

you have to do is open your heart, pray & ask Him to come in.
WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THIS YOUR WHOLE LIFE WILL BE CHANGED! You will discover true happiness in finding God & giving

His life to others & bringing them happiness! If you say love you're going to reap love. Obey God's law of love—love for Him & others, & so shall ye also receive.
FIND OUT WHAT WONDERS

LOVE CAN DO! Love wasn't put in your heart to stay, love isn't love till you give it away! **Love never fails, for God is Love! Long Live Love! Love one another! Love is God! God is Love!**

Count St. Germain Patron of our "Angel" of "Elixir"?

(From "The World Atlas of Mysteries" by Francis Hitching; Colliers Press, 1978.)

Dearest Dad,
 HERE IS A VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE about the man who appeared on French television that you spoke of in "The Elixir" (Letter no. 713). We hope it inspires you! It did us! The book it was taken from—"The World Atlas of Mysteries"—was fascinating & confirmed many things the Lord has said.

WE ARE A COUPLE WITH A DROP-IN JOB in a closed country, where we have gotten to share with some of the top families. One young businessman got saved & filled & is quite an on-fire brother now. He loves your Letters so much! One morning he woke up, stretched his hands in the air & shouted, "Oh, I love David!" It's beautiful! WLY!

JESSE WORKS FOR AN ENGLISH NEWSPAPER HERE. We wondered if it was possible to do some articles taken from the wisdom of your Letters! He would have to write them in his own words & put his name to it. (DAD: PTL! Go to it!) Love, Jesse & Candace.

COUNT ST. GERMAIN—OR SO CALLED COUNT ST. GERMAIN as he was known by friends & enemies alike during his phenomenal career in 18th-century Europe—was the kind of person who aroused suspicion, hostility or disbelief because his talents outstripped contemporary thought. The English writer Horace Walpole dismissed him as an eccentric, but the great French writer Voltaire judged otherwise, describing him as a man who "never dies & who knows everything".

HE ARRIVED FROM NOWHERE on the European scene & throughout his life was surrounded by intrigue & hints of magic powers.



Talking to Madame de Pompadour, mistress of Louis XV of France, he summed up the yearning of the time: "Ah, Madame, all the women want the Elixir of Youth & all the men want the Philosopher's Stone, the one eternal beauty, the other eternal wealth." Count St. Germain's achievement was that most people who met him believed he had discovered the secret of both & put them to active use in his own life.

TODAY A SUBSTANTIAL CULT HAS GROWN UP AROUND HIM, regarding him as the supreme 18th-century occultist, genuinely possessing strange powers related to, or deriving from, the ancient wisdom that is still being sought. Opponents of this view, both then & now, see him as no more than a quick-witted & fluent adventurer who was able to deceive a gullible nobility unable to distinguish between trickery & true achievement.

A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF HIS LIFE is inclined to support the first attitude, & at the very least he was an extraordinary man. There is the question of his longevity: Taking reports at their face value, he was perhaps 45 or 50 years old in 1710, & a meeting between him & his friend Mme. d'Adhemar was noted in her diary in 1820. On this reckoning, he lived to be at least 150. If the first & last dates are eliminated because they are uncorroborated, or because they are the mistaken memories of old ladies, there is still unconvincing evidence that he was a full-grown man in 1723 & active in the French Revolution in 1789—a life-span of at least 90 years. Nearly all reports during this period said

that he had the appearance of a man in his forties.

THERE IS THE QUESTION TOO OF HIS UNDOUBTED ACHIEVEMENTS. Not only was he consistently described as being rich beyond even the highest standards of the times but as being a superb linguist (European, Arabic, Oriental & Classical), an accomplished pianist & violinist, a pioneering inventor of new chemical techniques that transformed the process of dyeing cloth & curing leather, & above all as a brilliant conversationalist—"the most singular man that I ever saw in my life," said the Graf Karl Cobenzl.

THIS PICTURE OF HIM PUTS INTO PERSPECTIVE THE OTHER, & perhaps most important, aspect of his career: his tireless travelling in search of lost knowledge & his prestige in occult Societies & Lodges, all of which seem to have made him welcome.

ALTHOUGH HE LIVED VERY SIMPLY (he was a vegetarian & teetotaler & always ate on his own), his wealth undoubtedly stemmed from his collection of diamonds; he claimed to have the secret of the Philosopher's Stone, to be able to improve & enlarge diamonds.

HE HAD TRAVELLED TO THE HIMALAYAS & found the men "who knew everything," he said, adding that "one needs to have studied the pyramids as I have studied." Three of the greatest occultists of the 18th century, St. Martin, Mesmer & Cagliostro, were his pupils rather than his teachers.

HE CLAIMED TO HAVE ACHIEVED ASTRAL TRAVEL (as in what are now called out-of-body experiences or remote viewing)—"for quite a long time I rolled thru' space. I saw globes revolve around me & earths gravitate at my feet," & on another occasion he "passed the time while he lay unconscious in far-off lands".

IF THERE IS INDEED AN ANCIENT WISDOM, as research in many parts of this Atlas has suggested, then Count St. Germain must

surely have been one of the few who inherited or re-discovered it. Alas, the only surviving manuscript by him, "La Tres Sainte Trinité" in the library at Troyes, France, is so cryptic that its symbolism has never been interpreted, & his life-story remains more a tantalising hint than a satisfactory solution.

1710: Seen by composer Jean-Philippe Rameau & the young Countess von Georgy, & said to look around 45-50 years old. Little is known of his life in the next two decades except he was a confidant of Madame de Pompadour & had great prestige in Masonic & other secret societies.

1737-1742: At the court of the Shah of Persia, where he may have acquired his extensive knowledge of diamonds & precious stones.

1743: Famed at the Court of Louis XV for his great wealth & alchemical skills. A diary says "the rumour spread that a stranger, enormously rich judging from the magnificence of his jewellery, had just arrived at Versailles. Whence did he come from? That is what no one has ever been able to learn." He appeared to be between 40 & 45 years old.

1744-1745: In England, where he was arrested for spying & described by the writer Horace Walpole: "He sings & plays on the violin wonderfully, composes, is mad & not very sensible." (Ha!) Released after questioning.

1745-1746: In the Viennese court was "witty & brilliant"; lived as a prince.

1747-1756: Paid at least two visits to India & wrote in an enigmatic letter that while there he gained his knowledge of melting jewels—a "wonderful secret" that made all his previous attempts in Vienna, Paris & London "worthless as experiments; the great work was interrupted at the time I have mentioned."

1757-1760: Height of fame at the Court of Louis XV, who became completely entranced by his manner & his reputed powers of improving & enlarging diamonds; St. Germain was given a laboratory for his experiments in physics & chemistry. Seen again by the Countess von Georgy, then in her seventies, who was astonished to find him looking as youthful as at their first encounter half a century earlier.

1760-1762: Mysterious mission to England as envoy/spy of Louis XV seems to have ended with him in dis-favour, followed by a temporary retirement to Holland to continue his studies.

1762-1773: Reports of his activities, political & scientific, from many parts of Europe. "A most singular man" who could transmute "iron into a metal as beautiful as gold, & at least as good for all goldsmiths' work." He had a factory in Venice employing 100 workers using a process to make flax look like silk. Celebrated for "the vastness of his political & philosophical knowledge."

1774-1784: Following the death of Louis XV, he fruitlessly warned Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette of a "gigantic conspiracy" which would completely overthrow the order of things. He then lived mostly in Germany. In 1777 he was said by one witness to be between 60 & 70 years old. He was actively engaged in Masonic, Rosicrucian & Templar activities with his disciple & protector Prince Karl von Hesse-Kassel. The two men worked on experiments together "which were in all cases to be of use to the human race".

1784-1820: His supposed death on 27 February 1784 & burial on 2 March 1784, recorded in the church register at Eckenforde, was followed by his well-witnessed appearance at Wilhelmshof in 1785, where a conference was held between various groups of occultists—Rosicrucians, Illuminati, Necromancers & Humanitarians—to resolve their differences. He was accompanied by Cagliostro, Mesmer & St. Martin.

In 1788 he was again active in France, giving ominous warning to the nobility on the eve of the Revolution. Marie Antoinette, in her diaries, regretted not taking his earlier advice. In 1789 he departed for Sweden to try to prevent ill-fated King Gustavus III, & told his friend & diarist Mme. d'Adhemar (who thought he still looked about 45) that he would see her five times more. There is only her word for it that this happened, "always to my unspeakable surprise," the last occasion being on the eve of the murder of the Duc de Berri in 1820.

1821-present day: Some occultists believe St. Germain never died. In January 1972 a Parisian named Richard Chanfray appeared on French television claiming to be him; as "proof" he achieved an apparently successful transmutation of lead into gold using a camping stove in front of the TV cameras. (Editors: Our "angel" of "Elixir"?—No. 713.)



Knew Disciples!

PACIFIC

GIRL—Aniak, to Aaron & Patience Davidson; Sydney, Australia—Nov.
GIRL—Danielle, to Paul & Hannah; Perth, Australia—Nov.
BOY—Timothy, to Aaron & Sky Quixote; Adelaide, Australia—26/11.
BOY—Daniel Mark, to Ezekiel & Ariah Rainfall; Australia—26/11.
BOY—Christopher, to Elisha & Tabitha Cloud; Hong Kong—21/11.
GIRL—Pandita, to Brother Sun & Deborah; Jakarta, Indonesia—20/11.
BOY—Emmanuel, to Peter & Ephesians; Kumamoto, Japan—15/11.
GIRL—Christina, to Abby & Laadah

Walters; Okinawa, Australia—7/11.
GIRL—Maria, to Angel & Samson Lovepower; Kagoshima, Japan—17/11.
BOY—Micha James, to Gideon & Esther Gypsy; Malaysia—31/10.
BOY—Bright, to Zak & Crystal Lantern; Bangkok, Thailand—23/10.
BOY—Samuel, to Joseph & Rose; Hamilton, New Zealand—Sept.
BOY—Matthew, to Solomon & Shannon Jolly; New Zealand—8/10.
BOY—David Mirai, 2nd child to Phil & Morningstar; Japan—14/2.
GIRL—Rose Marie, 1st child to Menora; Australia—24/2.

Lawyer Stands Up For The Family!

SWITZERLAND: A LIFE CHANGED THRU' ONE OF THE LORD'S LITTLE LOVERS!

From Marina; Switzerland:
G. A LAWYER, ASKED ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO A HIGH SOCIETY BALL held at a large hotel. It was the first time he appeared with me in public. The gathering consisted only of the highest society & important personalities in Switzerland, mostly very conventional & respected people. It was also the first time he had gone to a social function like that since his release from prison. Later he assured me that without me at his side he wouldn't have had the courage to go.

WE REALLY PRAYED BEFORE GOING & the Lord brought about a big victory as, to his amazement, all the people who knew him came up to him to greet him very warmly, including the president of the society & other influential people who, as G. said, would really be able to help us in time of need. So it was quite a step of faith for him to introduce

me to this crowd!
TO TOP IT OFF, I WAS THE YOUNGEST OF ALL THE WOMEN THERE & the only one who wasn't wearing a bra, which didn't pass unnoticed, as G. repeated many compliments about his "girlfriend". Even the president phoned him the next day & said that it was very unusual to find at a ball like this women young enough that they could appear without a bra!—Ha!

G. TOO RECEIVED COMPLIMENTS THAT HE LOOKED SO MUCH YOUNGER, better & happier now. Several of his friends invited us to dinner & the next day they all got together & wrote me a sweet little card. Well, all this encouraged G. very much & he told me that I had been like his strengthening angel at his side.

HE ALSO WITNESSED TO ONE OF HIS FRIENDS about the love & mercy of Jesus, which is so different

from what the churches teach. As a result, his friend was very touched & surprised & afterwards started to take much better care of his lover, a woman who loves him very much but whom he had neglected & hurt often.

G. ALSO REALLY STOOD UP FOR US at meetings with government officials who had a lot of prejudice about us. He told them how one of us had really helped him so much in time of distress & discouragement (in prison) & after all the time he'd spent with us he hadn't found anything wrong. He even went so far as to tell them that they didn't understand the real, deeper spiritual meaning of what we're doing & that in the beginning he hadn't understood it either. He told them he was ashamed to be a Swiss because of the restrictions here. Please pray for him!—He's so precious! Love, Marina.

not in a church, that was wrong to do with it! It's just the fact that you did it. Behold, let this be a warning to you! You think, 'Oh, just this one little tiny sin, just this little thing—it's not important!' But that little crack in your armour is where the Devil begins to seep in, & then his gas of deceit begins to poison your mind because you disobeyed, & pretty soon you're totally off the track!" ("Little Jewels" No. 530: 59-61.)

"THIS ALSO INCLUDES ANY SO-CALLED 'SPOILING THE SYSTEM,' without the System's permission! Remember, the Israelites asked permission of the Egyptians to borrow their gold & jewels when leaving...God's Word says that we are to provide all things honest toward them that are without, that the

ministry be not blamed. (2Co. 5: 8:21) & so that you do not bring reproach on the cause of Christ... ("Sin in the Camp" No. 143:40.)
"HELP US TO ATTEND TO THIS LITTLE THING OR THAT LITTLE THING, whether it be the license of a car or any official dealings with the system, anything that might bring any problems. Help us to live exemplary Lord, honest toward them that are without (Rm. 12:17), that we be a testimony & example, & not bring any kind of investigation or any reflection on us or thy children or thy cause or Thee, in

JOHN No. 7:65-55!
WELL DAD, IF WE'RE WRONG, we'd appreciate being set right because we don't want to get into a self-righteous churchy spirit about it, altho' it may take that to win some of these members of the system as they seem to have a higher standard for Christians than Christians often have for themselves! GBY, Dad! We are so thankful for all your loving concern in everything you do for us every day. (DAD: You are absolutely right & it's absolutely wrong!—Against God's Word!) Love, J&S.

"All Things Honest"—Romans 12:17

WARNING AGAINST "SPOILING THE SYSTEM" ILLEGALLY!
 "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed"—2Co. 6:3.

From John & Sarah Beloved; V.S.'s in Australia:
 Dear Dad & Maria,
WE'RE WRITING TO ASK SOME COUNSEL after sharing with Amos O'Test about a practice here in Australia amongst the brethren. We thought it would be good to write you as it may be important enough to warn the whole Family about. We've been troubled about it for a while & the reaction from everyone when confronted with it is that it isn't a very wise practice but everyone seems to keep on doing it.
THE PRACTICE IS THAT OF OBTAINING STUDENT CARDS for travel at reduced rates. Family members up to now have endorsed them with the name of a phony, non-existent college to make it look official. At the moment, one brother has been encouraged to & is in the process of getting a stamp made in

the name of an actual school!
QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAMILY KNOW ABOUT THIS PRACTICE, & we are afraid it could be brought up against us by some Judas! TTL. It hasn't happened yet, but it seems like charges ranging from (at the least) being liars & cheats to (at worst) forgery could be alleged against us!

THOSE WHO FAVOUR THE PRACTICE say it's money saved & the justification is to "rip off the System" & "according to your faith". But personally, we are in doubt about it. When we were hippies it may have been alright but now it seems the Lord is expecting a lot more of us.

FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS SHOCKED WHEN DAVE MARTIN MENTIONED in his class that it is best not to tamper with telephones as it

is illegal. But the sample I've experienced & consequently adopted was not in line with this. In some of our Homes we've installed extra telephones & lines ourselves from equipment we seem to have "acquired" from our moving from house to house.

THESE PRACTICES TEND TO LEAD ONE TO "BEND THE RULES" in other areas to suit ourselves. Sometimes we do need to bend the rules a little, but when it comes down to outright illegal actions we're having a hard time having the faith for it! We only need one person to get caught for it to make the newspapers, & for one Judas to make a statement.—And at present we couldn't really deny it!

HERE'S THE QUOTE WE'VE BEEN GETTING ON IT: Concerning the nickel you returned one time, Dad: "Well, it wouldn't have cost me my soul, but it would certainly cost me God's blessing & He would have reprimanded me or chastened me in some way, because God knows that it does matter. It's

Open The Door For The Children!

From Rachel Scott; England:

MY HUSBAND JACOB & I & OUR FIVE CHILDREN of six years old & under are here in England seeking & finding, with the Lord's help, ways of reaching children & thru' them, their parents. Last year in another home we ran a small Sunday school for 7-year-olds & under, as well as a MO Letter study & sing song in the evenings for over-7's. Twenty-five children came regularly to one or the other of these every week, all of whom were saved & witnessing!

NOW IN OUR NEW LOCATION, encouraged by our previous results in opening our doors to the children, we have hired a hall for one morning a week, for a reduced rent, thanks to the Lord. It's a lovely, bright & airy hall used by many different clubs etc. throughout the week.

THERE WE HOLD SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ABOUT 20 CHILDREN, all of whom are saved now & studying the Word. It has also attracted three teenagers eager to

OPEN THE DOOR FOR THE CHILDREN, continued:
 learn & help, & a mother who began by staying & listening & asking Jesus into her heart & who now helps teach too! All this despite terrible weather conditions, snow, blizzards & all which the children had to brave to get here, PTL!

WE ACT OUT MO LETTERS, which they love to do, each one taking some part. Sometimes we have to do the skits a few times so they can all have a go. We also do drawing, painting, make relevant models such as hearts with doors, finger puppets etc. etc. We sing songs, learn verses & generally dance about & enjoy ourselves. I use enormous sheets of paper with words to songs written out clearly in big letters, stuck on the wall, so that even the little ones can read them & join in.

WE DIVIDE INTO CLASSES FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS for Bible stories with plenty of pictures. There is sand & water play for the little ones. It is only just a beginning & we expect many more now that the weather has improved.

WE ALWAYS STICK UP PICTURES that the children have drawn, along with MO quotes & Bible verses every week as a witness to the many other young people who use the hall.

WE ALSO USE A STAR CARD SYSTEM in which each child has his or her own card onto which go star stickers for different accomplishments: 1 star for attendance, 2 stars for learning a verse, 2 stars for bringing along a new child etc. The results have been even better than I dared hoped for—children queuing to learn a verse & say it out

before everyone, PTL! When a child has collected 15 stars they receive a colourful Bible story picture book, a great incentive that works well even with our own children.

WE TAKE A COLLECTION EVERY WEEK & as MO said, it is expected by the parents. We send as much as we can to the work overseas. Adults occasionally stay to listen, as the adults just love "children's" stories. For example, some workmen left their work to watch & listen to "The Rock in the Road" flannelgraph.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT WAY TO FOLLOW UP on children whom our own children have led to the Lord. Our eldest, Ruth-6, has led 15 children to the Lord at school, some of whom already come & more we hope to see soon.

I ALSO HELP OUT AT THE LOCAL PLAYSCHOOL when I can & I have found this an excellent way to reach both mothers & children & invite them to come to Sunday school. The parents are more likely to trust you with their children if they see you often & know you well from Playschool.

ANOTHER WAY TO WITNESS IS THE MOTHER & BABY GROUP that we regularly hold in our home. Some mothers, particularly immigrants, with young children hardly ever go out & find it very difficult to make friends in Western society where they are cut off from their own families. These young mothers are just crying out for friendship & God's Love. We just get together,