a male and a female engage in sexual intercourse, there are many interchanges of energy and substance which take place at levels other than the physical. In addition to the implantation of the male sperm in the birth canal of the female, there is a sharing of the root chakra energies of the two partners in such a way that the void or lack of male energy in the female and of female energy in the male is compensated. We stress that this interchange of root chakra energy between the partners can only take place between two who care for each other at levels beyond and above the purely physical one of passion and chemical attraction. Those who are promiscuous by nature, and who refuse to allow themselves to become emotionally attached to those with whom they have sexual experience, are guaranteeing that no balancing of the root chakra energy will take place during the act of intercourse.

Other hidden processes occur as well. In order for a female egg to be penetrated by a male sperm in a way that will allow an advanced soul to enter the foetus after its formation, there must be some form of love or affection between the two partners at the time of the orgasm which led to the conception. The love or caring is essential, for it surrounds the forming embryo with a protective envelope at a finer vibration than the physical, one which is necessary for all evolved souls for it shields them against the negative influences coming from the earth plane during the nine months of gestation. Now, many children are conceived between partners who do not care for each other and who have no emotional attachment to bind them together. In such cases, the embryo can only be inhabited by a soul whose basic vibrational rate is no higher than that of the material plane itself - a generally unevolved being - and it is in this way that so many of the criminals, murderers and anti-social individuals have gained access to the earth.

one which in particular is responsible for much emotional suffering in the world. That is the attitude which sees the partner as merely a 'love-object' to be made love to, but whose own pleasure or happiness are not the concern of the lover. Let us be more specific. There are men who fancy that they love a woman intensely. These men wish to have sexual intercourse with their partners because they see sex as a way to demonstrate their love, and because they have strong sex drives in any event. However, it never crosses their mind that the essence of a true love feeling is consideration for the other person. As such, these men fail to satisfy their women, and indeed never concern themselves with whether the women are happy or not. They are wrapped up so much in their own emotional experience that they forget that the partner is also a human being with her own needs and desires. This situation shows another face of selfishness even though the partner guilty of this kind of behavior would strenuously deny that he/she were being selfish. They would justify their attitudes or actions on the basis of their 'deep love'.

Finally, there is an enormously damaging attitude on the part of many persons, that sex is somehow 'dirty' or debasing. Such people view sex as a necessary evil, one to be tolerated only in strictly defined circumstances and justifiable only for procreative purposes. This corrosive point of view has embittered many otherwise noble souls against certain of the most beautiful aspects of earth experience, because in rejecting the sexual experience as degrading they are turning their backs on one of the greatest gifts which the Father has offered for the comfort, solace and pleasure of His earth children. And to turn one's back on God's gifts is to reject the true meaning of existence and to invite sorrow, bitterness and loneliness into one's life.

To summarize, then, the presence of any abnormality, illness, disease or malfunction of the reproductive system always points to a lesson yet to be learned in connection with the matter of sex. Even the inherent weaknesses or predispositions which are only triggered by foreign substances - such as gels, creams or other forms of contraception - must be considered to be a pointer or a reminder. In the case of congenital problems in the reproductive area, the damage is always karmic in nature. Often this arises due to the failure of the soul properly to form the related body parts, because of its own imbalance in that area.

relate to the musculature of the body, while the last (the second thoracic from the bottom, or T-11) relates to the digestive system.

It will be appreciated that damage (whether permanent or passing) to any of these vertebrae, or any chronic deficiency, dysfunction or pain originating there, will designate a portion or system of the body which is below par, diseased or chronically deficient in some way.

Moving now to the 'emotional' vertebrae, these include the rest of the thoracic vertebrae (T-1 to T-10) and the lowermost cervical vertebra (C-7). These eleven vertebrae bear a direct relation with the emotional responses and traits of the manifested personality, because they pertain to those characteristics of the higher self which are responsible for the traits at the lower level.

Beginning with the lower four of this group (T-7 to T-10), these correspond to the ability to love, pure and simple. Any person who has a problem in these vertebrae must ask himself whether he has the ability to allow the pure love emotion - untainted by any thought of sexual passion, self-pleasure or physical indulgence - to flow through his heart chakra. It is essential for the reader to grasp this thought, for in the world today too many think they love when in reality their experience is primarily based in the desire nature and the proclivities of the physical body. Hence, many call 'love' what is really only physical infatuation. Love does not desire, it merely loves. Love seeks not to be always with the loved one, only that the loved one should be happy. Love requires no returned emotion of loyalty or affection, it merely sends out its loving rays, knowing that all love returns finally to the source of everything, which is God. How many can say that their love nature is capable of such selfless affection? Very few. And yet that is the goal for man, in terms of developing and manifesting the love of God, or Christ-Love. Any who find it impossible to generate such a feeling of unconditional love within themselves, may find that the corresponding bones of the spine are in some manner deficient, subject to disease, out of alignment, or simply the source of backache.

The next three of the 'emotional' vertebrae (T-4 to T-6) pertain not to love per se, but rather to the ability to feel joy and elation while in physical incarnation. The usual manifestation of this trait is in the sense of humor and the ability to laugh, these being

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Most of the difficulty which arises in connection with sex derives from the fact that men try too hard to suppress their female side, while women often inhibit their natural desire to allow their male traits to manifest. We are not suggesting that men become effeminate or that women become mannish. What we are referring to is that the male 'package' of aggressiveness, sportiveness, rational intellect and ambition are present in all personalities, whether male or female in sexual gender; and that the female traits of intuitiveness, the nurturing instinct, demonstrativeness in the affections and gentleness of manner are likewise present in all souls incarnate upon the earth plane. Difficulties in the sexual inter-relationships between souls arise primarily because of a misunderstanding of the essentially androgynous nature of the soul, and because individuals seek to disguise, suppress or contort traits and characteristics which are quite natural to them.

Naturally, other forms of sexual disharmony can result from the misuse of sexual energy for purely pleasure motives, or to dominate another soul, or to bind another soul against its will.

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All of these misuses of sexual energy represent a failure to understand and learn the sexual lesson which the earth plane has to offer: namely that the sexual interchange between two souls that are 'mated' in affection and mental attitude is the supreme form of sharing between those two individuals, and was meant to be an oasis of joy and respite to which the souls could turn as a counterpoint to the demands and stress of a busy life. The secret of success in sexual terms is to 'give up the self', and concentrate on bringing happiness to the partner. All difficulties on the earth stem ultimately from the predominance of the selfish attitude, and the sexual area is no exception. If individuals would learn to look on the sexual interchange as an opportunity to give something of value to another soul, most of the so-called sexual hang-ups would disappear. Indeed, any who care to change their attitudes in the direction indicated would quickly find that even greater pleasure is the reward for both partners.

We must finally stress that the sex act must not be undertaken with a person for whom no genuine affection is felt. For, unless the heart chakra too is open, the root chakra (that which furnishes all of the sexual energy) is unable to operate properly, and only tension and dissatisfaction can result. Any attempt to prompt

to successfully navigate the stormy seas of sexual desire and obsession. For example, the personality might have been born deliberately under the astrological pattern of Mars in Scorpio or Mars in Capricorn. This influence, regardless of the inborn 'balance' that might have been passed down from the soul or higher self, could well 'unbalance' the personality traits to the extent that a sexual overemphasis, obsession or perversion might arise. However, the soul could well have undertaken this particularly difficult 'program' deliberately, .. possibly to test its ability. Perhaps the soul was not completely satisfied that the learning was fully balanced. Or perhaps the soul wished to offset further karma by dragging itself through the imbalance in the sexual area and suffering the inevitable pain and sorrow which come to those who abuse themselves or others in the sexual sense.

And perhaps, when this incarnation is through, that soul will have learned even better than previously that one should not stress the self in the sexual area, that the sexual embrace was meant to allow souls to give to each other, not to take from each other, and that if one allows the body's natural sexual function to follow the cue given it by an open, loving heart, then no sorrow or sadness can result.

Before turning to the other four fingers, we will discuss the question of the appearance of different patterns on the same finger of two hands. Suppose an individual has a whorl pattern on the right hand little finger, and a loop on the left. Now, in connection with these patterns the rule to follow is this: The right hand denotes a more recent life pattern, and the left denotes one farther back. This is the case regardless of the hand with which the person writes. Thus in our example, the whorl on the right hand denotes a recent success, and suggests that the summit of the learning for this lesson occurred relatively recently. Possibly, the soul had a recent life in which that lesson was the main point of concentration, and hence rapid progress was made. If the left hand had only a ridge pattern (Fig. 8) while the right had a whorl (a rare occurrence), the meaning would be that the learning was quite abrupt and quite recent. In other words, prior to the 'success' life in terms of the sexual lesson, the individual was quite elementary and 'unawakened' in his approach to the whole area of sex. But because of that particular recent life, much was assimilated in a very brief time

of love and affection. The procedure involves first picturing the person whom you love the most at the present time. Hold that picture in your mind, and allow your heart to stream love out toward that individual. Practice holding the image and the feeling together for one minute at a time. You will soon get to the point where you can maintain the love vibration for up to three minutes. When you have reached that time-length, then while maintaining the love feeling in your heart, turned up to maximum so-to-speak, allow the image to switch from the loved individual to someone of whom you are fond, though not to the same extent as the first person. Continue to hold the love stream flowing from your heart, and replace the second person with someone who is merely an acquaintance, but for whom you have not previously felt any great love emotion. Finally - and remember that you can accomplish this - allow the image toward which you are streaming love to change to someone that you normally resent or dislike. When you can arrive at this last stage, you will be in a position to beam the love vibration at any person or any situation.

Then, when the aggravating circumstances threaten to arise, simply turn on the love generator you have now perfected. We guarantee that if you can beam love at the thing, person or situation which appears to be a source of irritation, it will forthwith cease to appear as such. All negativity in the circumstance will simply evaporate.

We would like to assure those who have doubts about this process that by beaming love at your enemy, you do not give the enemy more power over you. Precisely the opposite occurs. Enmity can only exist if it is fed by negative emotion. By cutting off your own resentment, your erstwhile enemy can no longer continue as such. The energy which you were previously feeding him is no longer available, and therefore the force which sustained his feeling will disappear.

to demonstrate conclusively that, using the system we are about to set forth, the best directionality to use is that from the thick end to the thin end of any line.

Before dealing with the reading of specific events on the major lines, we wish to explain the ultimately more important area of deducing general characteristics from these lines.

The main thing to bear in mind always, when attempting to interpret the palm, is that the beings who mark the palm, for you to read, do not mean the matter to be difficult or obscure. Indeed, within the limitations and strictures that have been decreed for palmistry, the entities who design the palmar pattern always strive to make the reading of the palm as straightforward as possible. Think of it in these terms: palmistry as a means for passing information is intended to be as useful and as complete as possible, given the strictures which apply. No entity responsible for designing the hand of a human being would ever attempt to make the matter of interpretation anything but the simplest possible. Palmistry is not an exercise in decoding obscure symbols; it is not meant to be a 'challenge' or a difficulty. Its whole purpose is to pass along information that could be of use to the individual whose hands are being read, and therefore it must be made as simple as possible.

But what of the strictures we have mentioned? Why apply any limitations at all, one might ask? Why not use letters or numbers instead of lines and creases, since these would be even easier to read.

The explanation for the strictures is simple. Man is now in an age of unbelief. If the palmar markings were made too clear, and if even the skeptics could see plainly that the hand markings carried a direct outline of the events of the life and a general portrait of the individual, then they would be forced out of their skepticism regarding higher truths and higher planes. But such forcing of the skeptic must not occur. Any who wish to cling to a conviction that physical life is all there is, or that existence has no deeper meaning than the pleasure of the moment or the grabbing of as much money or wealth as possible before death - must be allowed to maintain that view. Think of it in prosaic terms, in connection with the raising of children. If a

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child is made to "be good" merely by the continual threat of physical punishment for doing wrong, then what has been gained by the child apart from a fear complex and probably a resentment or hatred of the disciplinarian parent? The decision to act correctly or honestly or whatever has not arisen from within the child, and since habits of right action or thought become an integral part of the higher self only when the decision to adopt them comes from the free will decision of the individual, the fear-based reaction of the child which prompts him to proper conduct will be a part of the earth personality only. It is far better to set up circumstances for the child in which it chooses freely and uncoerced to act properly. We are not saying that the child should be simply left to choose on its own. The setting of proper models by the parents, the constant demonstration of love and support for the child, and the establishment of a consistent pattern of consequences for any actions of which the parents disapprove, will work wonders in the training of any child. The reference to consequences does not include physical punishment or the showing of anger toward the child: the parent merely explains to the child in a gentle and loving manner why the particular action is not acceptable, further explains that every time the child does the disapproved-of action, the particular consequence will follow, and then leaves the decision entirely up to the child. It is important to persuade the child that he can continue to do the wrong action without angering the parent, so long as it is understood that the particular consequence will follow. That way, the child does not feel that he is being coerced, he sees his free will intact, and he knows that the parent will not be angry with him. So long as the consequence is consistently presented for each infraction, the child will eventually decide to give up the offending action. And that decision will affect not only the physical personality, but the higher self as well.

We do not have time to explain this system of child-rearing further, nor is it necessary since the idea has already been impressed upon an author who has provided the teaching in book form. We have asked this channel to give details of the book

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at the bottom of this page, for any who may be interested.

As often happens in these books, we have again digressed. However, we wanted to sketch this excellent system of child training in this book as we do not expect to be able to write again at any length through this channel for at least several years. And of course we also wished to present a practical example showing why coercing any activity or belief is actually counter-productive in the long run. It is for this reason that the science of palmistry requires not only training, but also a belief that some information of value is being conveyed in the lines and other markings of the hand. If the

subject were to be made transparently obvious for any person, regardless of his belief system, then those who have rejected the concept of God, or who have turned their backs upon the notion of higher realms, would not be able to retain that attitude.

And God wishes each one of His earth children to be free - totally free - free even to reject Him if they wish. Is any greater love even conceivable?

So it is too with the subject of Astrology. The patterns of meaning must not be made too obvious - again to allow the rational doubters and skeptics to retain their positions. In the case of Astrology, the development of man's rational ability has made it necessary to obscure certain meanings that formerly would have been used consistently. For example, it often happens that a transit to a major natal planet will occur without any event or circumstance of equivalent vibration taking place in the life. Some schools deal with these apparent 'misses' by saying that the effect is only on the inner planes, however this avoids the problem - for in other cases the transits do coincide with clear life-patterns that are definitely indicated by the planetary significances. What has happened is that a decree was passed down to the effect that major life-events should coincide wherever possible with some con-

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tact between natal and 'progressing' planets, but that the straight transits were not always to be used. Instead, the so-called secondaries (progressions) and the tertiaries (one ephemeris day equals one lunar month of the life) were to be made use of. It was feared that, with the advent of computers and the spread of the knowledge of mathematics, it would be too easy to persuade oneself intellectually of the truth of astrology. The doubters and skeptics would find themselves coerced by the evidence of their own calculations into abandoning their philosophical stance.

But it was not desired that any human being be coerced. Faith in a higher purpose must rise up from the well-springs of certainty within the heart center, or else not at all. Indeed, any who believe in a greater concept of the purpose of life must do so on the basis of an inner conviction, or else the persuasion is doomed to be only temporary. The higher self will not accept a belief which is supported only by the mind. The heart too must know, or else it is not truth to the soul.

Even the events of what we have called the Tribulation - a period of seven years during which upheaval and war will bring down the curtain on the world-system as it now is - must be susceptible of 'natural' interpretations, to allow the skeptics to remain hardened to the end, if they so choose. To have miraculous signs appearing in the sky, or to arrange too literal a playing out of the events foreshadowed in the Revelations, would force belief on the earth personalities only, while the higher selves of the skeptics would remain untouched by the fear-prompted 'conversion'. No, the acceptance of God, or of Christ, or of the truths of the spirit, must arise from within the heart, for in no other way will the soul take a step forward in its evolution.

We now wish to return to the question which launched the digression just terminated: how to look upon the matter of interpreting the markings of the hand? Again we emphasize that the best approach is to assume that the entities responsible for designing the hand you are attempting to read did not wish to confuse you, nor to make the interpretation difficult or obscure. While always staying