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READ WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN'S ARTICLE ON
THE WAR IN EUROPE

THE WORD OF PEACE

"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the Word was God."



HE WORD—ALMIGHTY LOGOS—SOUNDING IN THE SOULS OF MEN, WITH ALL THY BEAUTY AND POWER; VEHICLE OF TRUTH, BEARER OF LIGHT, INSPIRER OF GREAT DEEDS; PENETRATE MY INMOST CONSCIOUSNESS AND STILL THE CLAMOR OF THE WORLD WITHOUT; SPEEDING ON VIBRANT WAVES OF LIGHT ILLUMINE EVERY SHROUDED SOUL, BURSTING THE BONDS OF SUPERSTITION AND DOGMA! CEASELESSLY, O, MIGHTY WORD, SOUND THY MANDATE IN THE SOULS OF MEN: "LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER!" BEATING IN UNISON WITH THE GREAT HEART OF LIFE, INSTIL LOVE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

O MIGHTY WORD, TEAR DOWN THE BARRIERS BUILT BY MEN AND LEAD US TO THINE INNER SANCTUARY, THE OPEN TEMPLE OF THE SOUL WHOSE COLUMNS FAIR, IN EVERY CLIME, IN EVERY RACE, IN EVERY LANGUAGE BEAR THY NAME, TRUTH—THIS IS THINE "UNKNOWN NAME," THIS IS THE "LOST WORD."

ARISE, GO FORTH, O WORD, SUNDER EVERY HAMPERING CORD, FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE OF TRUTH. TEACH MAN TO KNOW AND LOVE HIS FELLOW-MAN, LEAD LOST WAYFARERS INTO THE PATHS OF LIGHT. POUR FORTH THY POWER, O WORD, UNTIL THE UNIVERSE CRIES OUT:

"SLAY NO MORE,—PEACE, BE STILL!"

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Dear Madame:

I am in receipt of a copy of "The Aletheian" for September, and beg to thank you for the very complimentary article which I have had the pleasure of reading.

I take the liberty of enclosing you a copy of the speech I have been delivering throughout the country. As it is in line with your views on the subject, you may find it interesting.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. J. BRYAN

We have found the speech sent by Mr. Bryan so interesting that it is printed in part in this issue of Aletheian Magazine. We regret that lack of space prohibits printing the entire document, every word of which should be read by all truly patriotic men and women. It is a statement of Truth vitally important to America and Americans.

The Editor.

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SELF-MASTERY

THE sweet, young Year with hopes so new, so tender,
Of thy deep, inmost soul demands self's full surrender
That Spirit, searching, e'er may find the light,
As fair dawn followeth the darkest night.
There's work for the seeker at Life's great gates
When the higher self on the threshold waits.
Love's purest realms to master-souls are ever open wide
And if thou too, wouldst enter in, all patiently abide.
E'en tho' thy fleshly garment oft-times doth trammel thee,
Enshrouding clearer vision and soul's immensity,
Thy heart keep fear-free, all steadfast, brave and pure
And thine immortal spirit shall evermore endure,
To live serene, untouched by envy, greed or strife,
Crowned with the deathless bloom of radiant cosmic life.
Tho' on Earth's cross of trial nailed, thou shalt, o'ercoming see
The conqueror Self, the Master-Christ, within revealed shall be.
—ALETHEIA

THE VISION

By M. H. Curtis

What seekest thou, in the busy street,
Who dost passing faces eager scan?
Is thine the hope that thou yet mayst meet
Sometime, somewhere the Perfect Man?

He walks the earth concealed from sight
Revealed alone to the Spirit's ken,—
Vision of pure and perfect light,
A prince midst lesser sons of men.

Who hath attained to this estate
Doth secret of the conquerors know:
Conquest of self—Conquest of fate
And Peace that naught can overthrow.

And knowest thou not who is this man?
And whose the face of thy dear dream?
It is thine own—thy higher self
Reflected in the Spirit's gleam.

Shining in eyes thine own may meet
A moment only, and is gone,
Until thou aye in Concord sweet
Go forth to meet the Blessed One.

In Love for ALL; 'til thou canst breathe
The Peace that calms the storm-tossed sea,
Dashed on the rocks in waves that seethe
A tempest-torn humanity.

Then shalt thou see the Perfect Face
In every face looks up to thine:
In thee, in all, a matchless grace—
Thy human life become Divine.



THE WAR IN EUROPE AND ITS LESSONS FOR US.

By William Jennings Bryan.

NO matter by what standard you measure this war, it is without precedent or parallel.

It is the biggest war of which history tells if we measure it by the number of enlisted men who face each other upon its many battlefields. The estimates run from twenty-one to thirty-one millions. We have never cast as many as twenty-one million votes at an election. If all in every State who have on a single day exercised the right of suffrage could be gathered together in one place, the concourse, vast as it would be, would fall several millions short of the number now actually engaged in fighting.

More than two million have been wounded thus far. If on any part of the globe one hundred thousand persons were swept to death by pestilence, or flood, or famine, the world would stand appalled; and yet, in a little more than a year, more than twenty times one hundred thousand have been summoned to meet their God, and everyone owes his death to the deliberate intent and act of a fellowman. More than five million have been wounded—this will give you some idea of the awful toll this awful war is exacting in life and suffering.

If we measure the war by the destructiveness of the implements employed, nothing so horrible has ever been known before. Thunder-bolts more deadly than the thunder-bolts of Jove fall as if from the clouds on unsuspecting people. Death-dealing torpedoes rise from the ocean's depths to multiply the perils of the sea. They have substituted a long range rifle for a short range rifle, a big-mouthed gun for a little-mouthed gun, a dreadnought for a battle ship, and a super-dreadnought for a dreadnought, to which they have added the submarine. And they now pour liquid fire on battle lines and suffocate soldiers in the trenches with poisonous gases. Inventive genius has been exhausted to find new ways by which man can kill his fellowman!

And the nations which are at war are not barbarous nations!

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It would be bad enough if the penalties of this war fell only upon the guilty; but a vast majority of the men who die and of the women who weep have had neither part nor voice in determining whether there should be peace or war.

I believe that the women should vote on all questions, but if they vote on only one, it ought to be at an election which decides the issue between peace and war. * * * * *

We now have thirty treaties with nations representing three-fourths of the world. Instead of dying at the end of five years they never die. They run on until twelve months after one side or the other has asked that they be discontinued. I believe that neither side will ever ask that these treaties be discontinued. I have such faith in these treaties that I believe that a thousand years from now the name of Woodrow Wilson and my name will be linked together in the capitals of the world and that these treaties will preserve the peace of our nation by furnishing machinery by which peace can be preserved with honor.

But what is more important than length of life, these treaties *contain no exceptions*; they cover *all* disputes of every kind and character. Each one of these thirty treaties provides that every dispute that defies diplomatic settlement, if not by some other treaty submitted for final settlement, must be submitted to an international commission for investigation and report. Each one of these thirty treaties also provides that the period of investigation may last a year, and each one of these treaties further provides that during the period of investigation neither side shall declare war or begin hostilities. Here are three provisions, new to treaty-making, which reduce war between us and the contracting parties to a remote possibility. * * * * *

It cost us \$15,000,000 to build the last battleship launched, and that was only one-tenth of the amount spent on the navy that year. You might think, from the manner in which the jingoes belittle our army and navy, that we are at present spending nothing on preparedness. But we are, as a matter of fact, spending now two hundred and fifty millions of dollars annually, *getting ready for war*. * * * * *

Every battleship that is built in one country is made the excuse for building more battleships in other countries. Let me illustrate the plan of the battleship builder. Suppose three farmers lived around a little lake and a battleship builder wanted to increase his business—how would he go at it? He would go to the first farmer and say: "You are helpless. If your two neighbors were to combine against you, they could

overcome you; your lack of preparedness is an invitation to them. Let me build you a battleship and anchor it here by your land. Then they will see that you are prepared and they will be afraid of you and peace will be preserved." He would then go to the second farmer and say: "Do you see that battleship over there? Do you know what that is for? That is for you. Are you willing to invite attack by being defenseless? Let me build you two battleships and then he will see that you are prepared and will be afraid of you and peace will be preserved." He would then go to the third farmer and say: "Either one of your neighbors is more than a match for you alone: together they can annihilate you. Your only safety lies in the building of three battleships. Then when they see you are ready they will be afraid of you and the peace of the lake will be preserved." By this time he would be able to go back to the first man and say: "Your little battleship is out of date. It is a provocation instead of a protection. Unless you are willing to build more ships you had better sink that one. It shows that you want to fight and everybody knows you cannot fight. You must have four battleships of the latest pattern in order to prevent war by being prepared for it." And so on and so on. That is what they have been doing in Europe. Is it possible that they can entice us into this mad rivalry? * * * * *

It would be bad enough if the burdens of this war fell only upon the nations participating in it, but like a mighty flood this war has inundated the world, and neutral nations as well as belligerent nations are suffering. * * * * *

What the world needs is not a despot to fix the terms upon which the rest shall live; its great need is that these nations shall be brought together in a spirit of friendship and fellowship that they may co-operate in working out the destiny of Europe. * * * * *

If a man desires to prove the superiority of his religion, he lives it, for we do not count a religion as worthy of the name if it does not manifest itself in the life. There have been religious wars, but this is not one of them. On the Bosphorus the crescent and the cross float above the same legions; a Protestant Emperor of Germany is the ally of a Catholic Emperor of Austria; and you will find fighting in the same army corps representatives of three great branches of the Christian

church, Catholics, members of the Church of England and members of the Greek church. The religions are as badly mixed in this war as the races.

History teaches that nations which aspire to mere physical supremacy have no hope of immortality; the fact that they put their faith in force is proof that they have in them the seeds of death. The pathway of human progress is lined with the wrecks of empires which, when at the zenith of their power, thought themselves invincible.

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The eyes of the world are upon us as the one nation which is at liberty to lead the way from the blood-stained methods of the past out into the larger and better day.

We must not disappoint the hopes which our ideals and achievements have excited. If I know the heart of the American people they are not willing that this supreme opportunity shall pass by unimproved. No. The metropolitan press is not the voice of the nation; you can no more measure the sentiment of the peace-loving masses by the froth of the jingo press than you can measure the ocean's silent depths by the foam upon its waves.

THE TRUTH ABOUT "PREPAREDNESS"

“**T**HE very burden that caused thousands of men of all races to come to the United States in search of a haven of peace, to escape the toils of militaristic government, now being preached throughout the land by men, by newspapers, by magazines, moving pictures and in fact every medium of intelligence.

I strongly urge every American who is interested in this subject that should interest all, to write to Hon. Clyde H. Tavenner, House of Representatives office building, Washington, D. C., for the speeches revealing the motives at the bottom of the "preparedness" agitation.

I strongly urge every man and woman who desires that this country shall remain at peace to write a protest against the extravagant program now in Congress, to write to his Congressman, to the two United States Senators from his state, and to the President of the United States. A sentence or two will do. But make your meaning plain”

—Henry L. Ford.

TEMPLE OF TRUTH TEACHINGS

Voiced by Aletheia.

ALL life, mineral, vegetable and animal is the manifestation of Spirit, recorded in matter, sensitized, animated and vitalized by *Vibration*, proceeding from the Cosmic Consciousness. What is Cosmic Consciousness? The combined thoughtforce of countless intelligences radiating toward a center where gathers universal power that is in turn re-projected to the Universe, in ever pulsing vibrations for good.

Why is not evil a part of and blended with this consciousness? Because each grade of thought or intelligence travels at a different rate of vibration. Evil gathers slowly, heavily exploding into violent combustions which are spasmodic, opposing and short lived. Thus evil expends itself in outbursts momentarily, while the steady, ever-flowing, constantly radiating vibrations of Cosmic Consciousness nullify, overcome and annihilate all evil.

What Becomes of the Dead?

There are no dead, for nothing dies. Every atom, every ion that constitutes life, whether expressed in the blade of grass, the pebble at your feet, or in the higher expression of the human, moves on in endless change, designedly, intelligently and progressively. If the earth body be not a fitting garment for the intelligence, if the human organism be not a fitting temple of life, which is Spirit, be assured that the Spirit entity will cry out in pain, will struggle to burst its bonds. Such a body will become dis-eased, the intellect depoised, the frame weak because the spirit, sovereign of the being, has been dethroned. Under such conditions the spirit will constantly long to sever its connection with its tenement of clay and when released gladly takes its flight, endeavoring to gain a more fitting abode, seeking a more perfect expression in the realm of Spirit. The Spirit, released from earthly bondage, speeds forth on the great vibrations of Cosmic Consciousness, and is borne forward on a healing tide until at length it finds itself an intelligent, conscious entity, robed in an ethereal form, with new opportunities for advancement; with a broader and better scope of activity.

Why Have We No Prophets As in Biblical Days?

We have more prophets now than ever before. All inspired souls who renounce selfish gain, position, or so-called fame to

go out into the world proclaiming and teaching Truth by direct inspiration are the prophets of our time. That they prophesy peace and love and harmony today, while the prophets of old foresaw calamity, bloodshed and warfare is due to the fact that each forsees truth. The prophets of old foresaw that which has come to pass, the peaceful and joyous prophet of today forsees the sunshine that follows the storm. Countless minds are now in touch with the Great Spiritual Center; thus we have countless centers of Truth in the Earth Realm, each with its leader and group of disciples, or workers, endeavoring to voice the same Truth; limited only by individual receptivity and individual fidelity in voicing only that which is directly received. No one Teacher, and no sect, has a monopoly of truth, which like "the quality of Mercy, is not strained but droppeth as the gentle dew from Heaven, blessing him who gives, and him who receives."

Why do prophets of today claim to hear the "Voice of God?"

All seers and prophets whose souls are attuned to the Infinite hear the Infinite Voice speaking, soundlessly, within the inner consciousness. Thus Joseph heard the Voice counselling him saying: "Fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife, for that which is conceived *within* is holy. The spiritual entity, conceived within, is always conceived of the Holy Spirit, or God-Intelligence. Thus the Christ-Spirit, manifested in a body that was "of man," came to teach the world not to place matter and spirit in the same class, but to prove that spirit, the child of God, functions through matter, the "son of man." A virginal mother, of sixteen, who had not before known a man, that is, not previous to conception, typifies the innocence and wholeness of the maiden just awakened to the great life forces which she controls; and, in controlling, holds within her keeping the destiny of the race.

Ceremonies without perfect love do not constitute true union of body, soul and spirit, and are not marriages in the eyes of infinite intelligence. Thus the birth of Jesus was intended to convey the truth that Divine Spirit may be manifest in man under all conditions. The circumstances of his birth led the boy, Jesus, to direct his growing consciousness upward and outward in the search for the Infinite Father of Life. A high and holy union, with full sanction of the laws of the country in

which we dwell, entirely free from all selfish or worldly considerations, should be the ideal of every woman as a coming race-mother. To bring into the world beings capable of the highest consciousness for Spiritual receptivity will produce the highest type of human, functioning naturally in every plane of activity. This thought, devoutly enthroned in the consciousness of both parents, produces the Super-Race when again shall walk the earth beings whom we may fittingly term gods and goddesses.

When Truth reigns in Earth we shall have Peace on Earth and there shall be no warfare between men and nations. Falsehood, or indirect misrepresentation, is the foundation of every clash between individuals or nations. Absolute Truth alone can bring harmony in all realms. Those whom "ye call dead" are most alive to this great fact in Nature. Advanced Spirits live in constant effort to inspire mortals with this imperative need for Absolute Truth, freed from all hypnotic suggestion, selfishness and deceit.

What is the Objection to Hypnotism?

Any result obtained by false suggestion is destructive, disintegrating, and leads the intellect into a dazed condition very similar in effect to the action of drugs or alcohol. Hypnosis, used to coerce the will of another, must eventually result in the breaking down of the powers of natural resistance, in the complete depoising of the mentality.

Statements of Absolute Truth cannot be classed as hypnotic suggestion, for they do not put to sleep, but awaken the highest intelligence to a recognition of verities vibrating with infinite, vitalizing, electrical power which must be designated as the emanation of pure Spirit. Such vibrations feed and fill the consciousness of the individual with power flowing to and through both patient and healer, who occupy the positions of receiver and transmitter. Hypnosis, on the other hand, draws, from both subject and operator, personal force; this converts the subject into an automaton, moved by the moods and desires of the operator who, whether he realizes it or not, soon depletes his own "storage battery." He becomes the vehicle of spasmodic, explosive vibrations of inchoate evil, impinging upon the devitalized mind of both hypnotist and subject in turn. The efforts may result in increased activity, or exhilaration of the subject tem-

porarily, but the after effect will be exactly the same as that of alcohol or narcotics; destructive, devitalizing and disintegrating.

What Do You Mean by Absolute Truth?

Those verities we test and prove to our own satisfaction to be the truth; which strengthen our resolution; which inspire us to perfect sincerity in our thoughts and actions; which have no motive other than the well being and improvement of the race, individually and collectively. To practice unceasingly every rule of life that we would set for another, to deal honestly with our neighbors and with ourselves; to labor unceasingly to the end that we may place no burden upon another and yet to lift another's load wherever possible, to give full measure; to perform every task as completely and perfectly as we are able to do; to measure up to the high standard that we expect from others; in short, to do fully, completely and undeviatingly as we would have others do unto us. This is the life of Truth that, once enthroned in every heart, shall bring peace, purity and perfect love, establishing, in Earth, the Kingdom of the Spirit.

THE FIRMAMENT

By Marguerite Head

WHAT varied themes of exaltation spring
 From contemplation of God's universe!
 The all-embracing stretch of vibrant sky—
 Vibrant with life of lofty, rushing worlds,
 Like jewels glowing on the breast of space,
 Agleam with scintillating, subtle lights,
 Adornments scattered from the hand of God.
 Swift-speeding worlds, Creation's massive gifts!
 Peopled by strange, half-savage forms which Time
 Must coax toward progress, certain, slow and true,
 Or ruled by men in high perfection's prime,
 Their souls effulgent with great wisdom's rays;
 And worlds concealed from mortal's puny sight,
 More luminous, more vast than thought conceives,
 Where men arise from death to tread for aye
 Unnumbered paths of immortality.

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

John H. Eagleston.

“**F**OR this end was I born and for this purpose came I into this world to bear witness to the Truth.”

These words of an inspired teacher are worthy of consideration by every human being. If we put the question to ourselves we shall find it applicable to us. We cannot bear witness to the truth until we have received it. There are two methods by which we obtain a knowledge of Truth. The first is by education through the external senses, the second through inspirations which come to us and produce conviction in our minds. Each of these methods has its value. It is a blessing to be associated with those who can communicate a knowledge of Truth to us, but it is still more important to have our minds in a receptive condition, so that our intuitions may be continually awakened by high and holy inspirations. It is well for us to abstract ourselves from the busy, bustling scenes of life, and in quiet introversion of spirit find that inflowing of Truth which strengthens the soul and enables it to grow.

There are also two methods by which we may bear witness to the truth and these were beautifully illustrated by Jesus, the Christ. The first is by our testimonies which we give forth to the world, and the second is the practical example of our lives. The words of Jesus have been a source of comfort to millions, but the life he lived, which bore witness to the Truth, as revealed to him, was the grandest part of his mission. So it will be with us, we may speak words of eloquence which will arouse the human soul, but the most practical and efficient testimony that can be born is that of a true life. We can—yes, we must put our religion into our daily work. The good housewife who earnestly, lovingly and prayerfully prepares the daily food of her family and clothes her children in the same manner, blends her life, her goodness in all these things, and those who are susceptible, especially children, feel and know this, though they could not explain it.

The honest toilers in every department of life impress their productions with their own characters. In all the business relations of life, those individuals who have strongly marked characters will give tone and influence to everything which they send out into the world. The reputation of business men is part of their lives, and if they are honest, earnest and determined, they

will impress these features upon everything they put forth. In the progress of the race this will be more and more apparent, and though such an experience is often a painful one, yet it must be admitted that it is a wise arrangement for the production of better conditions.

It is an important part of the mission of life to bless the world by doing right at all times and under all circumstances, not only because it is right, but because of its effect upon the world and its people. In all the ages of this world there have been pioneers who have borne living testimonies by their lives, and whose influence has moved the world. If we would fulfill our missions in this life and accomplish the end for which we came into this world by bearing witness to the Truth, we must do it by living true lives, by walking with God even as Enoch walked during the early period of the world's history: showing the world not only what Truth is doing for us, but what it will do for all.

Truth, like its Divine author, is immutable and eternal, but our knowledge of it is gradual and progressive; consequently fragmentary, that which we obtain today may be only the pedestal for some grander truth tomorrow. Our reception of Truth may be compared to the ascension of a ladder, we first take hold of the round; if we grasp it firmly and realize what it is we are prepared to put our feet upon it and stand there, then reaching after another Truth like another round we ascend step by step, and as we go up we find our vision expanding. We see and know more of Truth as the field is spread out before us, and every Truth which we thus grasp becomes an attractive force for others.

It is a beautiful law in regard to Truth that by giving it is increased and never a hungry soul is fed but there are fragments to be gathered up. Our best estate is that in which we are pouring out rich treasures from the inner life, which, as they flow through our souls into others, open wider channels and prepare the way for grander and more beautiful Truths to come. Oh, if the children of earth could only realize this how selfishness would fade away like the mists of morning before the rising Sun of Truth! The dawn of a new era, all glorious, would be upon us, rich treasures like rivers would flow about us; on the peaceful beams of light the soul would journey, in its aspirations would continually go out, asking and receiving Truth from the everlasting fountains above.

THE CAT'S PAW

“IF you do not send her to a Sanitarium she will commit suicide.”

These words spoken in a tense, sybillant whisper roused Fanny from the weight of reluctantly returning consciousness. With eyes closed and face without a vestige of color she appeared as one from whom life had fled. Continuing to paint a picture of terror, filled with hypnotic suggestion, the voice directed to the girl's mother was audible to Fanny. Through an open register in the floor, the full intent and meaning of the words penetrated the faculties of the sick girl, rousing her with the necessity to battle with this new foe.

“The Pythoness,” she inwardly commented, “has already enlisted others in her attacks filling the soul of my mother with terror and dread.” At last Fanny heard her mother moan:

“I will, I will do as you say: I will send her to an institution. I will get her ready today, only tell me where to send.” Quick footsteps and the sound of a closing door proclaimed the departure of the visitor.

Making one supreme supplication for help, Fanny suddenly found herself surrounded by a wonderful electrical force: it seemed to be pouring directly into her brain through the top of her head; it seemed to flood and fill every particle of her being until it issued from every pore. She felt as if she was actually clothed in an armor of light through which no adverse influence could penetrate. Her whole being thrilled to a voice speaking within her soul, saying softly, “Peace be Still.” She became vitalized and vibrantly awake. Every nerve and artery until now congested by fear, lost its icy chill. The sensations of a warm and radiant sun shining directly upon her brought color to her cheeks and light into her eyes.

The mother started on beholding the change, crying out: “She is in a fever!” Placing her hands on Fanny's head she found the flesh warm, moist and seemingly, quite normal.

“Mother,” said Fanny, “I am well, I shall be stronger than ever soon; Jesus has healed me; the Spirit of Truth has entered into my soul. Let me go away where I can rest free from the attacks of such people as the woman who was just talking with you. She is a hypnotist sent by Mrs. “Mac.” Playing upon the suggestion that I would ‘commit suicide,’ she was but endeavoring to add to your ‘belief’ to her own attempt to instil that thought into my mind.

Nothing could be further from my purpose. For the first time in my life I really **want to live**. This experience has taught me what my life work is to be. It is to go out into the world, to help to set the oppressed free from the bondage of untruth; free from the personal power of those who would not only enslave the body, but the souls of men and women, and little children; to make my experience, my persecution, serve as a lesson, not to accept the accusations of a misunderstanding world. One must look beneath the surface for the truth in all things. To protect the ignorant and the innocent from those who by intrigue, falsehood and hypnotism, convert humanity into mere helpless machines for the glory, aggrandizement and maintenance of the few.

Mrs. "Mac" and her group have recognized in me one through whom the Spirit of Truth can work to set the people free. Unable to force me to subjugate God-given powers to their selfish ends, unable to make of me a vehicle through which to proselyte more converts to fill their coffers, or to promulgate teachings so interwoven with falsehood as to destroy the value of their fundamental truths, they consider me, insignificant as you may think me, a serious menace to their sway over the minds of the multitudes.

My mission is to go out among high and low, among rich and poor, into the churches, and into the streets if need be, proclaiming man's right to spiritual freedom."

No one can attain salvation except through the Spirit of Truth. This spirit is poured out freely upon every soul that earnestly desires Truth. If the laws of the land, as administered by those in power, are incompatible with the law of Truth, as given to the soul by the Voice of God, man may defy such laws, and live the divine law under the assurance that "where Truth is, fear is not!" I can comprehend, now, how God spoke to Moses from the burning bush. We can "commune with the Saints." I know that the dead do not rest in graves awaiting a final "judgment day and call of Gabriel's trump," for I have walked and talked with those whom the world calls dead. During these last few hours when you thought me dying, I have held the hand of Jesus, have heard his tender counsel, and his promise to those earnestly seeking the light; who stand for eternal truth with souls unblinded by man-made interpretations of His life and teachings."

During the recital the mother sat in silence. At this juncture the door bell rang. "It is Mrs. Hinton come for you," cried the mother, "Oh, what shall I do—she is a kind, good woman, don't you think you had better go with her just for a few days until we can find some place for you to go?"

"The trembling, pitiable spectacle presented by her mother, under ordinary circumstances, would have wrung Fanny's heart. It now served as evidence of the terrific hold that Mrs. "Mac" and her messenger, Mrs. Hinton, had secured upon her mother's mentality through their hypnotic play upon her fears.

"Does she know that I am in the house?" said Fanny, with a sudden inspiration.

"No, I—I—something made me tell her that you were not here and she has come to get your address. I can't hide the truth from her any longer." Saying these words the mother started down stairs. Fanny heard her saying: "But, Mrs. Hinton she seems a great deal better; she would not be able to be moved before tomorrow, I think,—that is what the friend with whom she is stopping, says—"

"Where is she stopping? She must go tonight or she will commit **suicide**, suicide!" Hissing the words in a malignant, half-whisper, the woman turned toward the street. Suddenly Fanny said: "Quick, go to Anna, she is in danger!" referring to the little daughter of her sister who rushed out to the street to find Mrs. Hinton leading the child away. She was just in time to hear her secure from the child an admission that "Aunt Fanny was up'tairs," and to hear Mrs. Hinton trying to persuade the child to go away with her on the promise of "candy and pretty things."

She returned with the child in her arms, followed by the protesting grandmother who insisted that "Mrs. Hinton meant no harm, and only wished to take the child out for an airing."

Fanny said: "She has tried to bribe the child, with an offer of candy knowing that if you missed Anna, you and my sister would naturally go to look for her, leaving me alone in the house. In her present state of mind she would stop at nothing, and would have tried to take me away by main force had I been alone. It seems to me that a child could see through that. The only thing that can be done under the circumstances is to keep

her out of the house until I am gone. Her statement, to you, that I would commit suicide, is simply a hypnotic suggestion. It seems to me that she has fallen a victim to the terrible doctrine justifying **Mental Assassination** by those who fear that their religious-political machinery may be overthrown by persons who are opposed to their teachings. For the past three weeks the efforts of their secret circles against myself have been repeatedly overthrown. This woman has taken it upon herself to accomplish what they have failed to do. I am without fear. If she is really making such an attempt, the mental missiles she hurls at me will simply rebound, from the **armor of light** with which I am protected, and will fall back upon herself."

These events transpired in the afternoon of the second day after the trial. Early the next morning, the startling news that Mrs. Hinton had committed suicide, at the Theosophical headquarters on A— Street, Washington, formed the headlines of all the newspapers.

The tragic event impressed Fanny's mother with two important facts. First; despite the terrific ordeal to which the girl had been subjected, she had come through, calm, clear-eyed, and strangely spiritualized. Devoid of fear, with her prophetic ability and her clairvoyant vision accentuated to a marked degree, it seemed that she had but to make a statement to have it verified by subsequent events, entirely demolishing the fabric of falsehood that Wasgood and Mrs. "Mac" had so subtly woven. The suicide of Mrs. Hinton, following immediately upon her failure to get possession of Fanny, proved to her mother that there were tremendous forces of evil being deliberately directed against her daughter by those who planned to suppress the truth at any cost. For the first time the mother began to realize that there actually had been an effort to make her daughter the victim of a conspiracy, engineered by a group of individuals who could not succeed in making Fanny their ally, their dupe, nor their **Cat's Paw**.

At four o'clock that afternoon, in pursuance of Divine Guidance Fanny boarded the train for a destination known only to herself.

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We are all souls living in spiritual and physical bodies. On the physical plane *matter* predominated; in the spirit spheres *spirit* predominates; in the soul realm or the realm of the Arch-Angels *soul* predominates. This combination cannot be broken, for that would be annihilation.

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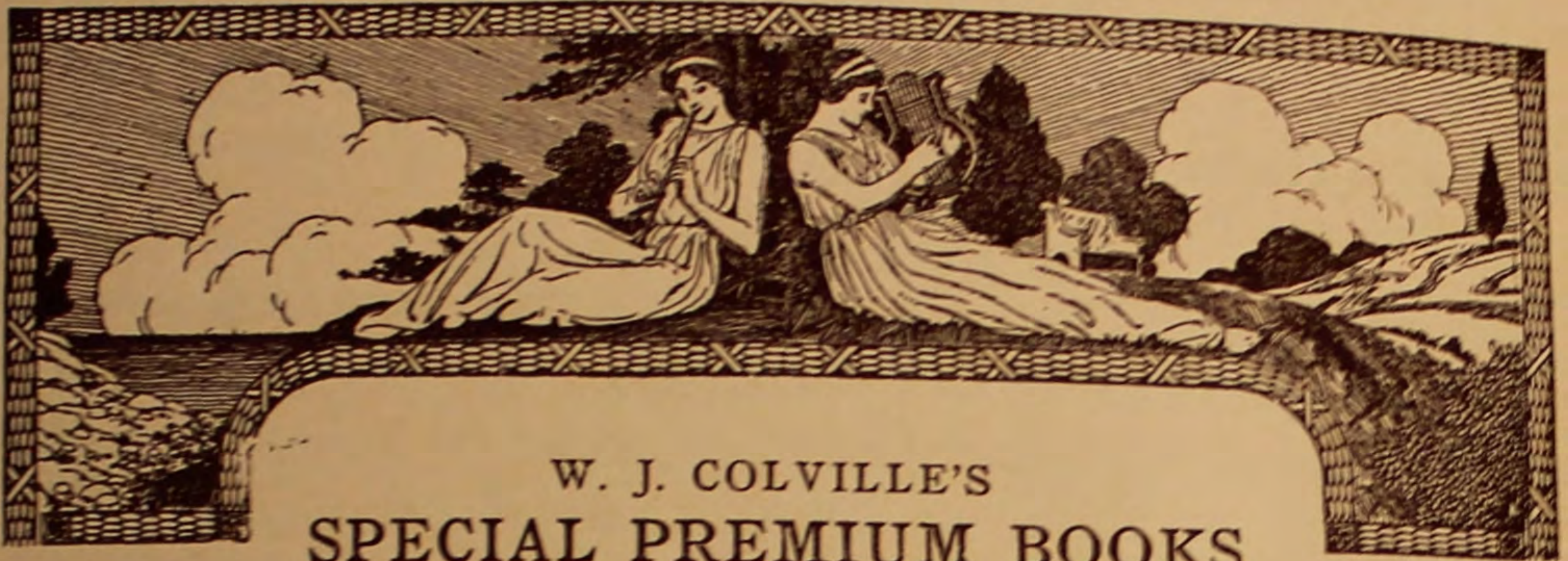
The body of today is not the body of tomorrow. Scientists now declare that the entire body changes once in eleven months except the bones, which renew every seven years. The prevailing idea that the body is the man is erroneous. Where is the life when the body dies? It has vacated its tenement of clay, and the body returns to the elements of which it is composed. These elements have no capacity to feed heat, cold, pain or anything else. It is the spirit which dominates, the soul which fills each atom of the body that has sensation or feeling. At the death of the body the soul is separated from its outer fleshy robe, and goes onward, progressing from one sphere to another.

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