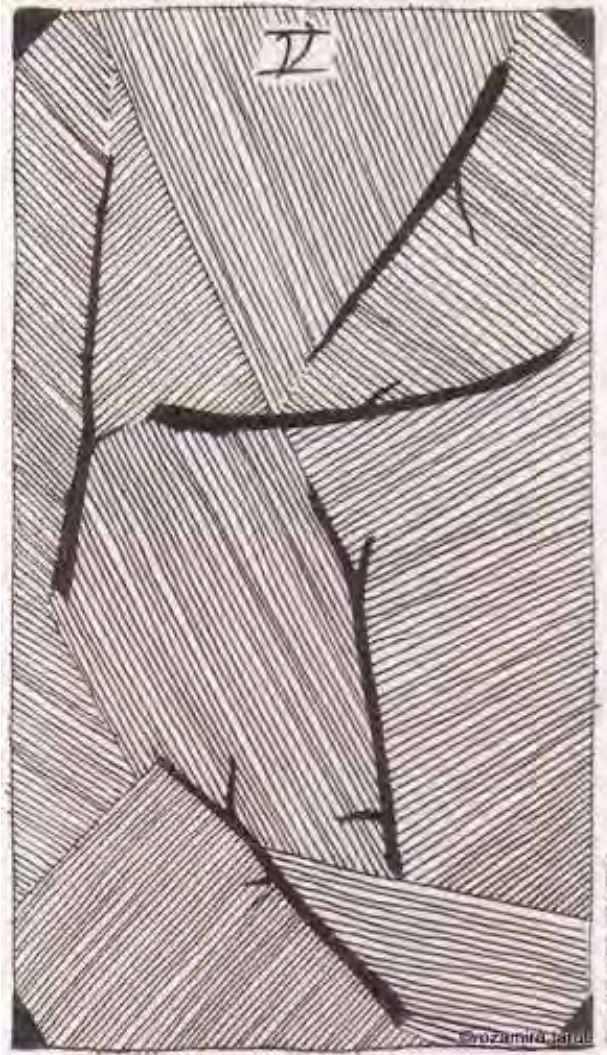


Our Unification Church Missionary Visits Their Neighbor, Who Is a Seer

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As in most places, our community has a number of spiritually gifted people who do healing or see the future, etc. They all ask a small money-gift (50 cents to a dollar) which they call a "purifying offering" (indemnity). As you can imagine, many of these people don't actually have any gift or else are very inaccurate and unclear in their predictions.

Anyway, I was interested in them since they might be able to bear witness to the truth. I found out that such a "seer" lives just two houses away from us and that this fellow has many, many clients. We decided to go pay him a visit together. I gave him about a dollar for the indemnity and he smoothed a place in the sand and told me to place my hand there while thinking of the question I had. I wasn't ready with a clear question so I just thought of our mission here.

He had four sticks, each about five inches long, that he tossed in the air. To my disappointment they didn't become snakes when they landed. Instead, depending upon the pattern they made when they fell he would draw some symbols on the sand. After tossing the stick several times and writing many symbols he started to interpret them. As is his habit, I'm told, he started by telling me my health is fine. Then he described a woman who could be my mother and said she thinks and worries a lot about me. Then he said my mother was going to send a package and that came true the next day. He told me mostly very general things

like, "I'm like a chief among my people and I came with a very good goal which I haven't yet attained but if I wait, soon I'll realize it. And, I came to spend a short time here but I will finally stay a long time."

Well, I still don't know if that fellow is authentic or not but I prayed that Heavenly Father could at least use the situation. Word gets around about little events like that so the next day I was told that people were talking about my meeting with the seer and many were impressed, both with what he said and also by the fact that I took a serious interest in that sort of thing.