



# The Flowering Tree

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## Special Edition III: The Legends of Eli



This special issue of *The Flowering Tree* consists of a series of Legends as told by our late Medicine Chief and Teacher, Eli Gatoga. Since Eli's death in 1983, the Good Medicine Society has continued his work by making available the courses of study that he developed. These courses are centered around the study and application of "Good Medicine," which consists of all those things that lead toward health of body, mind, and spirit.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines the word *legend* as "a story of some wonderful event, handed down for generations and popularly believed to have a historical basis" and "all such stories belonging to a particular group of people." It comes from the Latin word *legere*, meaning "to read."

As Eli said, in no way are these legends advanced as the "Gospel truth" or even as something to believe. They are merely presented as what they are, legends or stories to give one background information. The legends remain as he told them.

### In the Beginning

In the beginning, the legends tell of a blank, dark universe without stars, suns, or any other source of energy.

Even the protomatter from which electrons are made lay still without moving, an utter absence of heat and light.

A huge starship — a celestial world, a sun — inhabited by very advanced beings of almost pure spirit, moved into this section of the universe, and came to rest in the very center of this huge mass of silent, dead matter.

Starships of this nature are named for the captain of the ship, and the captain of this particular starship was named Kolob. He said, "*This is the place reserved for us from the beginning of time. Let us make this a place of glory. Let there be light.*"

And so they thought together, and thus with the vibrations of their thought waves, they started the tiny particles of protomatter to vibrating in unison.

Vibration caused a warmth to develop. Faster and faster the particles vibrated until they gave off heat; then faster and faster until they finally gave off light. Thus was created the first element — fire.

When one creates a thing, its opposite is also created. Nothing can exist without its opposite — neither light without darkness, nor heat without cold, nor love without hate, nor fire without water.

Protomatter vibrated in the opposite direction from fire;  
thus was formed the second element – **water**.

Opposites always react upon each other in one way or another.

So it was that fire and water came together in battle.

The fire turned the water into steam  
and thus was born the third element of all – vapor or **air**.

The air then joined with fire in the battle with the water,  
and the water was destroyed.

The residue from the water settled out as it turned to steam,  
first to become mud, then **earth**.

This was the fourth element.

All this matter was unorganized and lay at random  
throughout the universe.

The dwellers within this huge sun  
were of a very high state of advancement,  
so much so that many ages before,  
they had given up the restrictions of body and form  
and existed as pure spirit.

They had all been perfected in the place whence they came  
and were no longer male and female.

Perfect male and perfect female had merged,  
becoming a Perfect Whole,

for no imperfection, or incompleteness,  
can enter the celestial world.

Then Kolob entered into their unity and children were born.

Kolob said, *“Let us make for them places of lower vibrations and less godlike sensations. These will be the nurseries and schools for our children until they have attained sufficient maturity to return to the celestial world.”* Then they thought together again and passed the eternal Law of Attraction which caused the matter – now called fire, water, earth, and air – to come together in one place, and thus they created the first world.

But this world was dead, being still-born,  
and there was no motion or life on it.

Kolob decreed that then, and for all time in the future,  
all worlds would receive life, light, and warmth  
from the star which had created them.

Then he placed the new-born of the celestial world into bodies suited to the environment of their new world, that they might grow and learn until ready to return to their parents in the celestial world.

The children did grow and learn, until finally, having attained a portion of perfection, the eldest returned unto the celestial world and being full of love for his Father, the Great Kolob, said, *“I have only the desire to serve You, Mighty Father.”*

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Kolob said, "You have said it with your own lips. So it will be. The only way to serve me is by serving my other children so that they might also follow the straight, narrow and difficult path to perfection."

The perfected child was then sent back to help his younger brethren so that they might gain perfection, since only a perfect person may enter the celestial world. Soon many others of the children were perfected and were laboring in the world teaching and helping other children until a full third of the spirits of the world were perfected.

Kolob saw that there was no room in the starship for them. He sent the eldest of the dwellers of the starship—the "First mate"—to be captain of the new starship. Together they raised the vibrations of the world until it became a huge starship with its own light and celestial life and thus a new star was born—the first star in the heavens beside Kolob.

Many of the children of this world could not stand the high increase in vibrations as their world became celestialized. Kolob and his people created yet another world for them until there existed all the worlds that the energy fields of the giant star could cover.

It was true that only the perfected ones,  
who were a third of the total of the children of the world,  
were able to live in the new celestial world—a new starship.  
The new star moved away from Kolob's energy pattern  
and in due time, put out worlds of its own  
for its own children born in the new celestial world.

Kolob decided that this was good  
and he decreed that from that time and henceforth,  
whenever a full third of the spirits  
raised on a particular world  
shall gain perfection,  
their world would become celestialized  
and would be given to the next senior spirit of that solar system.  
Thus began the celestial plan  
which has filled the heavens with suns, stars, and worlds.

As Kolob grew older and wiser  
and the dwellers of his star grew older and wiser,  
the vibrations of their world increased  
from a yellow, to a pure white, to a blue white,  
and went even higher beyond the realm of visible sight  
so that in this day his vibrations are so high  
that we cannot see his world.

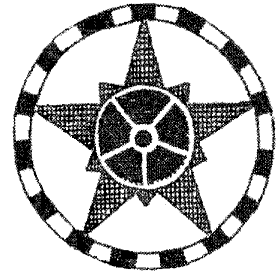
But neither can the light pass through.  
His home and that of his oldest children  
lie in the dark and unpenetrable section  
of the very center of the universe.



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# The Creation of Man

Many eons of ages later when the children of Kolob became Gods in their own solar system, a young god, "Sol," and his mate, brought their "starship" to a halt in an unoccupied area of space at the edge of the galaxy. In due time he put out twelve planets, or worlds, for his progeny.



Now the eldest of his children was called the "Bright One" or Lucifer, because of his tremendous intelligence, and God, the Father, gave him charge of the teaching of the children. Lucifer set schedules, times, and places for all the spirits of his world, and they studied and grew in knowledge and in wisdom until at last his world grew into perfection. And Lucifer became God to the third of the children who went with him.

Thus the first of the worlds of this solar system was celestialized, departed into outer space, and came to rest outside the energy patterns of this solar system and a new star was born.

The second eldest of the spirits of the solar system became the eldest, and they gave him the name of "Chiro," which means "Time," for he said, "My Father, let us give the children of the new world freedom and love, not regimentation. Let them have *time* to become perfected in their own way."

The world to which he was assigned was newly formed and was hot and full of smoke and fumes in those days. Only cold-blooded animals could live thereon.

He chose an upright animal and bestowed upon him the highest of the intelligences and this animal became the first man of the first race of men. Chiro set him apart to rule over the earth, and all the plants, animals, and all the living things on it, and he was called the king of all the animals.

But Kolob had decreed a law which said, "No mortal thing shall become imperishable, because it would then no longer be mortal; nor shall there be a mortal thing which shall not be subject to time."

The race of the first man and all those after them was then limited to one hundred thousand years. It was further decreed that the race of man

should suffer from four destructions, one by each of the four elements — fire, earth, air, and water. A new race always takes over at the end of the fourth and final destruction.

When [each new race of] man was created, the Creator took the intelligences of former times and breathed them into mortal bodies and thus were born living souls — the union of body and spirit.

The first race of man flourished and ruled the world through the three destructions. But at last, great clouds of dust, dirt, and rocks did rain upon the entire earth and the first man was buried alive under tons of earth, and thus perished. His rotting carcasses form the great fields of oil, and the tons of vegetation and trees buried with him created vast stores of coal.

Subsequent races of man-like creatures were created in turn and destroyed until there was created a sixth, the great Ape Men. They gained perfection in great numbers, for the Creator had not given them the curse of speech, and thus they could not confuse their thoughts.

But in time, they too ran their course, and were destroyed. It was time to create a new man.

The new race was found in sea creatures living in a lake at the headwaters of four rivers. One flowed eastward, one flowed westward, one flowed southward, and one to the north. And this was the only place on the earth where this was so.

The Lord of the Earth set to work to create men from the creatures of the ocean living there. He dried up the lake until it was a mud covered swamp. He forced the creatures to leave the water and to protect themselves with mud and leaves from the extreme heat and dryness.

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Their fins became arms and hands and feet and legs. He drove them out of the cool of the swamp into the burning desert. The sharp rays of the sun were like a flaming sword, preventing their return to the cool of the swamps of Eden. And thus was created the seventh race of Man – the Seal People.

The sea creatures from which the bodies of man were formed were hermaphroditic, each both male and female within themselves. The intelligences from former times which had been bestowed upon them were already evolved into active and passive entities or, in other words, male and female. The male intelligences influenced their adopted bodies to become more dominant and active, while the female intelligences influenced their bodies to become more passive. It came to pass that the active males subdued their female characteristics and became true males, while the females became true females by subduing their male characteristics. And thus were created men and women.

All the world lay in savagery and ignorance. Wisdom was not to be found on the whole face of the earth. Then God sent the angels, perfected men of former races, back to earth. There appeared in every tribe of men over the whole earth, a man who taught the savages the true religion which is the Truth of Creation manifested in Nature.

They taught the five parts of religion: Music, Dancing, Agriculture, Natural Medicine, and Astrology. They taught that the practice of these five parts of religion is the true worship of the Creator – the basis for advancement along the Way to Perfection. And thus they established the Old Wisdom Religion.

When questioned as to who they were, they all answered, "We are the Children of God" or "We are Pan" – *Pan* meaning "One." To this day, Pan means "one" or "all." Then these sons of God took to themselves wives of the daughters of men and from them were born the mighty men of old.

This happened at the beginning of the age when the sun was influencing the stars of Capricorn the Goat, so these children of God were typified in legend as the Great God, Pan. The legendary pictures of him as a goat were intended to cause future ages to remember the age during which the Great God, Pan, came to earth.

And Pan gave to man laws by which man should live one with another. First, that it might be a bill of rights for each man, and secondly, that it would be for their government. He taught them to live in tribes and to dwell in the woods and to worship in beautiful groves, which were the first, and true temples.

And so men lived and grew in wisdom and stature and many gained perfection up until the time of the first destruction.



## Three Destructions of the Seventh Race of Man Leading Up to the Present Time

### *The First Destruction...*

And the race of man was led and taught by the angels of heaven, for Pan did not return to heaven because he had joined himself to mortal wives and his spirit was forced to remain in the bodies of his offspring. The race of men increased and grew great in power and wisdom age after age.

And so it was after many ages, in the time of the Age of Aquarius [which we know as the Age of the Coyote], that people became so wise in their own conceit that they had created for themselves philosophy after philosophy containing all the knowledge of mankind. This pleased them much better than the pure-primitive religion of their Creator. Wisdom was forgotten, except by a very few.

The spirits of the angels of God were still with mankind, trying to teach the true wisdom, but the entire world forsook the simple for the vastly more complicated and confusing philosophy of the world. They began to fight and kill and destroy each other in the name of God, and peace could not be found in the whole world.

Then the Creator said, "I truly see that *it is not the knowledge, but the searching that teaches men true wisdom.* I must therefore destroy this body of man-made knowledge and reasoning which passes for the true religion in order to free the minds of men from its dominance."

Then he breathed upon the world and the race of man was no more, for the air grew hot, even unto cremation in all the

flat lands and valleys of the whole world, and man was destroyed.

*And this was the end of the first time of the seventh race of man after twelve ages from the time of them becoming living souls.*

### *And the Second...*

Yet they were not all destroyed. Hither and yon, living high in the mountains, a few choice spirits who had not in their wisdom accepted these philosophies and customs of living, were left alive as seed for the next time of man.

But all the accumulated knowledge of the twelve ages had been removed from the face of the earth, and from the minds of men. And once again, the world lay in savagery as it is predestined to do for seven generations of men after each destruction at the end of each Aquarian Age.

But the Creator caused those with the blood of Pan in their veins to remember, and to teach the true religion to the others. They instituted the old religion in its fullness, and this was also the Age of Capricorn, the Goat [or Awi the Deer, as we know it here].

However, as ages went by, men again became wise in their own conceit and prepared for themselves volumes upon volumes of man-made philosophies and knowledge as the ages progressed, until, if it were all stacked in one place, it would have been a tower reaching unto the very heavens.

And when the Age of Aquarius once again came 'round, the Creator caused huge masses of rock to fall to the ground, burying man and his mighty collection of trivia under tons of earth.

*And this was the second destruction of the seventh race of man.*

## *The Third Destruction— The Birth of the Moon*

**B**ut again, a remnant of man was saved. The rocks did not pile up in the mountains, but destroyed all who lived in the valleys and flat places of the world. Once again those of the lineage of angels drew the world back from savagery after seven generations. This time, upon revelation from the Great Spirit Father, they created a new speech for each of their seven tribes, for the whole world had formerly spoken one tongue.

And in those days, there were eleven worlds encircling our sun, for Lucifer and his world, together with one third of the spirits, had been cast into outer darkness to become a new-born sun. And they were: Vulcan (who lies like a babe in his father's arms), Mercury, Venus, Earth, Abel, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

Out of the darkness of space came a huge black world of high density. It slew Abel by striking him head-on, shattering him into fragments. His body today lies as shattered asteroids of the Belt.

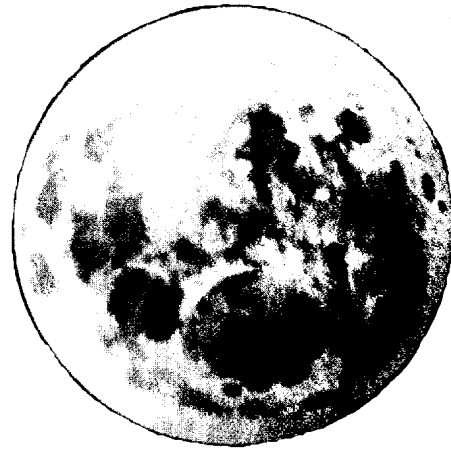
The huge world of destruction then struck the earth a glancing blow, knocking loose a huge chunk of the earth's surface, flinging it into space where it lays to this day — the daughter with her face always turned toward her mother.

But now the earth was no longer balanced on its axis. The land mass, which had lain as a cooled, solid crust upon the molten interior of the earth, began to break apart and the pieces started to drift away from each other. Thus the continents were formed.

Before this time, the land had been one mass. This land divided the ocean of the north from the ocean of the south. Now, continents were flung from the equator to the arctic in minutes and the animals were frozen alive and remain there to this day. Some lands sank and some lands rose from the ocean floor, until the whole face of the world could not be recognized.

And there was a huge hole in the surface of the earth, thousands of miles wide, opening down into the fires in the center of the earth. The waters of the sea poured into this hole. Steam filled all the air over the entire world so that the sun was not visible, and darkness reigned supreme.

**T**he vapor became rain and poured down upon the earth for forty days and forty nights without ceasing. *And the land sinking and the huge tidal waves and upheavals caused the third destruction of the seventh race of men.*



## The Present Time of the Seventh Race of Man

And yet this destruction by water did not destroy all. Some were saved to be the seed for the new age. High in the mountains where the huge waves could not reach there existed the seed of man. Also various people builded boats as their continents sank. They clung to wreckage and made rafts, and thus some survived the terrible storms of the forty days and they, too, became the seed of man of the new age.

One of these places lay high in the Himalayas. The Himalayas lay so high the waves could not reach and so high that the forty days of rain poured off. Indeed, they were so high that the clouds laid below the tops of the Himalayas and they laid in the clouds for forty days as the rain poured below.

And there lived in the Himalayas in those days three races of men. On the north side were the yellow men, the men with slanted, narrowed eyes. On the south side there lived the men with the dark skins. And on the west side of the mighty slopes there dwelt a race of white men and their mighty herds. Yet all these three had sprung from one ancient race of men – so ancient as to be almost forgotten even then.

Now these three races of men had three basic religions suited to their own stage of evolvment. The dark race had a religion of the mortal body; the yellow race, that of the logical mind; while the white race had a very spiritual religion.

The white race was governed by a priesthood of wise men, and the highest degree in this priesthood was called the “Magi,” which meant “Masters of the World” – not that they were the dictators of men, but that they had mastered the call of the things of the world, which is found in every man. They were the priests, doctors, and counselors to the people, and they were called “Wise Men.”

The white ones who had dwelled upon the western slope began to multiply, as did they all. And after awhile they drifted down from the mountains to take possession of the ground lower down. The men with the narrowed eyes drifted to the north. The men with dark skins drifted to the south. And the mighty nation of blonde people on the western slopes drifted down into the plains to the west of the Himalayas, ever expanding, ever growing and spreading westward.

The Wise Men looked around as they progressed westward and they found little pockets of people still dwelling in savagery although it had been many hundreds of years after the destruction. And wherever they found a pocket of men, they sent one of their priests to be their priest and doctor and to teach them so that they might have wisdom.

And in those days when these people reached the northern part of the mountains of Greece, they found living there a remnant of a great people who had survived high in their mountains. They taught them Natural Medicine, and this was done in the Age of Sagittarius. To this very day, the coming of the Celts on their horses, teaching medicine to the Greeks in the northern part of the country, is typified in Greek legends as “medicine having been received from the Centaur, Chiron.” And the Celts spread westward till they covered the entire continent, including Scandinavia, Briton, and Ireland.

Now this mighty nation, indeed the whole world by this time, was literally ruled by the Wise Men. They were, at once, the county agent advising in agriculture, the advisor on local art, the veterinarian, the astrologer, the priest. But above all, they were the natural medicine doctors of the area. And all the medicine men throughout the entire world were of one faith and all were leaders of the people.

# The Religions of the Ages

The power of the sun is modified by the different star constellations. This causes a major change in the basic philosophy affecting the whole world.

[As the world again cycled through the influence of the Medicine Belt of the heavens, the Zodiac, the first religion of the *fourth time* of the present, seventh race of man] was the religion of **Capricorn**, the religion of the “Great God, Pan” – the Mother religion, or the beginning religion, of all. It was in existence at the time when the people of the Aryan race, who later became the Celts, settled Europe.

When, by precession, the Sun left the sign of Capricorn, the religions of the world changed, and the Wise Men brought to the world another religion. This was that of **Sagittarius**, the religion of the nomads, in which heaven is a happy hunting ground. They are the wandering people. This was very similar to the religion of some of the American Indians.

Then the Sun passed into **Scorpio** and it was necessary to institute another religion. This time the Wise Men instituted the religion of Scorpio, in which the people began to farm land and to settle and forsake their nomadic ways. They elevated the agricultural part of the old religion until it was of prime importance.

As farms grew and multiplied, and 2,000 years passed, the Wise Men again brought another religion. This was the religion of the age of **Libra** – the religion of business. Farming had flourished and trade became a necessity, so business arose. Now business itself became the religion of the day. People began to build temples, and for the first time began to worship money. It is noteworthy that the abbreviation “*lb*” for Libra is also the abbreviation for the British pound of money. And thus money was developed and money became “God” in this age.

Religions never perish, but remnants of early religions remain on the face of the earth at all times. To this day the remembrance of the religion of Libra lives on and there are those who trust their souls to money above all else.

While the majority of the world lagged behind, the “Chosen people” went on to the religion of the **Virgo** Age. Wise Men again brought this to pass. Men began to worship the Mother Goddess, Virgo – the perfect woman. And for the first time, womanhood was elevated to a position of supremacy in man’s worship. This is the worship of Isis, Ashtoreth, Astarte, Cybele, and dozens of other named goddesses by various nations. Emphasis was on the worship of a woman, and this lasted about 2,000 years.

Then the sun went into **Leo**, and men rebelled against the rule of the Mother Goddess, and the Sun assumed prime importance in the religions of the age. Here Zoroaster established the greatest of all religions for that age. The duality of the universe prevailed, and everything was seen as either male or female, active or passive, light or darkness, good or evil, and so on.

In due time, the sun went into **Cancer**. Cancer is the sign of good living, wines, food, and softness in general, for Cancer is the sign of the belly. Here arose a religion which has been much misunderstood. The religion of Bacchus was an attempt to obtain communion between minds of men and with God, using alcohol as an aid. Later it degenerated into orgies. But even here, worship was more in prominence than the more sensuous aspect of the orgy.

Two thousand years later, under the leadership of the Magi who were now being called “Druids” among the Celts, the religion of **Gemini** was established. These were the people

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whom the Bible calls “priests of the groves.” It was commonly supposed they were ignorant people worshipping trees and performing all sorts of fertility rites with trees. This was far from true. Their religion was more of a “Johnny Appleseed” variety. They taught people that the highest religion was obedience to the first commandment of the Heavenly Father – to dress and keep the world as a Garden of Eden for man’s happiness. Therefore, every time an apple or a fruit was eaten the people were taught to put the seeds in a pouch. Every time one sat down to rest he was taught to plant one seed.

This they did throughout the whole continent of Europe and soon the entire continent was covered with trees and vines bearing fruits, nuts, and berries. People walked from one end of Europe to the other living upon the fruits of the forest. There was no private property in all the world. People wandered hither and yon from the northern regions of Scandinavia to southern Italy. They followed their teachers in small groups, discussing religion and philosophy, as they wandered north and south, eating freely of every tree in the forest. All of Europe began to resemble what the world will be like when people obey the first commandment of God, “Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth, and make the whole earth a Garden of Eden.”

Certain people then decided to stay in a certain place because they loved that particular area. And so they stayed there, lived there and took care of a particular grove. And they were known as the priests of the groves. And the people wandered freely back and forth and many people gained perfection.

And then the Sun sign changed, and it was necessary again to bring forth another religion. And the Wise Men did so. They did so sorrowfully, because it was necessary to institute the religion of **Taurus**. For the first time the world was divided into mine and thine and the love of possessions started. These possessions extended even to people and the strong among the Taureans enslaved and gathered together vast harems and herds of slaves. Egypt was the stronghold of the “chosen people” of this era, and was known for its many thousands of slaves. The lot of the common man was little better than a slave. This was the Taurean religion at its “height.”

Moses, who had been raised in the king’s court, was a member of the Wise Men, learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptian priesthood. This man attempted to establish the religion of **Aries**, when its time had come. As is always done, he went to the leaders – the priests and the rulers. He said to them, “Let us establish the religion of the new age.” But they would not, but clung to the old. He then took the slaves and the outcasts of the old religion and led them into the desert where he very cleverly wandered around for four generations until they were one people. They had amalgamated into one before he brought them out and established the Hebrew nation – the chosen people of the Aries age.

**A**nd the Aries age was the age of the sheep and the Lord was the shepherd. And this religion lasted for its allotted space of time.



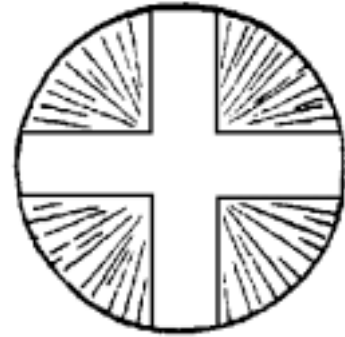
# The Piscean Age

As the Piscean age approached, Wise Men again looked at the stars and read that it was time for the age of the Fish, Pisces. A Wise Man then came from Greece into Egypt and he was known only as *The Teacher of Righteousness*. He established two colonies of his followers in Egypt where they were called *Therapeuti*. Then he came into Asia Minor to establish nine more colonies. There they were known as *Essenes* or “Healers.” The Essenes flourished and gained great respect from the people. They were the Wise Men of the time and countries in which they lived.

It had been noted that the start of each astrological age was marked by a flaming “star,” a conjunction of three major planets shining in the heavens. This “star,” viewed through an acacia bush, was the “burning bush” that led Moses to know that it was time to institute the Aries Age. The Old Wisdom Religion, while it had existed from the very beginning, was interpreted into the tribal culture of the Semitic people, and became the Hebrew religion at its beginning in the days of Moses. Thus the Old Religion was fitted to its Age.

Two thousand years later, the flaming “star” appeared over Bethlehem in 7 B.C., as reckoned by our present calendar, to mark the start of the Piscean Age. Several years later a young man left the Essene colony in Galilee and proceeded over to the River Jordan. His name was John, and he instituted the Piscean religion. He was the first to take the people and throw them in the water and catch them back out like fish. And he was the first to seriously lay down a foundation for the coming of the Piscean Age — the Age of the Fish. But John was unable to complete his mission because of his innate weaknesses.

Another young man, Jeshua ben Jusef, a Jew from Nazareth, was sent from the Essene colony to pick up the work of bringing in the Piscean Age. His name translates into our language as Jesus. In general, we accept the Bible story of the spirit of the First Born, Chiro, or Christ, descending upon the man Jesus, taking over his body for a limited time, his mission, and the crucifixion story.



But how do we regard the man, Jesus? Jesus came from a colony of Essenes, natural medicine doctors; he gathered together a group of twelve men — a significant figure; healed the sick; raised the dead; and taught a “secret” religion to his disciples. In short, he was probably one of the greatest Wise Men who ever lived.

Jesus’ followers showed every evidence of following the Essene tradition: they lived communally; showed a strong love for each other, a significant mark of the Old Wisdom religion; had three degrees in their priesthood — the Catechumens, Auditors, and the Faithful; held themselves apart from the world; and openly called themselves “The Way” — all indications that Jesus’ secret religion was the “Way to Perfection.”

The Old Wisdom Teachings were re-interpreted at the beginning of the Piscean Age, and thus the Old Wisdom Religion was the secret religion taught by Jesus. All scholars know (and most deplore) the fact that Jesus’ beautiful philosophy was soon changed so much that no modern church fully practices his Teachings.

By the middle of the Piscean Age, many of the Wise People who practiced the Old Religion were scattered across Europe. They were well respected. Every little village had its Wise Man or Woman. They lived on the edges of the villages where they could raise their own herbs, and from there they acted as veterinarians, county agents, and herbal doctors, as well as priests, for all the villagers. The “Doctors” from

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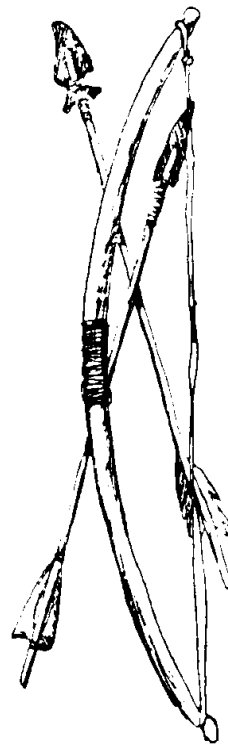
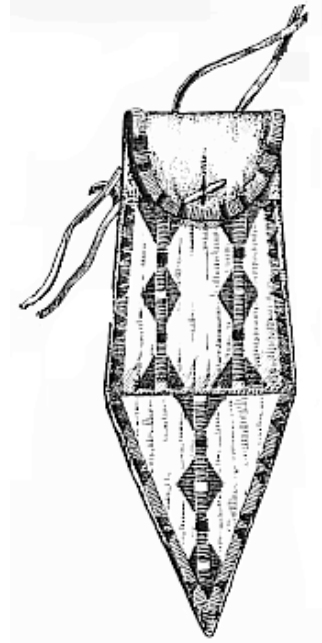
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all the villages were organized into groups of from five to twelve members. An older, more experienced doctor answered their questions for the advancement of their medicine at their monthly meetings. These older doctors were generally called Elders among the English-speaking countries. They, too, were in a group under a very wise man, who was known as a Magi.

About this time, guilds of skilled workers arose in the medieval society. There were guilds of carpenters, metal workers, stone masons, and others, and there arose a distinction between workers of the arts and the crafts which demanded manual skills. The practicing doctors, many of them skilled surgeons of their day, considered their art of healing a manual skill, and referred to their art of healing as their "Craft." These doctors were a continuation of the priest-doctors of the Celtic peoples which first settled Europe.

In medieval times, the Old Religion was celebrated by the common people during their festivals. There were four major seasonal festivals. These were Candlemas (February 2nd); May Eve (April 30th); Lammas (July 31st); and Halloween, or Samhein (October 31st). These festival times were filled with tradition, gaiety, and special teachings for the people, and were times in which they would attune themselves to each other and to the Earth and Creator.

**B**ut something happened that changed everything. In 1492 Columbus visited the new world. His followers brought back a disease which was not formerly found on the continent of Europe. Syphilis swept the continent in spite of the best efforts of the natural medicine doctors. Almost every family felt the scourge of this dread killer.



## The Destruction of Wisdom in the Piscean Age

Herein lies the weakness of natural medicine. Knowledge of natural medicaments is that which has been passed down through the ages. We know that there is natural treatment which will cure every disease. But when a new disease appears, how do we know the treatment?

It just so happened at this time that there was a chemist working in the mines of the Tyrol, who by name was called Theophrastus von Hohemheim. He was somewhat of what we would call an “occultist” in modern language. He reasoned that since the God, Mercury, was the God of Medicine – the patron saint of medicine – the metal which was sacred to Mercury should cure everything. He was familiar with mercury, having used it in his work as a chemist in the mines. He started giving the sick people huge doses of mercury salts, and if they lived, sometimes they became well. Many times they died. But it just so happens that the only treatment as late as the mid-1930's which would check the first stages of syphilis was Salvarsan, a salt of mercury.

So, by accident, he stumbled upon the one thing which seemed to stop the ravages of syphilis. He soon attracted a following of young doctors, and his fame spread. It must be noted that the Hippocratic oath, followed by all doctors prior to this, is a natural medicine oath and prohibits the giving of poisons as medicine. This was the beginning of modern medical practice.

Theophrastus moved into town and took the name *Paracelsus, the Great*, meaning greater than the ancient Roman doctor, Celsus, of the second century.

There might have been the possibility of an amalgamation between the two branches of medicine, the natural medicine doctors in the villages and Paracelsus' branch of poisonous medicine. But one thing happened to prohibit this. The Pope contracted the dread disease. He called for all the natural medicine doctors, but none could heal him. He heard of this man in Germany. Paracelsus gave him a big dose of mercury salts, and when he recovered the disease was checked.

Now consider how it looked to this good man. It appeared as if the scourge had been inflicted upon the people because of their sins. He had many times prayed that the Lord lift the scourge from the church, and now a man comes with a new medicine, apparently revealed by God Himself, since it had no basis in natural medicine. It seemed that this man was sent by the Lord to be the medical savior of the people. The Pope immediately granted his blessing on this new type of medicine, announced it to be the type of medicine approved by God, and ordered all herbal doctors to cease practice. And when they did not, he added their names to the list of heretics to be tried by the Inquisition.

The Inquisition was already well under way. It had been established some two or three hundred years before, and was to run another hundred years before it burned itself out. Already six or seven million people had died. All the Pope did was to add a few more to the list.

Since everyone in the villages knew them, there was no hiding for the Wise Men. They had to leave. They fled to America in great numbers. When they arrived, they soon realized that people had not left their prejudices behind. For safety they fled up into the mountains where they lived with the Indians. They found a sympathetic heart in the Indian Medicine Men, and here they remained to practice their religion, their magic, and their way of life. In Spanish America and Mexico, they became the *Curanderos*. In the United States and Canada they have never been allowed to practice their arts openly and hence have no legal name.



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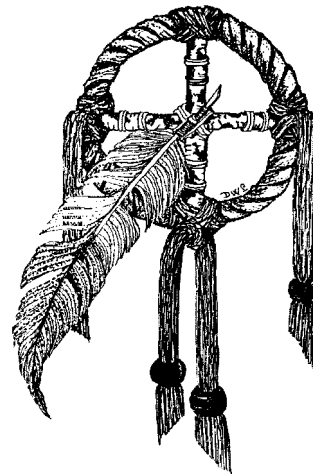
# The Coming of the Aquarian Age— The Age of the Coyote

In 1938, the edge of the orb of influence of the sun was felt in the world as it touched the edge of the constellation “Aquarius.” Many predicted things of the Aquarian age began to take place. There was a flood of knowledge to the public in the form of inexpensive books. Air travel superseded sea travel. The age of electricity began with its radios, televisions, and computers.

Between five and six in the morning, on December 25, 1970, a similar conjunction of planets to the “Burning Bush” of the Aries age and the “Star of Bethlehem” of the Piscean age occurred, making a huge star that officially heralded the Age of Aquarius. And the Wise Men again began ushering in the religion suited to the New Age.

What was this religion? The password for the age of Aries was TO OBEY and the Hebrews had their Law and their Judges. The password of the Piscean Age was TO BELIEVE, and the Piscean Age had its miracles in which no one could ever know, so that they must believe. In this last dispensation of religion to men, it will be in the form of knowledge, for the Aquarian password, as all astrologers will assure you, is TO KNOW. Nothing less than knowing will satisfy the Aquarian or New Age person.

Since the Knowing will necessarily entail the knowledge behind all religions, it must then be the Way to Perfection which has throughout all ages been followed by mankind. Thus it is true that “the first shall be last, and the last shall be first.” The Alpha shall be the Omega, and the Old Wisdom Religion will be the New Aquarian Religion or philosophy – the Path of the Coyote.



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