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the method extends from three downwards  
exemplified in the institution under sign-na  
Cosata H Gnocchi's direction at Rome which  
trains girls to assist expectant mothers , to  
assist delivery ,and during the first  $2\frac{1}{2}$   
years of the child's life

Abs Joosten .

We will get in touch with this institution  
and ask for full details which we will pass  
on to this meeting as soon as we get it .

INTRODUCTION

Apologies for absence before  
Unexpected always happens Es kommt immer anders  
Would never have suggested the group .

I CANNOT GUARANTEE FOR THE FUTURE AS THINGS ARE .

So "TO BE OR NOT TO BE THAT IS THE QUESTION  
MUST DECIDE OR YOURSELVES

IN ANY CASE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT

EFFORT IS REQUIRED

CONSTANT & CONTINUOUS , GENUINE SEEKING  
ABSORBING , DIGESTING ? MEDITATING  
CHEWING THE CUD MENTALLY.

SUGGEST GET THE BOOK

AND STUDY IT TOGETHER .

IF I AM NOT ABLE TO BE PRESENT

- A) DISCUSS
- B) READ OTHER EXTRACTS — *at send a*
- C) A LECTURE BY MONTESSORI . (*unpublished*)

FINALLY POSTAGE -- levy a small tax

1 dollar ?

THE T.V. SHOWING BY LINLATER

DETAILS CALIFORNIAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY .

JAN 17th House party T.V. Show on C.B.S

Jan 17th re-school

Jan 18th Friday elementary group

Well worth seeing

Here Channel 7 1-30 --- 2.

Other important happenings in Los Angeles .

MENTAL DEVELOPMENT IN INFANCY

Great improvement in Infant Hygiene ----

it is wide spread and generally known .

BUT there is a big field of development still  
unknown and uncared for . --- Mental development from Birth

UP TILL NOW the child as a little animal ( needs )  
or a plant ( Kindergarten )

( Values (-10 months) )

BUT HE IS AN INTELLIGENT BEING from the start

Intelligence ?

Consider the SOUL for a few moments.

( not from a theological point of view  $\frac{3}{4}$  psychological )

SOUL IS AN IMMATERIAL THING . -- a spiritual thing ( muscle )

spirit? -- and matter? ( "What is mind ? etc !! ) !!

Matter extends, occupies space, has weight and other  
properties . can be divided - can disintegrate ,  
and corrupt . has parts cut open - open to brain!

SPIRIT has no extension, does not occupy space, is

immaterial, has not parts, is indestructible . Beings in Universe

SEE THE DIAGRAM Special position of MAN in the UNIVERSE.



Two-fold nature . ( Remember the Exercises of Practical Life

The Progressive incarnation of man )

THE SOUL IS THERE FROM THE START . (Potential)  
(Conception)

ARISTOTLE MAN A RATIONAL ANIMAL

THE GREAT POWER OF REASON .

SHAKESPEARE ... "THE BEAST THAT LACKS DISCOURSE OF

What a piece of work is man "How noble in reason, etc  
in apprehension how like a god? the paragon of animals" have yr reason

Reason and the spritual soul go together .

Why ? and How ? - psychologically

THE POWER TO MAKE ABSTRACT IDEAS - Universals ,

the difference eg. a cup .

1- the cup , 2) the ~~xxxxx~~, sensation , 3) the i mage ----  
and finally the IDEA all cups . The basis of the syllogism

The syllogism .

Major premiss All birds have feathers

The archaeopterix has feathers

ergo The Archaeopterix is a bird .

Abstract ideas all , bird feathers etc .

Back to The child

THE CHILD IS BORN WITHOUT ANY IDEAS

( in spite of Plato -- innate ideas - knowledhe is a remembering )

THE CHILD HAS TO BUILD UP HIS IDEAS .

AT FIRST A BIG BOOMING BUZZING CHAOS CONFUSTION .

HOW DOES IT BUILD UP ITS IDEAS ?..

By the power of abstraction which is has from its birth .

*Sorts things out*

WHEN DOES IT BEGIN ? ANSWER RIGHT FROM ITS BIRTH .

*Now* From these generalities to something definite and concrete

READ THE EXTRACTS AT THIS POINT ( ~~PXXXXXX~~ p47-48 )

( the other daddy )

Very remarkable ---

*from secret of child hood all exhaust*

Let us consider it from different angles .

- 1) Remarkable in itself as a sign of mental activity in so young a child .
- 2) Yes - but -- Power of Observation -- to see - see deeply *in Adult.*
- 3) Patience to help the child -- 20 times -- time and patience and interest and sympathy .
- 4) The last phrase  
" laboriously catalogued out of CHAOS.

THE GREEKS AND CHAOS .

Warring elements

Bible " without form and void "

The two creations s MACROCOSM AND MICROCOSM .

So it is with each individual

A new creation --- a new world --

in fact two new worlds --- within and without .

We can trace a certain similarity in the process

THE CHILD'S ENORMOUS TASK

Prof James ... " a big buzzing boing confusion "

To sort things out ---

An enormous jig saw puzzle .....make the parts fit .

A work of the intelligence

When does it begin ?

Right from the start ( see extract )

When does it finish ? Never ! still going on !

HOW DO WE KNOW IT IS GOING ON ? *in children*

Incidents and remarks give us " a peep into the works "

This sorting and cataloguing things out .

Indicate the mind is always working .

Examples 1) The other daddy ?

2) Here is the tea for your pipe . *" compare + decompose"*

3) Do I hold it by the wood ?

4) I want to go next door ? ( whatever for etc.)

5) "Mummy , why can't we have a baby with a head at  
each end ? *"I never..."*

6) Very well , have it your own way IT IS A HEN !

NEW IDEAS Secret of Childhood LOGIC

p 125

*How often have I said ... Jones  
Eat less fruit.*

*It is to  
set in  
it is a hen*

THE PARTS OF THIS JIG SAW PUZZLE

SPACE "Have it "

*The Moon.*

Tony come into my garden.'

*Helmholtz.*

SELF AND NOT SELF

Does not know that I am I

Gen hazel

- 1) How often have I told you.
- 2) The moral of this Eat less fruit.
- 3) Was the tide come up . . .
- 4) Mistakes - Palreeman. "Have you seen . . ."
- 5) May what have I drawn (Seem.) I don't know but it looks like an bathroom window
- 6) Accurately. So wash, when? but health = of cur  
But where on me

Like a dog or chimpanzee --- some gradually

quote Tennyson p. 95. (MM)

TIME very vague ideas. ...have we had dinner ?

Tony ... Yesterday and tomorrow

When did Grandpa go away ?

When are you going to see the circus ?

Macbeth "and all your yesterdays di light the way fo  
dusty deat .

A VERY INTERESTING POINT THE ROUGH DIVISIONS FIRST .

AS WITH THE MACROCOSM ...

Examples Number How many cakes ?  
Colour What colour is that rug ?

← Tablets

Insignificant -- the genius sees it ...  
Shows Spontaneous rough classification

As in the beginning of the world .

Light and Darkness : Sea and sky ? Land and water

The the finer details --- animals and plants .

DREAMS AND REALITY Even we say Did I dream that ?

A child very confusing ? and frightening

Mummy mummy I dreamt I swallowed myself --- have I ?

Imagination and Reality

We should be careful not to make it more difficult .

Stories of fairies, and dragons , witches and ghosts

Has to unlearn what he really believes

C.K.C 102

TRUTH

Read from Montessori's MS Santa Clause

p.3 , 4, and 5

Read MM 102-3-4-5

QUOTATIONS TO END WITH

p II bottom .....  
How to Montessori Materials I keep

Finish