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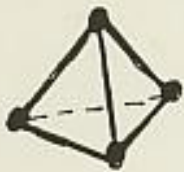


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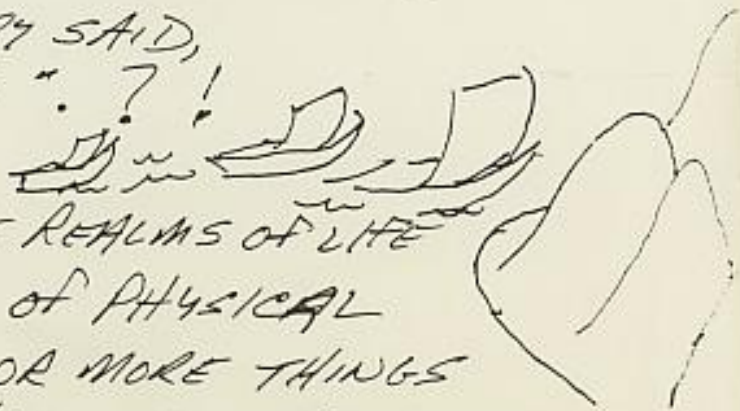
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PAGE 141 : "NOT ONLY IN THE REALMS OF LIFE BUT EVEN IN THE WORLD OF PHYSICAL ENERGY, THE SUM OF TWO OR MORE THINGS IS VERY OFTEN MORE THAN, OR SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM, THE PREDICTABLE ADDITIVE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH UNIONS."



I AM ROYALTY

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I have a meadow full of Queen  
Anne's lace right out my  
back door.

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And wealthy, too, because I am  
Laying up treasures in Heaven  
Where moth or rust can't reach.

I am ROYALTY!

I am a sister of Michael of Nebadon.  
Talk about dropping the names of  
Important relatives in high places.

I am ROYALTY!

I am a daughter of my Father and  
I even carry His fragment within  
My mortal temple.

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THEN WHY DON'T I ACT LIKE IT??

Betty Hall

Betty and Desmond Hall  
recently moved back here  
from New Mexico. We gladly  
welcome them to our group  
again.

One night when  
Desmond was  
out riding, looking  
at the stars, this  
beautiful poem  
came to him.

HELLO BROTHER

Hello, Brother -  
Wherever you are,  
Out there beyond the  
Farthest star;  
I don't know your name  
Or the planet you trod,  
But I know we are brothers  
'Cause we're both Sons of God.

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only 500 of the 1000 followers went on with him.

A recent conversation:

FRIEND - Don't think you're going to inveigle me into attending the U-Group!

HELEN - Don't think we want you if you aren't interested. We have  
no desire to have the study group cumbered with mockers or unbelievers.

Maybe our Celestial overseers do a bit of sifting  
now and then.

You can be as original as you want to, but  
don't be Eccentric! That means off center.



# Under- mining

## the Foundation

The U-Book tells us on page 977 that marriage and the home is the foundation and basic institution of our progress in Civilization.

And nothing stands without a foundation.

On page 939, it says, "As are the families of the race or nation, so is its society. If the families are good, the society is likewise good."\*

Many times throughout the book it tells us the same thing - as if the celestial beings all wanted to be sure we understood this.

Then on page 942, it tells us what the greatest threat against family life is: "And this overindulgence, this widely spread pleasure mania, now constitutes the greatest threat that has ever been leveled at the social evolutionary institution of family life, the home."\* (*italics mine*)

Perhaps the most noticeable example of this "overindulgence", this "pleasure mania", is the importance attached to sexual gratification, at all costs.

The sexual urge was given for an obvious reason - for racial perpetuation. And it was made pleasurable for an equally obvious reason. Few people would have children if they waited until conditions were just right. Few women enjoy the discomforts of pregnancy. And children are a lot of trouble, as well as a lot of joy.

But it seems that most people now think the sexual urge should be gratified from puberty until death. Instead of teenagers looking forward to it later in life when they're prepared to make a home, they're taught that it should be gratified now. Literature, movies, advertisements, talk, everything, contrives to keep their minds on it. Even cars are called "sexy".

And as a result, we have all these teen-age pregnancies. Now over 55% of black babies born are illegitimate. The percentage is not quite so high for whites, but it is too high.

And it seems that the government helps along. It keeps up all babies they have, and even provides day-care centers at some high schools for the illegitimate children of students, as if they're doing

