

# Question Department

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## The Mission of Christ

**Q**UESTION: If the world is a training school and we must all evolve sometime why was it necessary for Christ to die for our salvation?

*Answer:*

If you have studied the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, you will remember that at different periods in the development of the world there were certain stragglers who did not come up to the requirements needed to go into the next class, as it were. This is on the same principle that we see in our schools of today. In every class of children there are some who do not apply themselves as much as others and, therefore, when the time of examination comes, they are not ready to go into a higher class and must, therefore, be left behind. Under the regime of Jehovah, egoism was instilled into early mankind to evolve individuality. In early Atlantis the spirit had just entered the body and all felt universal kinship as children of the Great Father, but they were destined to conquer the world and evolve individuality, and to this and they were divided into nations and families. Having been given dominion over all things, they were encouraged to acquire possessions; material favor, increase of children, of cattle, of land, were given to them as rewards for obedience to the dictates of their various Race Spirits, who were regarded by them as messengers of God. Contrariwise, if they transgressed, and disobeyed the commandments of Jehovah, they must pay in famine, pestilence, or other material calamity. There was under the regime of Jehovah no promise of heaven, for it was said that heaven, even the heavens are the Lord's, but the earth has he given to the children of men; furthermore, they were told that they would be rewarded with long life to dwell in their land, if they were obedient to his commandments. Thus, by degrees, egoism and self-seeking were made paramount, and good deeds, which are the basis of heaven life, where spiritual progress is made, were neglected. The more intelligent the people became, the greater their cunning and covetousness was exercised to lay up treasure on earth, but never a thought bestowed upon the treasure in heaven, so necessary to spiritual advancement. The body also crystallized more and more by this method, and had it been pursued indefinitely, evolution would have come to a standstill, for humanity builds both the earth and their own bodies in the Second Heaven, between two lives, and they would have crystal-

lized the earth and themselves in their grasping egoism, till it would have become like the Moon.

To escape such a calamity, another influence was necessary, and the seer who can read the Memory of Nature sees that ages before the actual advent of Christ, His benefic influence was exercised from without. He was preparing to act as indwelling spirit of our planet and thereby raise the vibration so as to purify the moral atmosphere and change the motto "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth", to "Love your enemies." Jehovah is the ruler of all the satellites in our solar system. In order to stir the backward class of spirits which are contained on these Moons, it is necessary to use most strenuous means indefinitely, but as soon as a sufficiently enlightened stage has been reached by the people on a planet, the Cosmic Christ takes them in hand to save them from law by love, and He generates in them and the planetary atmosphere the altruistic vibrations of Brotherhood.

Sinking His consciousness in such low and material conditions, with sufficient concentration to effect His object, involves a temporary death to the higher, spiritual realms; but this is necessary, and therefore Christ must die to save the world.

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### INITIATION

*Question:*

Is it possible to be initiated on another plane without going through a corresponding initiation on the physical plane; if so, should the memory of the initiation on first waking be an indication that one has taken place or would it be only a dream?

*Answer:*

Mankind as a whole is progressing by a process which we call evolution from impotence to omnipotence. During this pilgrimage we, who were once altogether spiritual, have become gradually crystallized into the various vehicles we now possess. In these bygone days we were all-conscious upon the spiritual plane, and though we had in time become enmeshed in a physical body, we knew it not. Gradually, however, some became conscious of the physical body, as the Bible says, "They saw themselves, their eyes were opened and they saw that they were naked." These pioneers who had thus been initiated into the mystery of the physical body commenced to go around telling the others that *we have a*

body. At first, of course, there were very few who would believe them, but gradually a larger number became initiated into the mystery of the body, *they received their physical sight*, and saw something which was not patent to their brethren, until finally the whole humanity had evolved the physical senses, and became capable of cognizing the material world in which we now live.

Today it is the other way, now humanity has become so engrossed in the material world that the great majority are unaware that they have finer vehicles and that there is a spiritual world which may be cognized by a sixth sense which has been evolved by a few, but is latent in the majority of people. These pioneers who by the unfoldment of a sixth sense have become initiated into *the mystery of the soul* are now busy going about telling the good news to others that we have a soul and a latent sense whereby to perceive it.

From this explanation it should be clear that initiation consists of helping someone who has not previously been able to perceive the spiritual world to change his consciousness so that he may at will center it upon the invisible part of the human being, which we may loosely term the soul, and retain perfect consciousness of all he sees.

That is true at least of the spiritual processes of initiation. In that far bygone Lemurian epoch, when the first pioneers discovered that we had a body, it would not have helped anyone to come together with them and go through a ceremony, no matter how elaborate; the uplift to be attained by initiation was the opening of the eyes and the perception of the physical body in the physical world. Similarly it will help no one if they go through ceremonies from morning until night and study this man's book or that man's method. The object is to evolve that sixth sense whereby the invisible world and the invisible vehicles of men are perceived and this is a process of slow growth; it involves *a becoming* of something that the person is not now. The method of awakening this latent sense best suited to the Western world has been given in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* under the caption "*The Method of Acquiring First-Hand Knowledge*," also in the pamphlet entitled "*Spiritual Sight and Insight, its Culture, Control and Legitimate use*." When the physical life lived by any person has fitted him, or her, for initiation, the Teacher always appears to him, or her, while they are wide awake in full physical consciousness. The candidate is told that he has evolved a vehicle necessary to function in the invisible world and is then offered the help to make the first or "*initial*" transition safely, an offer which he may refuse if he will, and no one of the white Brothers would urge him against his will, should he decide not to go on. Certain physical preparations are necessary, and throughout the whole

process, from the time he leaves his body until he returns, the candidate remains in full consciousness and has an uninterrupted memory of all that takes place. Thus, it is impossible for anyone who has really gone through the process of initiation to be in doubt of it or think that it may have been a dream.

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#### MYSTIC LIGHT DEPT

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like a beard of whiskers. The fairest of them have a dark tawny look; I do not like their appearance, they are so designing and selfish. They are largely in the majority I find, and are the same people I saw the other night.

"I had a glimpse of an awful looking creature just now with hair hanging all around a very ugly face and terribly tangled.

"I see more animals penned up, that look somewhat like oxen, but with thicker skin and less hair; they are of monstrous size.

"I see faces of animals that resemble our dogs, yet they differ from them considerably, but they are more like dogs than any other animals with which I am acquainted."

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Another bone from the same locality gnawed by some small rodent was given Mrs. Denton. The bone was seen, and the circumstances of its discovery known to her. Under this influence she said:

"The first thing I see is one of those hairy males sitting with his back against a tree; the same things come up that I saw with the other specimens, or nearly so, but the animals are more distinctly seen, a great many are visible. One kind resemble oxen, and they have very large and long horns; they are larger than my arm and curl upward on each side of the head, and have two or three twists in them. One of them is about as high as an ox but smaller, it looks young, has no horns and looks like a yearling calf. So many objects crowd upon me I am unable to describe them. One animal that I supposed to be an ox has frowsy hair and thick horns, heavier than the other, but not as long.

"This must be a horse that I see now, yes, I see two of those men on the back of one, they are going with great speed, they seem to have something with which to guide it, but I do not know what.

"I see a long string of skulls of different animals hanging against the face of the rock; the first looks like that of a human skull. Several of those hairy ones are here, first at work and then at play; now I see them climbing up a rock as if pursued by something. The pictures come up in such an abundance I cannot untangle them. In whatever direction I look figures are darting to and fro, singly or in groups, but so rapidly that I cannot describe them."



# The Astral Ray

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## Finding the Ascendant

ONE OF the greatest troubles to many students of Astrology is that they do not know the hour of their birth, and appeals to the editor for help to find the Ascendant are only too frequent, as lack of time makes it impossible for him to comply. But sometimes students visiting at Mount Ecclesia catch him in the evening when he is taking a constitutional through the grounds and cannot make a plea of being busy; perhaps the recital of a few cases where students have been put on the right track may serve to show the method of finding the Ascendant and help others to do the work for themselves.

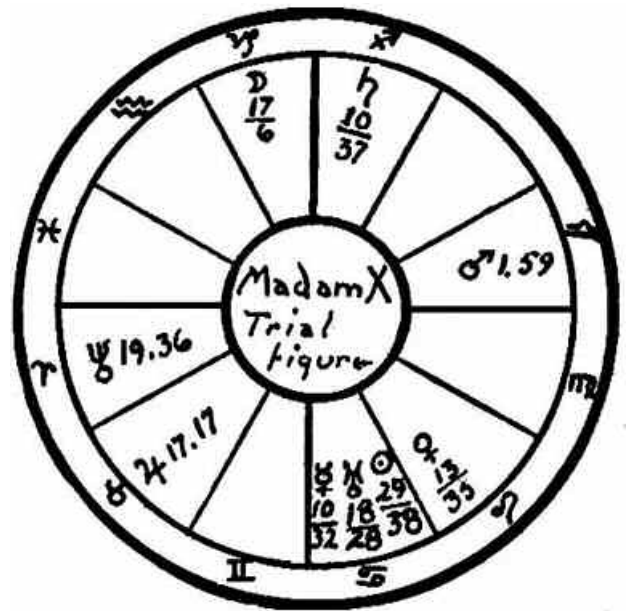
We will take first the case of Madam X, who accosted us one evening in the early summer. Students who know "the one thing needful" for obtaining the information sought had probably posted her, for she had a "trial figure" like the one printed below with her, which she handed to the editor when she asked for the information. Such a figure simply shows how the planets were grouped at Greenwich noon on the birthday. The planets' places are merely copied from the ephemeris, in the manner shown by the lady's trial figure printed herewith. Turning this figure around changes the house position of the planets, and consequently alters their significance with respect to the affairs of life. By asking questions of the inquirer, one may find, with more or less trouble, a position where it fits the facts and events in the life.

The first point in Madam X's trial figure, which struck the editor, was Saturn in Sagittarius, and he asked:

"Have you ever had any bones broken, particularly in the femur?"

"No, not the femur, but the coccyx, and it has made me an invalid for years."

The trail was beginning to get "warm" as the children say, so we turned the trial figure around till we had placed



Saturn in the sixth house where he would cause long illness. This placed Jupiter in the eleventh house, where he would give Madam X good, faithful, friends; it put the Sun, Mercury and Uranus in the first house, where they would give her a cheerful, though rather odd disposition. It placed Venus in the second house where she would give Madam X plenty of money which she would spend as lavishly on dress, and it put Mars in the fourth house to signify a rather domineering husband. Having noted these indications we again commenced our examination of the lady.

"What is the disposition of your husband, is he inclined to be somewhat brusque, and rather domineering at times?"

"No, my husband is always kind, patient and very gentle," said Madam X, and the editor began to see his theory wobble, but he was not ready to change to another position at the first indication of mistake. He reasoned that

Mars was in Libra, the sign of the gentle Venus, it was also sextile to the Sun, which is the general significator of marriage for a woman, that would tone him down, and maybe the witness was also biased by her conjugal love which made her blind to facts as they would appear to other people. He therefore applied the test of Venus in the second house, and asked:

“Is your husband generous, does he always provide well for you and give you plenty of money?”

“Yes, he always sees that I have what I need, but so far as actual money is concerned he always insists upon a strict accounting so that he may know how it is spent.”

“That also was not quite in keeping with what the horoscope, as so held, would indicate; still, it was possible that there might be mitigating circumstances which would modify our judgment of what Venus would bring, and when we discovered that she was square with Jupiter, the planet of opulence, we still felt that our idea of how the horoscope should be was right. The lady had dark complexion and brown eyes, so we thought the sun in Cancer in the first house, with Mercury and Uranus, would vindicate our judgment and asked:

“And how about your disposition, are you cheerful, alert, of a sunny, optimistic nature, always inclined to look upon the bright side of things?”

Then our judgment received its deathblow, for she answered with a most emphatic “No, it is just the reverse, I am very often gloomy and imagine all sorts of evil, and that condition lasts for days.”

We must therefore find another position which would conform to the facts we had learned; namely, years of invalidism, a kind husband and a gloomy disposition. These facts must also coincide with her personal appearance. So we started slowly to turn the figure silently reading as we went.

Leo on the Ascendant with Venus described an entirely different type, and one of a happy disposition. A glance sufficed to make that clear.

Virgo might dispose to invalidism, but that brought Saturn into the fourth house, and did not harmonize with kindness of Madam X’s husband. That also was out of the question.

Libra rising with Mars is anything but gloomy, so that cannot be the Ascendant.

Scorpio is also too martial to be crushed by forebodings; but there comes Sagittarius with Saturn. It takes a saturnine influence to bring gloom. Maybe that is the place! but that cannot be either, for that puts Jupiter in the sixth house, and denies long invalidism.

Capricorn is a saturnine sign, that will give gloom, and the Moon is there, to foster all sorts of imaginations which, of course, are tinted by the sign. That fits, and it also describes the lady. Saturn in the twelve house is a good indication of long confinement. The Sun in the sev-

enth house shows a good husband, Madam X, and your eighth house, is his second, which governs life finances. Venus, the planet of love, there, in Leo, the heart sign, shows that he is generous to you, but the square of Venus to Jupiter shows also the restrictions.

“That is your horoscope Madam X, you have Capricorn rising, and all you need to do is to set it up with the first degree rising. By and by you can see how much later events happen, and move it forward till it fits to the day. For every two days events are late, move it forward one degree. You will find Mars the most punctual planet to measure by. This work will require some time. There is a chance you may make mistakes and move the Ascendant too far forward, and will have to readjust things, but eventually you will get it right.”

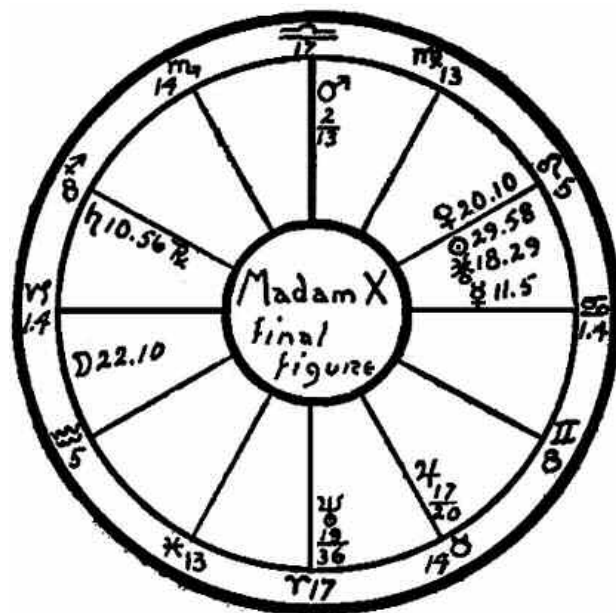
“By the way, I see that Venus is in the eighth house, which signifies legacies, square to Jupiter; have you ever come near getting a legacy, or have you got one after some trouble?”

“Yes, there is something about a legacy, but I have not been able to prove my right.”

“Well, then the horoscope fits you, Madam X.”

“But, Mr. Heindel, I am not sure whether I was born July 21st or 22nd.”

“What, you do not know the day? well, that changes the Moon, which is the chief time marker, twelve or more degrees, and that will throw all your calculations off. I am afraid I cannot help you there.” But just then we noted that Saturn was in ten degrees of Sagittarius conjoined to Antares, the star which so evilly affects the eyes, if the Lights are afflicted at the same time. The Moon in the trial figure set for the 22nd was seventeen degrees of Capricorn, in exact opposition to Uranus. It was also noticed that the Sun was just coming within orb of the



Ascelli, another nebulous spot in six degrees of Leo. If the lady was born on the 21st, neither the Sun, nor the Moon, would be thus afflicted, and there would be nothing the matter with her eyes, but if she was born on the 22nd she could not escape very serious trouble. She wore no glasses, and as we were walking side by side, the editor could not observe her eyes, but appearances led him to believe that her eyes were good, and that she was therefore born on the 21st. A question brought out the mistake.

“Have you ever had any trouble with your eyes, Madam

X?”

“Yes, I have lost the sight of one eye.”

“Then you were born on the 22nd,” said the editor, and the Pro-Ecclesia Bell calling us to Service ended the conversation.

We give also the horoscope as it was eventually cast, that students may see better how the matter finally worked out. Various events in life have since been calculated from it with unimpeachable accuracy.

Next month we will give some other examples.

## Your Child's Horoscope

If the readings given in this department were to be paid for they would be very expensive, for besides typewriting, typesetting, plating of the figure, etc., the calculation and reading of each horoscope requires at least one half day of the editor's time. Please note that we do not promise anyone a reading to get them to subscribe. We give these readings to help parents in training their children, to help young people find their place in the world, and to help students of the stellar science with practical lessons. If your child's horoscope appears, be thankful for your luck, if it does not, you have no cause for anger at us.

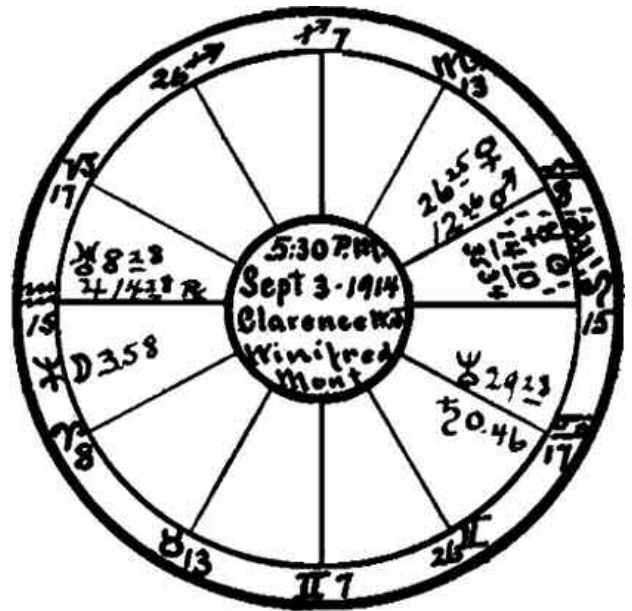
### We Do Not Cast Horoscopes

Despite all we can say, many people write enclosing money for horoscopes, forcing us to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal, and giving us the trouble of returning their money. Please do not thus annoy us; it will avail you nothing.

**C**LARENCE W. J. born Sept. 3rd, 1914, 5:30 p. m. at Winifred, Mont.

Here we have a youngster of a fine, kindly disposition, for Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, is rising in the humanitarian sign of Aquarius. It is trine to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, which gives us our temper, if we have one. But in Clarence's case, Mars' influence is softened because he is in the gentle Venus' sign, Libra. Therefore he will not express temper, but his energy will be used in benevolent channels as indicated by the trine to Jupiter. This is an exceedingly fortunate configuration, for who has the spirit of philanthropy, which makes them love to do good, thereby attracts the same from others, and will therefore live an exceedingly happy and prosperous life. There is only one flaw about this matter, Mars is impulsive, Uranus is still more so, and we find Uranus conjoined with Jupiter, trine to Mars. This configuration of Uranus with Mars and Jupiter will give Clarence the tendency to throw discrimination to the winds, and what he gives to, or does for, people will probably not do half the good on that account that it would do if expended with care.

But it costs money to be philanthropic in a large way, and the question “Where is he going to get it?” is therefore pertinent. The same planets which show how he is inclined to spend, also indicate the source of supply. Mars in Libra, and unafflicted, is very constructive, he tends to make that which is made, beautiful. His trine to Uranus, the planet which governs electricity, the ether, and all the new inventions which will make the Aquarian age a thousand times more wonderful than the dreams of



Jules Verne, which we have already far exceeded, will put Clarence in touch with the World of Abstract Thoughts and Ideas. And from the Cosmic mind he will learn principles and laws of which we do not dream, also how to embody such things in epoch-making inventions. Moreover, he is not alone in that line, for during the seven years Uranus is going through the sign Aquarius, there is being born a new race of such marvels. When they grow up to be 15, 20 or 25 years, the world will hear from them, things we never imagined in our wildest dreams will become part of our everyday life, and probably the present wonders of the world will be out of date altogether.