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VIBRATORY INFLUENCES

By C. C. Zain

In some respects the discoveries made by material science during the year 1927 were less spectacular than those of 1925 and 1926. Nevertheless, they are important not only as entirely new departures but also as tending to substantiate by the weight of their evidence previous discoveries that coincide with the generally

Accepted tenets of occult science. My object here is to indicate some of the discoveries made during 1927, especially those relative to the transmission of finer energies, and then to extend the discussion a step beyond these late findings into the realm of vibratory influences that up to the present are recognized only in occult science.

As the Millikan Ray was given detailed discussion in the Brotherhood of Light Annual for 1926 it will not be amiss to first mention Dr. Millikan's work. He has now established that these rays penetrate 190 feet of water, or about 16.7 feet of lead before they become absorbed. This is much greater penetrative power than in first experiments indicated. Furthermore, the density of these rays has now accurately been determined. They produce, at sea level, about 15,000 ions per cubic centimeter, per second, within our bodies. At the altitude of Mt. Whitney, 14,502 feet, however, the influence of these rays, and the consequent ionization, is about three times as great as at sea level. Dr. Millikan thinks, therefore, that the effects of altitude may be partly due to our bodies being unaccustomed to the terrific rate of ionization that takes place on lofty mountain summits.

Dr. Millikan is known to be extremely conservative in his statements, and it seems highly probable that a detailed study will show that these cosmic rays have pronounced influence upon the health. We know that we are living in an ocean of high vibratory rates that have immense penetrative power, and now it seems probable these rays have an important influence upon vital manifestations. Yet these energies, potent as they are, can not be seen, can not be heard, and were quite unknown to science previous to November 1925.

Now the more critical students of astrology, following experimental methods, have determined that there are other rays emanating from the planets that have an influence upon man. The Millikan Ray has not been seen by human eyes, nor has it been felt. A certain effect was observed that led to the conclusion that such a ray must exist to account for the effect. Further study is leading to a knowledge of the properties of the ray. Neither can astrologers see or feel the various planetary rays; but they do observe that definite effects are produced upon man every time a certain planet occupies a definite position in relation to the earth and other planets. Such observations have been going on over a vast period of time, but it has only been recently that the conclusion has been forced that each planet radiates energy having specific properties. That is, the wave-length and frequency of vibration of the energy radiated by each planet is different, and therefore it has a different influence upon human life.

It can be experimentally demonstrated by anyone with a very little research that a person born when the planet Mars is just below the eastern horizon is aggressive, energetic, and mechanically inclined. One born with the planet Saturn near the meridian is thoughtful, and works persistently to attain worldly

honors. One with the planet Neptune in this position, on the other hand, is visionary and spends much of life and energy promoting some idea or enterprise. Likewise, it can be experimentally demonstrated by anyone willing to take the trouble, that when, after birth, a planet reaches a certain position relative to other planets, that events of a definite type tend to come into the life. Just why these influences produce the effects they do, and just how they do it, is explained fully in Courses VIII and X.

But now comes the recognition by material science of some such rays as astrologers feel convinced must exist to produce the effects upon human life which they observe, and which from planetary positions they are able to predict. The announcement was made at the Congress of Anesthetists on May 17. Professors Donald C. A. Butts and A. E. Tyler of the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia told the congress of investigations into the countless atomic systems composing the cells of the human body. Each atom is a miniature solar system—as explained in B. of L. lesson No. 40—the electrons revolving about the central nucleus of protons much as the planets revolve around the sun. Through delicate experiments Dr. Butts and Dr. Tyler found that anaesthesia, or sleep, altered the rate or orbits of the negative electron around the positive proton. Further, a theory was advanced that rays a thousand times more powerful than any hitherto known, coming from the sun or from the stars, have the property of acting upon these electronic systems comprising organic forms and that the individuality, and even life itself, is due to the different reactions set up within the human body or other form of life.

This theory in its present form, advanced by accredited material scientists, accounts for the difference between one person's life and another's by the reactions of the electronic systems within the human body to unknown, but potent, vibrations coming from the stars. The astrologer goes a step further and holds that these vibrations are not all the same, but that those coming from one planet differ in properties from those coming from other planets. He also believes that these vibrations are in a substance finer than the ether, that they are in astral substance, and that they first affect changes in man's astral body, which in turn affect changes, through etheric substance, in his physical body. The electronic systems mentioned are of this etheric substance and thus capable of being influenced directly by the vibrations of the still finer astral substance. Thus while not filling in the detail of the manner in which energies from the planets influence human life and destiny, this new theory, and the experiments upon which it is based, indicate that changes in health and in conduct result from unknown energies reaching man and changing the rate of motion of the electrons within the atoms of which his physical body is built.

But the motion of the electrons in their orbits are affected not alone by unknown energies reaching man from without, but also by his own mental activity. The delicate experiments of Dr. Butts and Dr. Tyler

demonstrated that in sleep there is an alteration of the motion of the electrons that comprise the human body. Sleep is a mental state, and thus is demonstrated the power of thought to cause such changes in electronic activity as we are discussing.

This sheds some light on the method by which thought produces changes in the human body that may affect the health in a startling manner, and also how thought may alter the fortune markedly in various other ways. But in order that all the links in the chain of cause and effect may be visualized it must be explained that an astrological birth-chart is a map of the various centers of energy within the finer body of man. These centers of energy, so mapped, at various times that can be predicted by the positions of the planets, are stimulated one or more at a time, by energies from the planets, into unusual activity. The center of energy so stimulated tends to attract events from the outside world corresponding to its nature, either fortunate or unfortunate, as it is stimulated in a harmonious or discordant manner. This whole subject is given detailed treatment in Course X.

Now according to the experiments we have been discussing it is found that thought also is capable of stimulating vibratory rates and hence the centers of energy within man's finer body; for these experiments show that under the influence of thought the orbit of revolution of the electrons within the body are affected. If, therefore, both planets and thoughts have an affect upon man's vibratory rates that are similar, it is possible to counteract the vibrations received from the planets by thought vibrations, and to stimulate by thought such vibratory rates as it would be desirable to receive from the planets. Such results are actually being accomplished. Aside from the calculation of the birth-chart and the determination of the times when certain planetary vibrations will be operative in the life, Course IX explains just how thought may thus successfully be used. Course X takes up the detail of the influence of planetary vibrations on human life, with all necessary calculations, and also indicates how thought vibrations may be used to annul unfavorable planetary vibration or to accelerate planetary vibration more favorable.

How the energy of thought, or the energy from the planets, is able to affect the revolution of the electrons in their orbits may be made easier to grasp by an entirely new theory of the mechanics of atoms. This theory was enunciated during the past year by the Swiss physicist, Schrodinger. It holds that the electrons and other units of matter are wave systems like ordinary light and the X-ray. If this proves to be the case it will enable the investigator to form a clear picture of the transmission of energies still finer than ether vibrations, such as thought energies and planetary energies, to gross matter through the electronic wave systems that constitute the units of matter. Further, it would enable us to grasp the mechanical principles involved in the dominant controlling influence that both planetary energies and thought energies exercise.

Another step in this chain of influence by which the human body and its functions are vastly and quickly modified by either thought energies or planetary energies is the system of endocrine glands. These glands formed the subject of our 1925 Annual. Thus it is found that anger causes an increased flow of adrenalin. The same abundance of adrenalin in the blood is also present at such times in the life as the person receives strong energies from the planet Mars. Other types of thought cause other ductless glands to pour their endocrines into the blood. Suitable planetary vibrations cause the same activities of the ductless glands as do thoughts. Either a thought, or a pronounced stimulation of a center of energy by planetary influence, meets instant response from the endocrine glands. They pour their secretions into the blood, and these secretions are powerful messengers that cause marked transformations in the body and its functions.

These endocrines that are so sensitive to both thought and planetary energies are present in all normal human beings. Even the female sex endocrine that causes animals to act as females and to develop the female characteristics, Dr. Otfield O. Fellner of Vienna has now discovered, is present in the male animal. Undue activity of this endocrine would cause a man to lose his male characteristics and become decidedly feminine. Lack of it causes some women to appear and act decidedly masculine. As I have elsewhere mentioned the results that are observed when there is over excitation or when there is deficiency of each of the endocrines, I shall not go into that phase here, but merely point out that they respond almost instantly either to thought or to planetary influence, and that their power over the body and its functions is truly amazing.

Of quite as much significance as Dr. Fellner's discovery, and likewise a product of 1927, is a theory formulated by Dr. Raymond Pearl, director of the Institute for Biological Research of John Hopkins University. The theory, which is based on laboratory observation of yeast, bacteria, and fruit flies, holds that biological and human populations rise and fall in accordance with a universal law. This is right in line with the teachings of astrology. But the astrologer goes further; for after observing that all activities, even those of a financial and political nature, are subject to periods of increase and periods of recession, he endeavors to find the astrological cycle that coincides with each to the end of being able to predict the time of each rise and each fall. The study of such cycles as influence groups of people, such as cities, states, and nations, is called Mundane Astrology, and is given detailed explanation in the 10 lessons of Course XIII to be issued in the autumn of 1928.

Now bearing in mind that thought is a vibration in astral substance and that planetary energies are likewise vibrations in astral substance, the experiments of Professors H. J. Goodspeed and A. R. Olsen of the University of California on tobacco plants, and the experiments of Professor H. J. Mullet, of the University of Texas on flies, become significant. X-rays,

to be sure, are not thought vibrations and are not planetary vibrations. But they are vibrations in the ether that approach these more closely in frequency than any other known rates except the Millikan Ray. X-rays applied to the reproductive cells of the mentioned animals and plants not only increased their growth but speeded up the rate of evolutionary change over one thousand per cent. At certain times, also, planetary energies of a particular kind reach the earth, and at these times the evolution of plants, animals, and man is speeded up or given a specific trend as a study of the past demonstrates. Thus at one time the energy of men's minds is turned toward the solving of philosophical problems, and during another period, as at present, is chiefly directed toward developing mechanical ingenuity.

Yet of even greater influence where man is concerned in promoting the evolution of the higher qualities, and in conducting to human welfare and the happiness and success of the individual, is the power of love. It tends to annul the discordant vibrations built into man's finer body by selfishness and fear, and positively builds up other harmonious centers that act with great power to attract harmony from the environment. It quickly stimulates those of the endocrine secretions that are most beneficial to health and happiness, gives to the physical body a radiant energy that makes for accomplishment, and stimulates the feelings and aspirations that constitute true spirituality. Kind thoughts, loving thoughts, constructive thoughts, habitually held, raise the individual above his environment, give him value to society, and attract to him happiness and success.

The Millikan Ray, previously mentioned, which probably has an influence upon human health, is not of our solar system. It comes from beyond what is usually considered our universe, the Milky Way. There are other universes, perceived as spiral nebulae, thousands of light-years beyond the boundary of our universe with its countless suns and systems. But unless these nebulae are uniformly distributed, which seems highly unlikely, these rays, Dr. Millikan's experiments indicate, must come from still beyond them; for they apparently come uniformly from all directions in space. In this they perform a known function. Our sun and stars are constantly radiating energy as light and heat into the space beyond our universe; but about one tenth of this amount of energy is returned to us in the form of these cosmic rays.

Everyone knows, of course, that life on the earth is quite dependent upon the vibrations received from the sun. Some of these vibrations and their effects are not such general knowledge. During the past year, for instance, Dr. C. G. Abbot of the Smithsonian Institute has announced the discovery of how solar radiation varies, his observations of a large number of sunspots and magnetic storms on the earth indicating that the two phenomena are coincident. Other investigators previously have noted that there is a correspondence between the annual rainfall in certain regions, as ascertained from a study of the growth rings on old

trees, and this 11.2 year cycle of maximum sunspot activity. Still others have held that certain phases of human activity are speeded up by sunspots, such as the assertion of Professor V. P. de Smith, lecturer on meteorology at Columbia University, that all the great wars had followed periods of sunspot activity. Of course this is not called astrology, for astrology has suffered much discredit, but nevertheless it is an acceptance of the principles upon which astrology rests.

Other rays from the sun are also receiving painstaking study. I refer to the ultra-violet rays. People are beginning to realize that these vibrations from the sun that have a wave-length too short to be seen are absolutely necessary for human life. Deprived of the ultra-violet light, plants and animals soon die. Unfortunately there is considerable misapprehension concerning the ultra-violet ray, most people not knowing that the ultra-violet has a wide range of vibrations, and that between the visible rays and the vital range there are ultra-violet vibrations of little therapeutic value. Thus it is that some of the glass substitutes sold for the purpose of permitting the ultra-violet rays to reach the human body through them, do permit the passage of ultra-violet rays, but only the longer wave-lengths, and as completely shut out the shorter wave-lengths that constitute the vital range as does common window glass.

The vital ultra-violet rays do not pass through glass and they are effectually screened out by an atmosphere clouded with smoke, as is the condition, especially in winter, in some of our large cities. As a matter of record, according to tests recently made by the U. S. Bureau of Standards, in winter there is very little of the ultra-violet ray that penetrates the atmosphere of our northern cities even at the most propitious time of day and under the most favorable circumstances. This absence of the vital ray is in part responsible for the lower vitality and increased death-rate in winter. Absence of the vital ray impairs the vitality and lowers the resistance to disease. In extreme instances rickets and other deficiency diseases develop.

It is found also that the same symptoms develop when certain factors are lacking in the food. The biochemists do not know just what these factors are, for they have not yet been completely separated, but they call them vitamins, and vitamins help to cure the diseases caused by lack of sunshine. If vitamins are not present people develop tooth-decay, rickets, neuritis, scurvy, and goiter, among other ailments.

The vitamins are four in number. Vitamin A occurs only in foods containing fatty material. It occurs in the green parts of land plants. It is essential for healthy growth and proper development of the teeth. Vitamin B is contained in the seeds of plants and in the eggs of animals. Its absence causes inflammation of the nerves. Vitamin C is found abundantly in oranges, grapefruit, and lemons, and in lesser degree in the juices of other fruits and vegetables. Lack of it causes scurvy. Vitamin D is found in cod-liver and

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other fish oils in abundance. It promotes normal growth of the bones.

Now green plants are the only organisms that can manufacture vitamins, for animals can not make them. Vitamin A is found in butter, cream, cheese, mutton and beef fat; but only when the animals producing them have fed upon fresh plants. In some manner the chlorophyll of the green plants is able to manufacture, under the influence of the sun light, these so essential vitamins. That is, the vitamins represent not only stored energy from the sun, but as lack of vitamins and lack of the ultra-violet ray give rise to similar conditions, they probably represent to a considerable extent the storage of ultra-violet rays.

Other things also have an influence upon human life that is not so widely recognized. Every object with which we associate has a vibratory key of its own and affects us harmoniously or discordantly as its vibratory key harmonizes or discords with our own vibrations. The vibratory rates of objects and their relation to people is explained in detail in our Course II. A good environment for one person may be a bad environment for another. Flowers, colors, and gems, as well as climates, that favor one person may not favor another. Why not? Because of the vibratory influences.

You will say, of course, that a name or a number can have no influence over human life because it is an abstraction and has no power to perform work. I readily grant that a number or a name apart from a human mind has no power. But when a person thinks a name, or thinks of a number, he is mentally broadcasting vibrations that have the power of performing work. Furthermore, when a person goes through life wearing a name every person that speaks of him or thinks of his name, as well as those that call him by name, is giving him a mental treatment with the vibratory rates corresponding to that name. If he is closely associated with a house number, office number, or telephone number, every person that thinks of him and of the number at the same time is sending him mental vibrations of a frequency corresponding to the number.

Mind does certainly act upon mind at a distance. It also acts upon the finer body of man, stimulating centers of energy, and organizing it harmoniously or inharmoniously. We must, as we know, take into consideration the individual before we can prescribe a suitable climate. So, likewise, we must know what the vibratory rates are that are already present in man's finer body before we can ascertain what the effect upon him will be of wearing a certain name, or associating with a certain number. In each instance there are two factors; the vibrations of the individual, and the vibrations of people's minds when they think the name or number. Only by knowing something of both sets of vibratory rates can the effect of one set upon the other be predetermined. These things are explained in detail in Course VI.

As in Course I it has already been fully explained how intelligences from the inner planes of life communicate with those yet upon the earth by means of vibrations, I think one more thought in closing this, the ninth year of publishing this Annual, will suffice.

The thought, more important than all else, because it concerns the highest welfare of both individual and society as a whole, is in reference to man's spiritual nature. Man's spiritual body is organized from substance much finer than matter by the vibratory influence of his mind. I do not believe in blue laws, nor in repressing any activity that gives joy and richness to life without injuring others. But thoughts that are brutal, degrading, or in any manner lack in refinement and consideration of the welfare of others, have no power to enrich the life here, or to build a vehicle in which life may continue on the truly spiritual plane after death. The most important of all vibrations are those that build character. Let those vibrations arise from an intense desire to be of some benefit to society, and let them habitually occupy as lofty and noble a plane as there is capacity to reach.



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