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## The New Civilization

By C. C. Zain

We are crossing the threshold to a new civilization, a civilization of a type hitherto unknown, made obligatory by the tremendous energies available to the average man.

The culture of nations in the past may be measured by the energy at their disposal. Wherever the arts, science, literature, philosophy, and even religion have

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shown commendable development, there have been men with leisure to develop them, a leisure made possible through utilizing energies other than their own. Even Christianity made slight progress until espoused by the accumulated wealth and surplus force of Rome. Historians believe that Rome, Egypt, Babylon and Greece advanced to the civilizations for which they are noted because each at times had available for every freeman the energy of one human slave plus another slave's energy from mechanical and animal sources.

Without citing still earlier cultures built on the average freeman having at his command the energy of one slave, or the development of feudalism and the commencement of our own age, both made possible by an increasing energy supply, a census of 1869 informs us that after the abolition of slavery the combined power of draft animals and machines gave to each man, woman and child in the United States an additional energy the equivalent of 12 slaves. That is, the energy available for productive purposes was six times as great as that of the ancient civilizations at their height.

Yet the recent census indicates that the average person in the United States has now available, in the form of automobiles, locomotives, manufacturing plants, power stations, horses, etc., the equivalent of 177 slaves. Let us, therefore, scan one or two of the more important modifications this increase of energy has brought to our civilization. We shall then the better perceive that other changes of tremendous importance are sure to be enforced by the development of these almost limitless energies now on the verge of being utilized.

Primitive man, no doubt, was more or less nomadic, and a hunter. But with the development of agriculture, life became more secure, and many of the institutions were developed that have persisted almost to our day. The hunter needed strength, agility, bravery and cunning; but with the more settled routine of the quiet farm, thrift and industriousness became qualities of greater need; the woman became more valuable than heretofore, because of the innumerable tasks she could perform.

Likewise, because children could be compelled to work for their keep, and their labor capitalized, large families were encouraged. Even with the beginning of industrial pursuits, because these were still carried out in the home largely by women and children, there continued to be taught the doctrine that women should be meek, should bear as many children as possible, should dress and act in a manner more constrained than men, and that her place was exclusively in the home.

This time honored conception of the sheltered and subservient position of woman, and the view that any attempt to limit the number of children to the physical strength of the mother and the possibility of their adequate support was a cardinal sin, persisted century after century, until new energy supplies made radical changes in family life imperative.

The development of machinery drove industrial activity from the country and home to the city, the office and the factory. The demand for female workers made them economically independent, but it also made impractical the old order of home life. Children, because their labor no longer could be capitalized, and because of the loss of work to the mother while bearing and caring for them, became a luxury. Under the agricultural regime the man of 18 to 21 had sufficient knowledge to support himself, and the addition of a wife and numerous children were aids to the acquisition of a competence. But the skill now required for a young man to handle the intricate machines or business responsibility of industry with sufficient adequacy to support a wife in the standards to which she has become accustomed in the parental home is seldom reached before thirty.

In the United States over eleven million women are gainfully employed. Doing the same work as men, they have tended to adopt the dress of men, to wear their hair like men, to smoke and drink and swear as their male companions do, and to ask for a single standard in moral conduct. Men and women now reach physical maturity and are beset with the same biological urges as previously; yet marriage of necessity is delayed an extra ten years. Meantime, the movies and cheap magazines are financially successful in proportion as they stimulate amorous desires. Children are a luxury, marriage is postponed and increasingly avoided, unconventional attachments flourish, and the home frequently is but a few cells in the honey-comb of some concrete structure; all due to the development of energies that make of this a machine age.

It is not to criticize this state of affairs, which is but the natural outcome of present compelling environmental forces, that it is mentioned; but to point out the cause, and to indicate it is but a transitory level in far greater changes now at hand.

There can be no doubt, in spite of crime-waves and gang warfare, also made possible and encouraged by easily accessible energy supplies, as well as by the violation of the fundamentals of psychology, that present day advantages are more numerous than its drawbacks. Under such rapid change it is difficult to determine what is wrong and what for the best. The shorter hours of labor give more opportunity for personal development. The movie, the newspaper, the radio and the automobile is each a vast engine of education. People live fuller now than ever before. But new energies have brought with them a change in the set up of civilization.

The energies now available, however, are but a small fraction of those soon to be at the command of man. If the development of energies the equivalent of 177 slaves has produced, as it certainly has, those alterations now apparent in our culture, what further changes will be induced when, as soon will be the case, the average individual has at his command 1,000 slave power?

The broadening of Einstein to his Unified Field Theory, in which there is a single mathematical equation of eight characters for light, gravitation, and electro-magnetism opens up vast possibilities. It should give information on the behavior of the cosmic ray. Already Dr. Millikan has found that the intensity of this ray provides a good measure of determining the amount of atmosphere above a given point, so that the cosmic ray electroscope has a practical use as a barometer. Dr. Walter Bothe of Berlin, Dr. Werner Kolhoersty of Potsdam, and Dr. L. F. Curtiss of the U. S. Bureau of Standards have all found that the ray acts like high-velocity particles, but work done by Dr. Millikan on the intensity of the ray near the north magnetic pole the past summer affords evidence against this conception. These uncertain points, we may be sure, will all soon be settled, and in some manner this cosmic ray harnessed to afford additional energy for the use of man.

Einstein's Unified Field Theory also determines the necessary distribution of matter in space; the dark patches, as mapped by the astronomers of Mt. Wilson, as well as the more luminous bodies, conforming to it. During the last year a faint group of nebula was found to be apparently moving away from the earth at the rate of 7,200 miles a second, by Dr. Edwin P. Hubble and Milton L. Humason, the highest astronomical speed recorded; but this tremendous movement is supposed by them to be an illusion, due, as indicated by Einstein's Theory, to the curvature of space.

But before Einstein's Unified Theory is as comprehensive as it is designed to be, it must not only embrace the activities of the cosmic ray, but also the specialized rays from the planets. Through publications such as this, through numerous radio broadcasters, and through word of mouth, an increasingly wider public is being induced to test for themselves the effects produced by these rays upon all forms of life. Such are provided, for instance, in every issue of The Brotherhood of Light Quarterly, by which each may test for himself the effects, and learn to make with accuracy his own predictions. This Quarterly is mailed without cost to all our customers.

We may be sure that astrological forces will be utilized and will profoundly affect for the better, the new civilization. Such energies indicate the natural abilities of a person. Yet exercising his most pronounced talent does not insure success; for in the exercise of his abilities he may contact unpreventable misfortune. The development of a new process by someone else may ruin the most astute manufacturer. The failure of other banks may wipe out the most intelligent financier. Bodily accident may ruin the skill of the best mechanic. But astrological energies indicate not only abilities, but in what kind of environment they may be utilized without attracting misfortune.

Furthermore, limitless effort is spent by people trying to do something that results in failure. Yet astro-



logical statistics now being compiled and printed in the Brotherhood of Light Quarterly, will soon enable the individual to determine just what can be done, and what can not be done, at a given time in his life. Such knowledge will prevent the waste of human energies, and be one of the most potent factors in bringing about a superior civilization.

The 1930 Nobel Prize in medicine was awarded to Dr. Karl Landsteiner of the Rockefeller Institute for the discovery that human blood is of four different types, and that the blood of one type does not always mix with the blood of another type. But even more important, because close companionship is so commonly subject to choice, is the knowledge that human magnetism is of different types, as indicated by the birth-chart and that certain types blend well and that other types, failing to mix, are a constant source of irritation.

Not through heredity, because of the difficulties of selective breeding, but through the application of mental energies, of gland feeding and stimulation, and through controls exercised by vitamins and radiations, may we expect, in the not distant future, a marked improvement in the human stock.

It is now found, and vitally important to surgical operations, that the time for blood to clot may be materially shortened by feeding vitamin D. A hormone from the cortex of the suprarenal glands has been isolated the past year by Drs. W. W. Swingle and J. J. Pfiffner of Princeton University, and used by Drs. Leonard G. Rowntree and C. H. Greene of the Mayo clinic. It does for Addison's disease what insulin does for diabetes; and 90 patients who were considered hopeless were cured. Others find that the characteristics that differentiate one race from another seem to be due to glandular secretions; and that negroid, mongoloid and other characteristic types may be induced in white people through glandular alteration, either by accident or design. We may confidently look, therefore, to such methods for improvement in the human race under the new civilization.

Civilization depends upon the energy at its command. Locked within the atom is an energy too vast to contemplate. Eventually it will be released and utilized by man. The year 1930 saw a definite step taken in that direction: Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence of the University of California, assisted by Dr. N. E. Edlfsen, found a means of so increasing the speed and energy of the protons of hydrogen atoms that, with some perfections, they expect to be able to use them as bombing squadrons to smash the hearts of other atoms, transmuting them into other substances, and releasing a tremendous atomic energy.

And what about the energy of the sun? Even as this is written, the newspapers of February 1st announce the discovery by Dr. Bruno Lange, of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute of Silicate Research, of a simple method of converting sunlight into power. When a ray of light passes through a thin copper disc which is painted with oxide of copper there is an im-

mediate current of electricity in the wires attached to the disc, which may be used to light a bulb or run a motor.

Then there is the use of the different density of salt water and fresh water at the mouth of streams flowing into the ocean as a source of power; and the utilization of the difference in temperature of sea water at the surface and at depth. After a third attempt, Professor Georges Claude was successful in obtaining power in this manner in the tropical seas off the Cuban coast.

And right at hand are facilities for utilizing the waterfalls of the world. The invention of the thyatron, a glass bulb that may be held in one hand, representing the equivalent of 10,000 horse-power, taking the place of a huge rotary converter that would fill two freight cars, makes it possible to deliver power any distance on the earth's surface. It will make available the energy of cataracts far in the Brazilian jungle, the waterfalls of equatorial Africa, and the raging torrents of water that border the Arctic seas. It will not be necessary to await the unlocking of the atom, or the development of the sunlight transforming copper disc, for each person to have the equivalent of 1,000 slaves instead of 177; for this is at hand in the oceans and the streams.

Even the transmission of power without wires, while in the experimental stage as yet, seems close. When air flippers can take the power they use by radio while they fly, automobiles are independent of filling stations, and small but effective machines in the home can pick up the energy they use without costly wiring, there will be as great a revolution in industry as took place when the populace turned from the soil to the factory.

With facility and cheapness in long distance commutation, the comforts of home will lure people to country, to seaside, and to mountains from their present cubical apartments. With increasing transportation facilities, and machines in pleasantly located homes for turning out as piece-work the requirements of industry, factories will more and more become mere assembly plants. Cities will function as office headquarters for the business of the land, but no longer be places for large numbers of people permanently to dwell. And because division of labor between the sexes will again be altered radically, and because again everything touching the home will be changed, the present conception of domestic life will be vastly revised.

But the most important energies of all to affect human destiny have as yet to be mentioned. They are mental energies. More and more people are learning how to utilize their minds to attract to themselves the conditions they desire in life. They are learning that each event of life is drawn to them by corresponding vibratory centers within themselves; that an internal mental discord attracts an external discordant condition, and that by changing the vibrations of these centers of energy they change their fortunes.

They are learning how, through mental alchemy, to annul such discords within themselves as attract misfortune, and to build into themselves thought energies that attract those things they desire to receive from life.

Yet even with unlimited mechanical energy at hand, and the knowledge how to use mental alchemy to attract the desirable physical things of life, the new civilization will fail if it neglects its spiritual requirements.

Many eminent scientific men, by means of carefully conducted experiments and long years of investigation, have demonstrated to their own satisfaction that the human soul persists beyond the tomb. An increasing number of people in all walks of life are becoming convinced that death is the portal to another life that differs not so greatly, except in plane of substance, from the one they now enjoy.

But this conviction, we may be sure, will not for long rest upon so variable an element as the increased sensitivity of the human nervous system. Man's ingenuity will find a way to eliminate the personal equation. A mechanical instrument will be devised through which those on earth can talk to those who have passed on, as readily and as accurately as radio messages can be delivered and received.

The religions of the world insist there is such a conscious life after physical death. Yet through some queer quirk of human emotions, those who protest most loudly that there is an after life are those who resist most resolutely any effort to offer proof. Nevertheless, the receiving of messages from the land beyond by means of a strictly mechanical contrivance is no more amazing to contemplate than was television thirty years ago.

Then again, a widening circle of people experience transitory, or some even more permanent, states of consciousness in which they contact the Divine Intelligence that flows through the universe. Thus, in a measure, they perceive the cosmic will. That is, they discern their place and work in the universal plan. They realize the direction of advance of human life, and what best they may do to forward it.

Furthermore, through their attitude toward the various events of life, through their desire to be helpful to others, through the cultivation of love and the effort to make each thought, feeling and action of constructive benefit, more and more of these people, while still in the flesh, are building up, through the processes of spiritual alchemy, imperishable spiritual bodies, in which, after physical dissolution, they will function fully conscious in ineffable realms.

A new civilization is at hand. The energies it will possess may be used to build or destroy. But it will escape destruction through the influence of the increasing number of people who, through the investigation of occult forces, come to know the nature of, and how to apply, invisible energies; and who, perceiving the higher meaning of life, develop real spirituality.



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