

The selfish-materialistic deviation, it should be said, has accelerated since the early 20th century. In the name of liberty and individual rights, stimuli have been granted to the use of drugs, alcoholism, falsehoods, vanity, sensualism, mental dispersion, abortion and euthanasia. Fanatical versions of false religiosity have grown side by side with the worship of money, environmental destruction, sexual perversions, financial crimes and nearly every form of moral blindness.

Fortunately, the future ahead is sane and bright. [2]

The planet and mankind are not in danger. The price to pay before arriving to the next and safer phase of evolution, however, is still uncertain.

Mankind must learn from its mistakes so as to build civilizations that deserve to live. The probationary transition to a better future might need more than one major catastrophe of devastating planetary dimensions. The good news is that this is only a danger and a possibility, however great in appearance. The door to wisdom never closes. Moral balance and karmic responsibility can also be developed in ways that avoid outward destruction in large scale.

Serious theosophical research shows Humanity is not abandoned. It has never been forgotten by the immortal sages. It is right now kindly observed, helped and accompanied by great souls. However, the behavior of its Teachers - the Mahatmas, Adepts or Masters of the Wisdom - is not that of over-zealous, neurotic mothers who insist in spoiling their children to death.

The healing of nations will take place through the widespread practice of self-responsibility and cooperation. "Deserve, then desire" is the rule. The first step ahead to cease the causation process of unnecessary pain consists in understanding the Karma and the consequences of ethical ignorance.

The present civilization is free to interrupt the process of self-destruction which results from the denial of moral duties. The next steps in regeneration must take place on the spiritual, moral and physical levels of life, simultaneously. In order to stop unnecessary suffering, we will have to awaken and be awakened from the sad nightmare of blind egocentrism.

NOTES:

[1] The text by Damodar is available [Here](#).

[2] See "[The Future of Mankind is Bright](#)".

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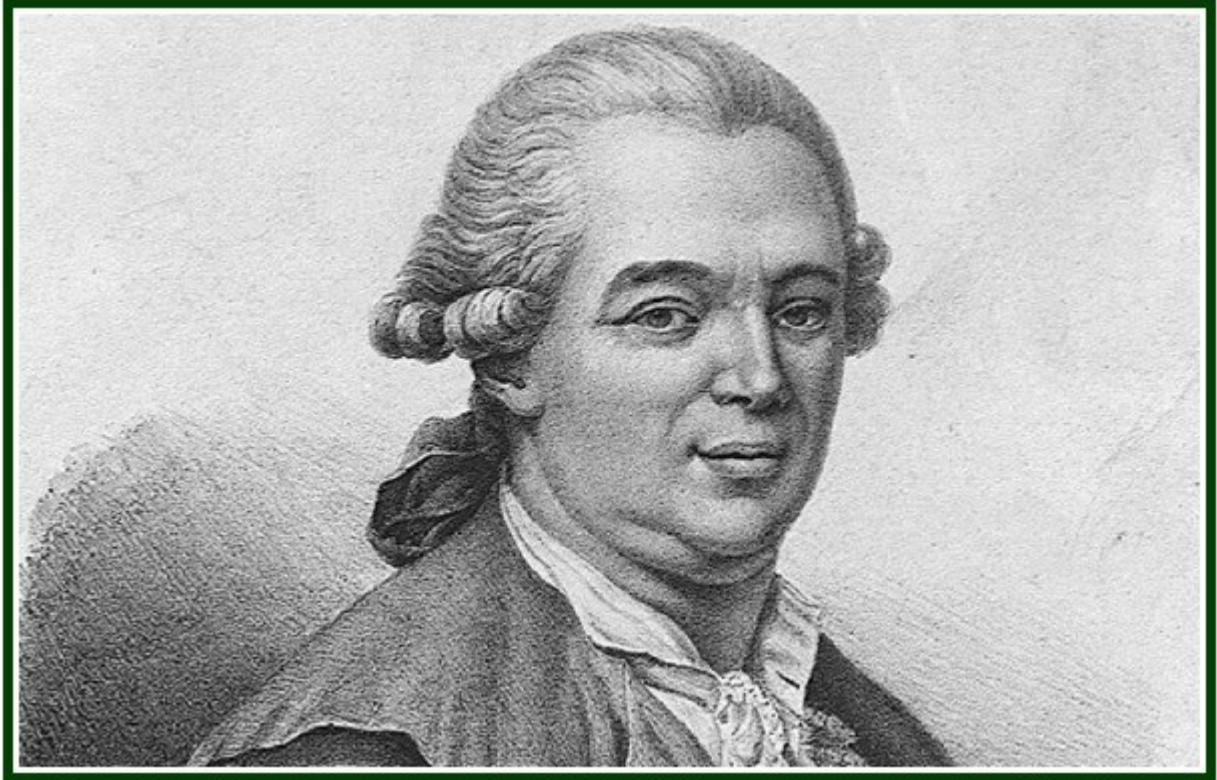
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Read more: "[The Meaning of a Pandemic](#)", an article by Steven H. Levy, and "[Man and Society in Calamity](#)", the book by Pitirim A. Sorokin. See "[Video: Visualizing the Future of Mankind](#)".

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Passages From H.P. Blavatsky That Refer to Mesmer and Mesmerism - 1



Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815)

ONE

...Christopher Columbus discovered America, and Americus Vesputius reaped the glory and usurped his dues. Theophrastus Paracelsus rediscovered the occult properties of the magnet - “the bone of Horus” which, twelve centuries before his time, had played such an important part in the theurgic mysteries - and he very naturally became the founder of the school of magnetism and of mediæval magico-theurgy. But Mesmer, who lived nearly three hundred years after him, and as a disciple of his school brought the magnetic wonders before the public, reaped the glory that was due to the fire-philosopher, [Paracelsus], while the great master died in a hospital!

So goes the world: new discoveries, evolving from old sciences; new men — the same old nature!

[*Isis Unveiled, vol. I*](#), pp. 71-72)

TWO

...As to mesmerism, it has been adopted in many parts of Germany, and is publicly used with undeniable success in more than one hospital; its occult properties have been proved and are

believed in by physicians, whose eminence, learning, and merited fame, the self-complacent lecturer on mediums and insanity cannot well hope to equal.

[\(Isis Unveiled, vol. I, p. 82\)](#)

THREE

...Step by step, mankind move around their circumscribed circle of knowledge, science constantly correcting its mistakes, and readjusting on the following day the erroneous theories of the preceding one. This has been the case, not merely with questions pertaining to psychology, such as mesmerism, in its dual sense of a physical and spiritual phenomenon, but even with such discoveries as directly related to exact sciences, and have been easy to demonstrate.

[\(Isis Unveiled, vol. I, p. 84\)](#)

FOUR

...The church of Rome has never been either credulous or cowardly, as is abundantly proved by the Machiavellism which marks her policy. Moreover, she has never troubled herself much about the clever prestidigitateurs whom she *knew* to be simply adepts in juggling. Robert Houdin, Comte, Hamilton and Bosco, slept secure in their beds, while she persecuted such men as Paracelsus, Cagliostro, and Mesmer, the Hermetic philosophers and mystics - and effectually stopped every genuine manifestation of an occult nature by killing the mediums.

[\(Isis Unveiled, vol. I, p. 100\)](#)

FIVE

...The mesmerizer wills a thing, and if he is powerful enough, that thing is done. The medium, even if he had an honest purpose to succeed, may get no manifestations at all; the less he exercises his will, the better the phenomena: the more he feels anxious, the less he is likely to get anything; to mesmerize requires a positive nature, to be a medium a perfectly passive one. This is the Alphabet of Spiritualism, and no medium is ignorant of it.

[\(Isis Unveiled, vol. I, p. 109\)](#)

SIX

The thaumaturgists of all periods, schools, and countries, produced their wonders, because they were perfectly familiar with the imponderable - in their effects - but otherwise perfectly tangible waves of the astral light. They controlled the currents by guiding them with their will-power. The wonders were both of physical and psychological character; the former embracing effects produced upon material objects, the latter the mental phenomena of Mesmer and his successors. This class has been represented in our time by two illustrious men, Du Potet and Regazzoni, whose wonderful powers were well attested in France and other countries. Mesmerism is the most important branch of magic; and its phenomena are the effects of the universal agent which underlies all magic and has produced at all ages the so-called miracles.

The ancients called it *Chaos*; Plato and the Pythagoreans named it *the Soul of the World*. According to the Hindus, the Deity in the shape of Æther pervades all things. It is the invisible, but, as we have said before, too tangible Fluid. Among other names this universal

Proteus - or “the nebulous Almighty”, as de Mirville calls it in derision - was termed by the theurgists “the living fire” [1], the “Spirit of Light”, and *Magnes*. This last appellation indicates its magnetic properties and shows its magical nature.”

[\(Isis Unveiled, vol. I, p. 129\)](#)

SEVEN

Pythagoras taught his disciples that God is the universal *mind* diffused through all things, and that this mind by the sole virtue of its universal sameness could be communicated from one object to another and be made to create all things by the sole will-power of man. With the ancient Greeks, *Kurios* was the god-Mind (*Nous*). “Now Koros (Kurios) signifies the pure and unmixed nature of intellect - wisdom”, says Plato (“Cratylus”, p. 79). *Kurios* is Mercury, the Divine Wisdom, and “Mercury is the Sol” (Sun), (“Arnobius”, vi., xii.) from whom Thaut - Hermes - received this divine wisdom, which, in his turn, he imparted to the world in his books. Hercules is also the Sun - the celestial storehouse of the universal magnetism; or rather Hercules is the magnetic light which, when having made its way through the “opened eye of heaven”, enters into the regions of our planet and thus becomes the Creator.[2] Hercules passes through the twelve labors, the valiant Titan! He is called “Father of All” and “self-born” “(*autophues*)”.

[\(Isis Unveiled, vol. I, pp. 131-132\)](#)

NOTES:

[1] [Note by HPB] In this appellation, we may discover the meaning of the puzzling sentence to be found in the Zend-Avesta that “fire gives knowledge of the future, science, and amiable speech”, as it develops an extraordinary eloquence in some sensitives.

[2] See the article “Blavatsky on Hercules and the Sun”, in the October 2019 edition of “[The Aquarian](#)”, pp. 5-7.

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Meditation on the Awakening of Mankind

How the Energy of the Human Mind Creates a Civilization of Brotherhood

**“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye
shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”**

(The New Testament, Matthew, 7:7)

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Meditation on the Awakening of Mankind](#)

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Helena P. Blavatsky: **The Process of Levitation**



Aethrobacy, is the Greek name for walking or being lifted in the air; *levitation*, so called, among modern spiritualists. It may be either conscious or unconscious; in the one case, it is magic; in the other, either disease or a power which requires a few words of elucidation.

A symbolical explanation of aethrobacy is given in an old Syriac manuscript which was translated in the fifteenth century by one Malchus, an alchemist. In connection with the case of Simon Magus, one passage reads thus:

“Simon, laying his face upon the ground, whispered in her ear, ‘O mother Earth, give me, I pray thee, some of thy breath; and I will give thee mine; *let me loose*, O mother, that I may carry thy words to the stars, and I will return faithfully to thee after a while.’ And the Earth strengthening her status, none to her detriment, sent her genius to breathe of her *breath* on Simon, *while he breathed on her*; and the stars rejoiced to be visited by the mighty One.”

The starting-point here is the recognized electro-chemical principle that bodies similarly electrified repel each other, while those differently electrified mutually attract. “The most elementary knowledge of chemistry”, says Professor Cooke, “shows that, while radicals of opposite natures combine most eagerly together, two metals, or two closely-allied metalloids, show but little affinity for each other.”

The earth is a magnetic body; in fact, as some scientists have found, it is one vast magnet, as Paracelsus affirmed some 300 years ago. It is charged with one form of electricity - let us call it positive - which it evolves continuously by spontaneous action, in its interior or centre of motion. Human bodies, in common with all other forms of matter, are charged with the opposite form of electricity - negative. That is to say, organic or inorganic bodies, if left to

themselves will constantly and involuntarily charge themselves with, and evolve the form of electricity opposed to that of the earth itself. Now, what is weight? Simply the attraction of the earth. “Without the attractions of the earth you would have no weight”, says Professor Stewart;^[1] “and if you had an earth twice as heavy as this, you would have double the attraction.” How then, can we get rid of this attraction? According to the electrical law above stated, there is an attraction between our planet and the organisms upon it, which holds them upon the surface of the ground. But the law of gravitation has been counteracted in many instances, by levitations of persons and inanimate objects; how account for this? The condition of our physical systems, say theurgic philosophers, is largely dependent upon the action of our will. If well-regulated, it can produce “miracles”; among others a change of this electrical polarity from negative to positive; the man’s relations with the earth-magnet would then become repellent, and “gravity” for him would have ceased to exist. It would then be as natural for him to rush into the air until the repellent force had exhausted itself, as, before, it had been for him to remain upon the ground. The altitude of his levitation would be measured by his ability, greater or less, to charge his body with positive electricity. This control over the physical forces once obtained, alteration of his levity or gravity would be as easy as breathing.

The study of nervous diseases has established that even in ordinary somnambulism, as well as in mesmerized somnambulists, the weight of the body seems to be diminished. Professor Perty mentions a somnambulist, Koehler, who when in the water could not sink, but floated. The seeress of Prevorst rose to the surface of the bath and could not be kept seated in it. He speaks of Anna Fleisher, who being subject to epileptic fits, was often seen by the Superintendent to rise in the air; and was once, in the presence of two trustworthy witnesses (two deans) and others, raised two and a half yards from her bed in a horizontal position. The similar case of Margaret Rule is cited by Upham in his *History of Salem Witchcraft*. “In ecstatic subjects”, adds Professor Perty, “the rising in the air occurs much more frequently than with somnambulists. We are so accustomed to consider gravitation as being a something absolute and unalterable, that the idea of a complete or partial rising in opposition to it seems inadmissible; nevertheless, there are phenomena in which, by means of material forces, gravitation is overcome. In several diseases - as, for instance, nervous fever - the weight of the human body seems to be increased, but in all ecstatic conditions to be diminished. And there may, likewise, be other forces than material ones which can counteract this power.”

A Madrid journal, *El Criterio Espiritista*, of a recent date, reports the case of a young peasant girl near Santiago, which possesses a peculiar interest in this connection. “Two bars of magnetized iron held over her horizontally, half a metre distant, was sufficient to suspend her body in the air.”

Were our physicians to experiment on such levitated subjects, it would be found that they are strongly charged with a similar form of electricity to that of the spot, which, according to the law of gravitation, ought to *attract* them, or rather prevent their levitation. And, if some physical nervous disorder, as well as spiritual ecstasy produce unconsciously to the subject the same effects, it proves that if this force in nature were properly studied, it could be regulated at will.

(Helena P. Blavatsky)

NOTE:

[1] “The Sun and the Earth”. (Helena P. Blavatsky)

[The above text is reproduced from [*Isis Unveiled, Volume I*](#), pp. xxiii-xxv.]

Thoughts Along the Road

The Practice of Austerity Strengthens One's Moral Authority Over His Own Actions



* Remember these three facts at least once, every day: 1) You were born in order to fulfil an elevated purpose. Your noblest and highest thoughts are blessings to you. 2) At each step, the Law of the Universe leads you, and inspires you and all persons of good will. 3) It is within your reach to accomplish the purpose of your spiritual soul. Bliss belongs to your true self.

* A central element in discipline consists in keeping the rhythm. Victory and the knowledge of the best path to go are in listening to the voice of conscience. Being consistent in the eyes of the world is not as important as being loyal to the voice of the soul.

* If living with self-discipline were an easy thing to do, its spiritual value would not be great. When society around you produces a vast number of crises while stimulating a cult of hurry and the worship of anxiety, you need to have a certain amount of firmness, in the decision to preserve peace across the cycles of daily life.

* One can expand the quality of life by stopping the personal world. I do that several times a day in order to listen to complete silence. Efficiency in work expands if one reduces his thoughts to zero for a few moments, reestablishing from time to time his central connection with the spiritual realm of life. Wisdom is anonymous. One minute is enough to establish the absence of words. When someone constantly looks to the highest, everything gets renewed from inside out, and all of life is reborn.

* He who thinks too much about the supposed failures of others is afraid of facing his own shortcomings. He adopts a childish attitude before life, as a means to hide from his own duty - which is of course reforming himself. Such an individual largely ignores his soul, and is not acquainted with the philosophy of martial arts. Justice, ethics, and conservation of energy are basic principles for those who know something about conflict and peace. [1]

* It often occurs that he who wishes to have authority over others has no authority over himself. The practice of austerity paves the way to self-control, expands self-knowledge and strengthens one's moral authority over his own actions and impulses. Self-discipline generates contentment. Self-restraint gives the pilgrim liberty. A human being who is free from blind impulses rises above that level of consciousness where suffering exists.

* Those who have real knowledge use their words carefully and after due thought. They are ready to learn from their failures and try to correct their mistakes.

* He who has no true approach to reality prefers having professorial opinions about everything. He projects his own ignorance over his fellow beings. He tries to convince himself - and the others - that he is "very superior" in knowledge.

* Socratic students and truth-seekers try not to delude themselves, in the first place. They use to say: "*All I know is that I know very little, and next to nothing*". Avoiding personal delusion is important. Humbleness allows the student to be able to learn, and to look up to the sacred Source inside.

NOTE:

[1] On the combination of force and quietness, see "[Moral Strength in Judo and Theosophy](#)".

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As The World Faces More Than One Challenge **This is the Right Time to Help Mankind**

If you think this civilization now confronts a severe transition, join the world of practical good will. Look (and help others to look) at the present obstacles from the point of view of the victory of the soul. Help heal the planet. *Like*, study and *Share* the contents of the Facebook pages and group that work with **The Aquarian** and the **associated websites**:

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Ella Wheeler Wilcox:
Building a House in Heaven



I know we are building our heaven
As we journey along by the way;
Each thought is a nail that is driven
In structures that cannot decay,
And the mansion at last shall be given
To us as we build it today.

(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

[From the book “**New Thought, Common Sense And What Life Means To Me**”,
by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Gay and Hancock, Ltd., London, 1912, 267 pp. See page 267.]

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The Policy of the Heart
Preparing the Silent Birth of the Future

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To Accept or Not to Accept the Truth



When fiction rises pleasing to the eye,
Men will believe, because they love the lie;
But Truth herself, if clouded with a frown,
Must have some solemn proofs to pass her down.

(Charles Churchill)

[Quoted by H. P. Blavatsky at the opening of her article “Lodges of Magic”. See “Collected Writings” of H.P.B., TPH, vol. X, p. 124.]

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A Global Karmic Fever **The Obstacles Exist for the** **Strengthening of One’s Will to do Good**

“For the sake of the soul alone, the Universe exists.”
(Patanjali, II, 21)

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Pitirim A. Sorokin: **Man and Society in Calamity**



Sorokin wrote his books from the point of view of universal compassion

A 2020 Editorial Note

This is the classic 1942 edition of “**Man and Society in Calamity**”, by Pitirim A. Sorokin, E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., New York, 352 pages.

While reading the book it is useful to remember a few lines written by a Master of the Eastern Wisdom, or by one of his disciples under his orders or dictation. Published in the magazine “The Theosophist” in 1883, the words define the present age:

“We are at the end of a cycle - geological and other - and at the beginning of another. Cataclysm is to follow cataclysm. The pent-up forces are bursting out in many quarters; and not only will men be swallowed up or slain by thousands, ‘new’ land appear and ‘old’ subside, volcanic eruptions and tidal waves appal; but secrets of an unsuspected past will be uncovered to the dismay of Western theorists and the humiliation of an imperious science. This drifting ship, if watched, may be seen to ground upon the upheaved vestiges of ancient civilizations, and fall to pieces. We are not emulous of the prophet’s honours: but still, let this stand as a prophecy.” [1]

Sorokin opens the Preface to this 1942 book with rather similar words, as he refers to the sociological aspect of our deep planetary change:

“We live and act in an age of great calamities. War and revolution, famine and pestilence, are again rampant on this planet...”

Born in Russia on 21 January 1889, Pitirim Sorokin lived up to 1968. When this book was published, he was Doctor of Sociology, Chairman of the Department of Sociology in Harvard University, and former president of the International Institute of Sociology.

In “Man and Society in Calamity” he discusses the actual dynamics of worldwide catastrophes and the way individuals and nations experience them. His work is a practical tool for people living in a time of rapid planetary change.

(CCA)

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[“Man and Society in Calamity”](#)

NOTE:

[1] “[Five Years of Theosophy](#)”, a book with articles selected from “The Theosophist”, London: Reeves and Turner, 196 Strand, W.C., 1885, 575 pp. [See page 388](#). Original publication: [The Theosophist, November 1883, p. 43](#).

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[The New Items In Our Websites](#)

On the 12th of March, we had [2645](#) items in the associated websites, including texts, books, poems, audios and videos. Of these, [02](#) items were in [Italian](#), [16](#) items were in [French](#), [170](#) in [Spanish](#), [1220](#) in [English](#) and [1237](#) in [Portuguese](#).

The following items were published in English, French and Spanish between 13 February and 12 March 2020:

(The more recent titles above)

1. **Man and Society in Calamity** - *Pitirim A. Sorokin* [a book]
2. **The Meaning of a Pandemic** - *Steven H. Levy*
3. **The Secret Character of Compassion** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
4. **The Seven Principles** - *Helena P. Blavatsky*
5. **El Carnaval Según la Teosofía** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
6. **Jesucristo y el Carnaval** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
7. **The Silent Rebirth of Ethics** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
8. **Cagliostro, Le Maître Inconnu** - *Marc Haven* [a book]
9. **El Karma de la Literatura y de los Medios** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
10. **If You See an Injustice, Don't Blame the Victim** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
11. **Sobre el Uso de Poderes Psíquicos** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
12. **The Aquarian Theosophist, February 2020**

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