

## READERS' QUESTIONS

### *Suggestion to Children During Sleep Is Christ to Supplant Jehovah? Clairvoyance and Childhood*

**Q**UESTION: We have just been told of a method by which children may be helped to overcome undesirable habits by suggestion during sleep. Does the Rosicrucian Fellowship approve of this method?

**Answer:** Max Heindel writes as follows on this subject in *Questions and Answers*, Vol. 1, page 69: "This method of suggestion during sleep is something which mothers will find extremely beneficial in treating refractory children, for if the mother will sit by the bed of the sleeping child, hold its hand, speak to it as she would speak when it is awake, instill into its brain ideas of such a nature as she would wish it to entertain, she will find that in the waking state many of these ideas will have taken root. Also in dealing with a person who is sick or is addicted to drink, if the mother, nurse, or others use this method, they will find it possible to instill hope and healing, materially furthering recovery or aiding in self-mastery. This method may of course be used for evil, but we cannot refrain from publishing it, as we believe that the good which can be done in this way will much more than offset the few cases where some misguided person may use it for wrong purposes."

The Rosicrucians do not advocate hypnotism in any form, nor control of another's will, but sanction the suggestion of a certain mode of action, leaving the ego entirely free as to the course he adopts. But even in following this method great care must be used not to use force so as to substitute the will of the suggester for that of the one to whom the suggestion is given, for this is a form of

hypnotism. It weakens the will of the latter and any apparent benefit will be only temporary, the person relapsing later into a condition worse than the original.

The education of a child is a holy task and should be undertaken in a spirit of prayer. Within that little body a beautiful spirit is concealed, a part of God Himself. It is struggling for expression and trying to get control of its newly acquired vehicles. The child resents the restrictions which you place upon him. He is but lately from his Father's home, and may know more than you do upon certain subjects. You endeavor to force him to do thus and so. He resists. Gradually temper and passion are developed. Secrecy, lying, and many other qualities that you would not expect your child to possess make their appearance. What is to be done? How can we correct the fault without strengthening it by antagonism? The tendency to the faults may have been brought over from other lives and therefore grows quickly.

There is one infallible way to overcome evil: It is by love. If you really love your child, are not merely "attached" to him, you will deem no sacrifice too great to be made for his sake. Love suffereth long and is kind.

Perfect confidence between parents and child will smooth the way. If your child has already contracted some undesirable habits and refuses to accept your suggestions call on the Father for aid. Ask him to lead you, to guide you, to teach you, to make you more fit to have the care of an evolving soul; and night after night pray earnestly by the bedside of your child that he may be led aright and

guarded, and that to yourself may be given the wisdom necessary to help him. "Ask and ye shall receive," but you must watch as well as pray. Trust your child, love him, pray for him.

### Jehovah and Christ

**Question:** What has been the special work of the Lord God Jehovah since the creation of the world? Is He to be supplanted by the Christ?

**Answer:** Jehovah was and is one of the Elohim. He is the leader and ruler of the angels, who were the humanity of the Moon Period, and He is the regent of our present moon. As regent of the moon He has charge of the degenerate and evil beings there. With Him are some of the archangels, who were the humanity of the Sun Period. They are called race spirits.

It is the work of Jehovah to build concrete bodies or forms by means of the hardening, crystallizing moon forces. Therefore He is the giver of children, and the angels are his messengers in this work. Jehovah also takes special care of the "seed race" in which are to be inculcated the embryonic faculties of the humanity of a new epoch. For that reason He was particularly concerned with the original Semites. They were His "chosen people," chosen to be the seed for a new race which was to inherit the "Promised Land"—not merely insignificant Palestine but the entire earth as it is at present.

It was Jehovah who caused the separation of the sexes. He is the highest power in maintaining form and exercising an orderly government over it. Therefore He is the God of Cosmic law.

Jehovah is to be supplanted by Christ only in so far as law is to be supplanted by love. This does not mean that law is to become inoperative, but that love will eventually do away with the violation of law. Moreover, Jehovah will always have jurisdiction over form and the function of body building.

The supplanting of Jehovah by the Christ as indicated above must take place individually. As each one evolves to the point where he can love humanity as a whole, irrespective of race, color, or caste, and where he can do right through love of right and not through fear of consequences, to that

extent he has put Christ in the place of Jehovah.

### Clairvoyance in Childhood

**Question:** A few months ago my little boy startled me by telling me about "that man over there." We were in the kitchen.

"What man, son?"

"There he is, muddie. Don't you see him?"

"Well, what does he look like?"

"He's a soldier, muddie, a big soldier—has on a big hat and big, yellow shoes."

"Well, whom was he looking at, son—you?"

"No, muddie, he was looking at you."

"Do you see him often?"

"Yes, I do."

He has never seen him since. I never spoke to my baby about him again, as he was then only three years old. Do you think it is only the child's imagination?

**Answer:** This is a very clear case of clairvoyance in a child. It is perfectly natural for all young children to be clairvoyant, at least during the first years of their lives, but the extent of the power depends upon the spirituality of the child. The length of time the faculty continues is helped or hindered by the attitude of those around the child. If friends and parents will listen carefully to his prattle, they will often hear him talking to playmates that are invisible to older people.

It is a dreadful thing to ridicule the little ones for this. Frequently by careful and encouraging questions we may gain a better understanding of conditions around us. Max Heindel has given us a most interesting account (*I Questions and Answers*, p. 276) of the clairvoyance of a little girl of three years and also her memory of her past life. This child had in a previous life lived only a few years. Having passed out before the birth of the vital or desire body, the ego remains in the heaven world from one to twenty years, and returning with the same desire body is apt to remember what happened in the recent earth life, and even to recognize its former parents.

Children possessing this wonderful gift, being spiritually advanced, are very sensitive, and should be carefully protected from all mediumistic and spiritualistic conditions. □