

The Forum

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LIGHT IN THE UNUSUAL

Editor, Palladium:

In the midst of the current foreboding signatures of darkness, the international fears, and greeds driving nations toward war, the cosmic convulsions manifest in dust storms and floods, the economic insecurity of the various states and the general bewilderment of humanity facing tomorrow, let us pause and attempt to expand our vision and consciousness in a search for the signatures of light.

Light must coexist with darkness and its signature must be present, only imperceptible to our fear clouded eyes. For existence may be termed a rhythm of opposites, from the output and intake of the heart to the broadest cosmic manifestations. Attraction and repulsion, summer and winter, day and night, heat and cold, inhalation and exhalation, good and evil, any condition simply by its perception indicating an opposite. And since the known and the usual binds us by reason of the physical mind to the finite and current darkness, let us seek its opposite through the intuition of our hearts in the unknown, the unusual and the infinite.

Life demands a hypothesis of infinity. All attempts to limit its forms or manifestations result in confusion. For example, to assume that life is an impossibility in another of even the countless visible worlds because of an estimated temperature of several hundred degrees, or a deficiency of oxygen is a narrow assumption, limiting manifestation of being to known laws of nature on this globe. A fish could with equal correctness and justification assume that there could be no life on the mountain top because of an absence of water. Why then to finitely and egotistically accept human life as the highest form of being when even our own science proves the existence of sounds and sights in vibrations beyond the human sensation?

Let us not be fish. Let us refuse to be bound by conventional limitations of possibilities. Let us rather eagerly examine all the manifestations of the unusual seeking for the signatures of light in the limitless. Science chases its tail within a circumference of material law, extinguishing sparks and flames of fact with the dismissing label of "coin-

idence" or "imagination." Stupidly using these labels as explanatory measures of dismissal, the same labels being impossible as measures for examination because completely denied. In other words, lacking the daring of investigation, it unconsciously admits the element of chance into its citadel of law. Nevertheless, the unusual continues to call. Persons continue to walk through fire. Dreams continue to come true. Thoughts continue to be transferred and intuition continues to be a wise counselor. Surely there in the unusual must we find these signatures of light, begging recognition and nature by daring analysis.

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