

kingdom are found every capacity, characteristic and possibility of all of the lower kingdoms. Added to these, however, is a certain character of life, of energy and of capacity never yet discovered in the lower kingdoms. In this kingdom and in this alone are found self-consciousness, a rational intelligence, morality, altruism, and a free and independent will and desire.

Thus, each one of the Life Elements dominates a particular kingdom and gives rise to a distinctive class of phenomena.

The higher science demonstrates that these elements are unlike in essence, differing in character and capacity. It demonstrates also that they are of different degrees of refinement and therefore move at different rates of vibratory action.

The two lower Life Elements, Electro-Magnetism and the Vito-Chemical, have a physical as well as a spiritual side. That is to say, these are the only two of the vital elements which move at such a low rate of vibratory action as to come within the range of physical experiment. Man, through his knowledge and control of these two particular elements, revolutionizes, from time to time, the established order of human society. Electrical, chemical and medical sciences rest upon the knowledge, control and a practical application of the Electro-Magnetic and Vito-Chemical forces in Nature.

Such men as Franklin, Edison, Morse, Roentgen, Kelwin and Gray are masters of electrical science to whom the whole world is indebted. Considering the marvelous results achieved by physical science through its knowledge of the least potent of the vital elements, it is not difficult to conceive of the still more wonderful results which would naturally flow from a knowledge and control of all the Life Elements.

A knowledge and mastery of all the Life Elements constitute the active pursuit and employment of the Natural Scientist. For illustration, it is a fact, and not a fairy tale, that through knowledge and control of the Vito-Chemical Life Element a scientific man may suddenly materialize a grain of wheat or a growing plant. It is a fact, and not a fiction, that by knowledge and con-

trol of the Spiritual Life Element a physically disembodied man may materialize a part or all of his own body to the physical sense of sight. The spiritual man does not, however, really create a body of flesh and blood. All that he does is to control sufficient of the living physical substance near him to thinly cover a part or all of his spiritual body. This is a common occurrence in the seance room.

It is the understanding and application of these finer forces in Nature which are responsible for the wonderful tales of the Oriental "Masters," "Adepts," "Yogi," "Fakirs," "Jugglers," and in our own western world, of spiritual mediums and hypnotists.

The reader may ask, "What is the difference between Masters, Fakirs, mediums, hypnotists, etc.?" Briefly, however, there are three fundamental differences; first, as to the range of exact knowledge; second, as to actual power over the elements; third and particularly, as to the use made of those powers.

The right use of such knowledge and the right application of such powers determine whether a man is an exponent of "White Magic" or "Black Magic." In other words, they determine whether he is a representative of a true or a false philosophy of life. For illustration, the reader is asked to compare the purposes and the work of a Master such as Christ with the ambitions and exhibitions of the professional fakir, medium and hypnotist.

The Soul Element is the highest life element with which finite science deals. This is true by reason of the fact that this is the highest and most subtle element which enters into the composition of man himself. Water can not rise above its own source when left to itself. Thus far the intelligent soul of man has not risen to an intelligent perception of anything higher than his own highest element.

This, therefore, is the element most difficult of analysis and demonstration. Study of this element and mastery of its principles, therefore, constitute the highest occupation of human intelligence on both sides of life.

"The proper study of mankind is man." This was not intended simply as the study of man anatomically or physiologically. He who really studies man, investigates and analyzes the capacities and powers of the intelligent soul. He does not merely dissect the physical body nor analyze its physical functions.

Knowledge and power on the plane of the Soul Element, viz., knowledge of man and worthy dominion over him, are regarded as the goal of finite endeavor.

The several distinct kingdoms of Nature represent the union of physical matter with the several Life Elements in Nature. These several kingdoms are seen to rise successively as one after another the Life Elements are inducted into physical matter.

As already explained, the vitalization of physical matter depends upon the energies which inhere in the universal elements themselves.

For illustration, when electro-magnetism is extracted from iron or steel we have devitalized mineral substance or dead ore. If a bottle of herb extract is left uncorked, the medicine loses its potency or its life. When a man dies physically it means merely that the more permanent living spiritual man has withdrawn from the physical counterpart. It means that the spiritual organism, still animated by the higher life of the soul, survives that event and goes on with existence under new material conditions.

The withdrawal of the Life Element produces the same result in each kingdom of Nature, viz., devitalization or death. The material particles of any physical organism, divested of the controlling Life Element, experience a form of disintegration which we name decay and death.

Physical matter is therefore negative to and subject to the action of the positive Life Elements. Physical life, as we see it, is therefore nothing more than the manifestation of a certain relation between those animating Life Elements and coarser physical particles.

The principle of polarity or affinity inheres in the universal

Life Elements. This means that what physical science calls the law of vibration is, in truth, primarily a spiritual law operating through and upon physical material.

In the Life Elements, therefore, we find the cause of that universal cleavage in physical Nature known as sex, the phenomenon of positive and receptive energy. Each and every one of the Life Elements is dual in its nature and manifests itself as either positive or receptive energy. As a result, the law of polarity, or the law of sex, governs everything known to man, from the chemical atom to the intelligent soul. It will therefore be seen that everything upon this physical plane belongs to either the positive or the receptive department of Nature. This applies to mineral, vegetable and animal substance. It applies also to organized entities, plant, animal and human.

Between the positive and the receptive energies of any one of the Life Elements there exists an inherent attraction and irresistible impulse for union.

As a result, all physical substances, entities and individuals representing those dual energies are impelled to union by the affinities resident in the Life Elements themselves. Thus, each kingdom of Nature is divided into a positive department and a receptive department. Thus, each individual of that kingdom is arrayed on one side or the other, as a positive or receptive factor in evolution.

Between these two departments, between these oppositely polarized atoms, entities and individuals, exists an eternal affinity or impulse for union.

The science of chemistry is based upon those affinities which inhere in Electro-Magnetism and the Vito-Chemical Life Element. The philosophy of life is based upon those affinities which reside in the Spiritual and the Soul Elements of human life.

As already explained, the two lower Life Elements may be assigned to the department of physical science. This is by reason of the fact that they move at so low a rate of vibratory action as to bring them within range of physical experiment. On the

other hand, those higher elements which govern animal and human life must be assigned to the realm of purely spiritual forces. This is by reason of the fact that they are so rapid in vibratory action as to entirely elude cognition or analysis by and through physical means. These elements are susceptible to analysis only by the means and methods employed in the higher science.

The process by which physical matter is gradually refined and raised to certain ratios of correspondence with the universal Life Elements constitutes the evolutionary process upon this planet.

The spiritual principle of polarity which inheres in those Life Elements appears to be the agent employed by the Great Intelligence to guide this process.

This principle evolves the four great kingdoms in Nature, successively governed by the four Life Elements.

At this point an attempt will be made to briefly present Nature's working formula of evolution. With this simple outline clearly in mind the evolutionary scheme becomes fairly intelligible. It must be understood, however, that Nature's formula is not presented as a reason for Nature itself. It is, instead, presented as an explanation of the method employed by Nature to generate life and to improve her living products.

In short, it is intended to show how a universal Life Element is inducted into physical matter, which explanation covers the question as to the genesis of physical life.

Careful attention to this formula will enable the reader to understand what is meant by the inseparable phenomena of the refinement of matter and the increase of its vibratory activity. It may enable the thinker to grasp the purpose which Nature is bringing to an earthly culmination by means of one principle fundamental in Nature.

Nature's formula for evolution, if reduced to one fundamental proposition, would stand as follows:

THERE IS A PRINCIPLE IN NATURE WHICH IMPELS EVERY ENTITY

TO SEEK VIBRATORY CORRESPONDENCE WITH ANOTHER LIKE ENTITY OF OPPOSITE POLARITY.

By keeping this one principle in mind the student can not fail to comprehend the entire formula, which is, in truth, but an amplification of this one proposition.

According to all science there is a planetary period antedating all forms of vegetable, animal and human life. During this period, according to Natural Science, the lowest of all the vital elements directly governs physical substance. During this period the cold Electro-Magnetic forces operate directly through and upon all physical matter. These forces operate as positive and receptive energy. In consequence, all cosmic physical substance is either positively or receptively charged with Electro-Magnetism.

As a consequence two important conditions obtain, viz.:

(1.) All physical matter is Electro-Magnetic or, in other words, mineral matter.

(2.) A distinct cleavage exists throughout this mineral kingdom, the one part being positively and the other receptively charged with the governing element of Electro-Magnetism.

The one part, the positive, is in a highly active state. The other part, though equally potent, is simply receptive to the demands of the positive side. Between the two parts there exists a universal attraction or affinity.

This attraction or affinity as between the two parts is, however, maintained through and by the individual attractions of the atoms which compose those parts.

This affinity between individual mineral atoms is governed by THAT PRINCIPLE IN NATURE WHICH IMPELS EVERY ENTITY TO SEEK VIBRATORY CORRESPONDENCE WITH ANOTHER LIKE ENTITY OF OPPOSITE POLARITY.

The result of this attraction between individuals is union. When such union establishes a perfect vibratory correspondence an equilibrium of forces obtains. The result is a permanent cohesion, or an indissoluble union, chemically considered. When

such union fails to establish vibratory correspondence repulsion occurs and the divorced atoms seek union elsewhere in pursuance of the law of chemical affinity.

The result of these individual efforts for an individual equilibrium is a ceaseless combining and recombining of mineral substances. By and through these individual efforts for individual adjustment new unions of mineral substances are being continually formed. Gradually these individuals establish permanent unions, after which the same law operates to attract and unite whole groups of individuals. These combinations we term "chemical compounds."

These compounds are the offspring of the Electro-Magnetic energies in Nature.

Thus was our whole earth gradually solidified from its incandescent and gaseous stages.

Moved by this universal principle of affinity, that entire gaseous and liquid mass finally settled into a solid globe in the order of its individual affinities. The law of affinity, however, was not suspended with the crystallization of the mineral gases. On the contrary, it continues to operate through the solid as well as the gaseous and liquid substances. The result of this ceaseless activity of mineral substances is:

- (1.) Reduction in the size of the individual atom.
- (2.) Increased vibratory action of that atom in the compound.

In consequence, mineral substance is universally (though not simultaneously) refined as a whole and keyed to higher vibrations in Nature. There comes a time when a portion of this mineral substance is raised to certain ratios of correspondence with the vibratory action of a second and higher Life Element in Nature.

This next higher element of Vito-Chemical Life lies universally and coextensively in time and space with the lower element of Electro-Magnetism (as far as science knows).

When the mineral atom has been thus raised to the harmonic

relation necessary, it becomes susceptible to the essence and activity of the Vito-Chemical Life Element. Impregnation occurs. The higher Life Element is inducted into mineral substance and the mineral atom becomes a vegetable particle, endowed with Vito-Chemical or vegetable life.

By this process and under this principle is all life generated upon this planet.

The phenomena of the vegetable kingdom are analogous to those of the mineral. Moved by the same principle of polarity or affinity, the Vito-Chemical Life Element operates through and upon vegetable substance as positive and receptive energy. In consequence all vegetable substance is either positively or receptively conditioned. A distinct cleavage obtains throughout the vegetable kingdom. One part represents the highly active or positive energies of the Vito-Chemical Life Element; the other, though equally potent, represents the receptive or absorbing energies of the same element.

Between these two parts, oppositely charged or polarized, there exists a universal and involuntary attraction or affinity. This attraction or affinity of the whole is maintained through and by the individual affinities of entities composing the whole.

The affinity between individual vegetable particles is governed by THAT PRINCIPLE IN NATURE WHICH IMPELS EVERY ENTITY TO SEEK VIBRATORY CORRESPONDENCE WITH ANOTHER LIKE ENTITY OF OPPOSITE POLARITY.

The result of this attraction or affinity between individual particles is union. In the temporary correspondences between individual particles, the powers of generation obtain and reproduction of vegetable cells occurs.

These reproductions represent the positive or male energies of Vito-Chemical Life acting upon the receptive, absorbing, feminine energies of the same element.

The progeny of these combined powers is, therefore, but an incidental result of the effort made by two vegetable particles for vibratory correspondence.

The same natural law of affinity operates to draw individual pairs into definite groups or into definite forms. As a result we have a whole kingdom representing the processes of the Vito-Chemical Life Element, from the simplest lichen to plant, bush, vine and tree.

The effect of this ceaseless activity in vegetable substance is to refine it as to particle and to increase the vibratory action of that particle. As a result vegetable substance is universally (though not simultaneously) refined as a whole and keyed to higher vibrations in Nature. There comes a period when a proportion of these vegetable particles is raised to certain ratios of correspondence with the vibratory action of a third and yet higher Life Element.

This third and higher element is known to science as the Spiritual Life Element. It is supposed to pervade all space, as do the lower elements of Electro-Magnetism and Vito-Chemical Life. When the vegetable cell reaches a given ratio of vibratory correspondence with this higher element it becomes susceptible to the essence and activity of that element.

As a result the Spiritual Life Element is inducted into the vegetable cell and converts it into the nucleated animal life cell.

Moved by the same principle of polarity or affinity the Spiritual Life Element operates through and upon animal life cells as positive and receptive energy. This principle operates to produce results clearly analogous to those in the lower kingdoms. In consequence all animal nature is positively or receptively polarized. A distinct cleavage obtains in the animal world, one part being positive or male, the other receptive or female. The one part represents the highly active and aggressive nature of the Spiritual Life Element, the other represents the receptive or absorbing nature of the same element.

Between the two sexes exists a universal and voluntary attraction or affinity. This attraction or affinity between the two sexes, as a whole, is maintained through and by the individual affinities of the male and female animal.

This affinity between male and female animal is governed by THAT PRINCIPLE IN NATURE WHICH IMPELS EVERY ENTITY TO SEEK VIBRATORY CORRESPONDENCE WITH ANOTHER LIKE ENTITY OF OPPOSITE POLARITY.

The result of this affinity between individual animals is union. Where such union establishes vibratory correspondence it becomes a permanent union. Where it fails of Nature's purpose, however, repulsion occurs and the divorced animals seek harmonic relations elsewhere. Reproduction is one of the physical results of this effort for self adjustment. The powers of generation are attained in that supreme effort of the individual pairs.

Reproduction is, therefore, the incidental result of the individual effort for self adjustment between animals.

The principle of affinity operating upon animal life produces:

- (1.) The positive and receptive activity of protoplasm.
- (2.) The organization of cells into complex organisms.
- (3.) The union of individual animals.

The effect of this ceaseless activity in the animal kingdom produces results analogous to those of the lower kingdoms. Animal substance is gradually (though not simultaneously) refined as a whole, and keyed to higher vibrations in Nature. This refining process in animal life goes on as to physical particle, cell, organism and intelligence. Consequently and correspondingly the vibratory action of particle, cell and organism in animal life is increased.

There comes a period under evolutionary processes when animal substance is so refined and the animal man so raised in vibratory conditions that he comes into a natural and harmonic relation with the fourth and highest Life Element in Nature.

This is the Soul Element, universal in time and space as are the lower elements of Electro-Magnetism, Vito-Chemical and Spiritual Life.

When this period is reached, the most subtle element in Nature is inducted into the animal man and the animal man becomes the human. From this point of progress man is said to possess