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IMMORTALITY OF THE BODY

BY H. E. BUTLER

SINCE my earliest remembrance there has been here and there a person who has stepped out before the world and claimed to have immortality of the body; that is, claimed that his or her physical body would never see corruption or death. Such persons have always attracted my attention since childhood, and as I have been a Bible student all my life, I have seen good and substantial reasons for such claims, especially in the teachings of the Lord Christ. In fact, he taught immortality of the body more fully and continuously than any other teacher of whom we have any record. It may be said that almost the entirety of his teaching was of the immortality of the body thru righteousness, in contradistinction to death thru the sin of our father Adam. As it is written, "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Cor. 15: 22).

Common-sense reasoning says: If, as we have always been taught, death came thru the transgression of Adam, death of the physical body, (for it is written "dust thou

art, and unto dust shalt thou return," which could not be spoken of the soul, but of the body.) then it follows that the making alive thru Christ must be the making alive of the body, the perpetuation of the body. As we read concerning the Christ, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Psa. 16: 10). This is accepted as meaning that Jesus the Christ was not allowed to see corruption, for tho the body died, it rose again.

Leaving out all the arguments, which are abundant and overwhelming, that the teaching of the Christ was of the immortality of the body, we unite with all the world in asking: "Why is it then that all have died?"—If the Scriptures are correct, all have not died. We read of Enoch that he "walked with God: and was not; for God took him," and of Elijah that he "went up by a whirlwind into heaven," and of the Lord Christ that he "was carried up into heaven," after he died and rose again from the dead. So that it appears that all have not died, "But," says the skeptic, "we should like to see some person demonstrate that he has immortality in himself." This seems reasonable, but how can immortality be demonstrated? If a man should live a thousand years in health and vigor, of those who knew him in youth how many would know him in his old age?

Laying these things aside, one great fact stands out before us and it is this: No belief has been perpetuated among men that has not in it a vital truth, and the vital truth that we have held out before the world is: It is possible for man so to live, and so to comply with Nature's laws that death will have no power over him.

Our leading physiologists from studying the workings of the human organism, its building power, its power to change, have come to the conclusion that there may be some method of life by which death may be overcome. In 1878 there was quite a movement brought about in this direction, according to the newspapers; and the thought

whether or not it is possible to overcome death, is still agitating the minds of the leading scientists.

Among those who stood before the world and taught and claimed immortality was Helen Wilmans Post. She firmly believed and claimed that she should never see death, and we firmly believe that she was as near the door of immortality as anyone has been for many years, but unfortunately she, and especially Mr. Post, ignored the very Fountain and Source of that immortality. Some years ago in her magazine, "Freedom," she published a series of articles entitled "Children's Sunday School Lessons" by Mr. Post, in which he put forth some of the most radical and infidel teachings, infidel to God, to Christ, to spirituality and to everything upon which life depends, and we have always believed that these articles were the cause of his downfall as well as of Mrs. Post's, for these articles were so radical that they shocked the higher sensibilities of all classes, and created a prejudice that opened the door to the prosecution and even to the persecution that resulted in his death, followed by her own.

Another who claimed immortality was Cyrus R. Teed. He claimed that he should never die, or if he died, that he should rise again as did the Lord Christ. Why did he die? Because he had no God but himself. Thus he ignored and virtually rejected the Source of his life.

Then there was Joseph T. Curry, a noble, good man who believed he had immortality and would never see death, but he died. Why?—Because he had only a partial truth.

Do we hear some one say: "There is Hiram E. Butler, the author of this article who has been teaching the possibility of immortality for years, Has he got it?"—we must answer in a way that may be thought evasive. Let it be so. This we know: We have the knowledge of the methods of life that must eventually bring immortality of the body, and these methods are the most desirable methods of life imaginable. For in order to obtain immortality and

to live on thru the ages, everything in the individual must be brought into such perfect unison with the mind and life-currents of the Creator that every breath that is drawn will be a breath of joy, peace, and benevolence to the world and to all around him.

The keys to the vestibule of this immortal existence are to be obtained thru living the regenerate life, the conquering of all the waste of the vital substance of the body, but this conquering is only the key to the vestibule. When one has entered into the vestibule of that life, he finds there a dressing room in which a great deal of preparation must be made before he can enter in thru the door into the immortal city.

We speak in symbols. It is the best we can do, because if we should speak plainly you would understand less of what we mean than when we speak in symbols.

In the preparation, conditions must be made and no one individual can possibly make and maintain those conditions. Conditions in this case imply more than one person. As it will be seen from reading "The Goal of Life," and our other writings from the beginning, immortality, eternal life, or the kingdom of God on earth—which are virtually synonymous terms—can be established only by the gathering together of the first mature souls of the earth's production, called in the revelation to St. John "the one hundred and forty and four thousand." When these can be gathered, WHICH WILL BE DONE, then will immortality begin.

What do we mean by the immortality of the body? Do we mean that these bodies just as they are will continue on earth to all eternity? Oh, no! we mean that the processes that are going on in the body of throwing off the old substance and taking on the new will continue right on. The death of the physical is taking place daily, but in youth the body takes on more than that which dies and is thrown off, so that there is increased growth, added vitality and vivacity up to a certain period.

The point under consideration is this: When the life is

ordered in perfect keeping with Nature's laws—for God is the source of all nature—then the organism will have the power to take on added life, added flesh, to balance or even to overbalance, if desired, the principle of death and decay, and as the mind is master and absolutely dominant in such an organism, it will control the supply and demand of the system, so that an abnormality will not grow in the organism.

Again, when a person lives the regenerate life wholly, it adds greatly to the capacity, power and refinement of the mental faculties, giving capacity to these faculties instead of causing growth of the physical body. The growth begins in the mind and that growth means growing towards its Source, to be like its Source.

God, the Creator of all things, is spirit, and God is a consuming fire. Then the growth of such a mind is toward spirit and fire. Fire is an element that transmutes the grosser to the finer, and this transmuting and refining process of the body begins as soon as man complies with Nature's laws in every particular, and unites his consciousness and centers all his aspirations and desires upon Spirit and Godlikeness. Then the higher spiritual will constantly be attracted, drawn in, inspired and incorporated into the organism until the very flesh becomes a flame of fire. Yes, the process of refining will gradually go on year after year and finally the body will have become so refined, so purified and spiritualized that it will no longer be what we now recognize as flesh. Thru growing and developing it will become a spiritual body that no longer is bound down to walk upon the earth as mortals do, but is freed from all restrictions and bondage, so that wherever the mind directs, the will propels the body with the speed of thought.

This is what we mean by immortality. Have we immortality? We have the knowledge, we have the foundation principles necessary to gain it. Shall we be able to get the requisite conditions? Shall we be able to conquer the last enemy, Death, who now rules the world and has united the world-mind and has organized it from the

physical, mental and occult side against the incoming Divine Order. The astral forces and the different classes of the mental forces of the earth are united as one mind, one will, to destroy the incoming conditions that bring life, and to perpetuate death, and all this he who would overcome death must conquer. (See Isa. 14: 9, 10.)

The only hope that remains for us or for any person on this planet to reach that state of immortality is in God. YAHVEH Elohim who created the world, rules it absolutely, and he who is able to abide in him, obey his guidance and instruction, will be protected by that Mighty Power that holds even the breath of all flesh at his command. Therefore, if it is the will of the Father to establish his kingdom on the earth at the present time, then it follows that if we are faithful and obedient we shall go on in continued life and shall never see corruption.

But if we are not able to follow the leadings of the Spirit absolutely, and be absolutely obedient to the laws of perpetuity, then we shall pass out of the body, but if we are obedient to the Divine Guidance, to the knowledge that is given us, we shall thru the power of the Infinite Mind and Will, conquer the world of death; and if *one* can conquer the world of death in this age, it will open the door wide for *many* to conquer. Before the Christ departed from the earth he left on record the words, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." His having overcome the world, made it possible that there should be one, two, three, and so on, up to the 144,000, more or less, who would overcome the world and death and have immortality in this, the closing period of the Age.

You see there are many "ifs" placed in our way according to the thought as we have presented it, but in the mind of Him who rules the world and even the universe, there are no "ifs," and we repeat, we know the methods by which death may be overcome and WILL be overcome. Can we get the conditions that will make this possible? Do you say "No?" We ask you then, How do you know? Do

you say "Yes?" Then we ask: Have you received your answer from Him who rules the universe? from Him who said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over all the earth"? If you have then you have it from authority.

The time has come, the people are here on the earth who are ready to enter into life, and there are many now living the regenerate life who feel that they possess immortality; they have the evidence in themselves of the renewal of youth and even of superior vigor and power to that of youth, which is a pretty strong evidence that they have it. But for the perpetuation of that immortal state to all eternity, there must be conditions made. We do not believe that it is possible for this immortal state to continue on and on indefinitely unless all the requirements are met; and the requirements are, that a body of people must be gathered and united as one body, and the gathering and the forming and the uniting of this body are governed by Divine Laws, laws that have been in existence since the beginning, waiting for the people who are able to accept and to apply them. The knowledge of these laws is now in our possession.

We know that when a people have attained to where they are absolutely obedient to the Mind of the Spirit, the Spirit of him who has willed, designed and arranged for the gathering of that body, will call them together for the establishing of his throne over all the earth, thru his servants, who shall call the people to the mountain, and when he calls, the Spirit of **YAHVEH** that has led and guided his people will be the second witness to confirm the call and cause obedience. And the gathering together of such persons into one place will enable them, thru that same Mind of the Spirit, to establish the conditions prerequisite for the perpetuating of eternal life in the physical body, which will be the establishing of the Eden again, of the kingdom of God on earth. This will bring in the conditions spoken of by the angel to John when he said, "The

kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ." "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take of the water of life freely." (Bible Review, Vol. VII, p 467.)



MY CREED

BY KATHARINE BOWSHER

To take my place within the world of men;
To bravely walk the path from day to day;
To serve, however small the part may be,
And give my best—this is my way.

To lay me down to rest when night has come,
Serenely calm, and know within my breast
A consciousness of work that is well done;
Thus only shall I find my rest.

To rise with gratitude within my heart,
For blessings manifold: look out and see
That Heaven is all about and know that I
Can use all that is given me.

Strength unto strength, sufficient for my need,
If I but look and listen; do not dream.
Straight from the source of all, my day's supply
Pours out to me—a constant stream.

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As you hold loving thoughts toward every person and animal and even toward plants, stars, oceans, rivers and hills and as you are helpful and of service to the world, so you will find yourself growing more happy each day, and with the happiness comes health and everything you want.—
Luther Burbank.

KEEPING THE BODY UNDER

BY GUDRUN M. MICHELSON

"THEY that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5: 24). "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matt. 5: 8).

To grow in grace and knowledge is the main thing for the Christian, being not merely babes in Christ using the milk of the word, but constantly going on to stronger diet; growing up, as it were, into the "full measure of the stature of manhood in Christ Jesus."

Married people, Christians, who have been living on the same plane as the people of the world in fleshly relations, must take the word of God into *this* part of their lives also, submitting themselves under God's rule for holy living, being "in the world, but not of the world;" and as they do this, they must ask God for strength to overcome the habits of the flesh, and in moments of temptation turn their thoughts fully and whole heartedly on some of Jesus' words, such as "Lo, I am with you always" and "Be of good cheer *I have overcome the world.*" Also asking God to take away every fleshly desire, they will find that little by little, they will be overcomers and truly glorify God in their bodies, which, when such a course is followed, become so much stronger. This will increase mental vigor as well as physical strength. The children of parents who thru the Grace of God, have the moral strength to abstain from sexual relations while the mother is carrying the unborn babe, will reap the benefit, by inheriting strong, clean bodies and minds. Christians, are you *willing* to have the will of God done in you and thru you? See I Cor. 7: 19, 29. Rom. 6: 11, 12. Read Rom. 13: 14; I Cor. 6: 18-20; 7: 1-6; 9: 27. I Pet. 2: 11. II Pet. 1: 4; 2: 9, 10. I John 3: 3.

This course of life must be mutually agreed upon, by both the husband and the wife; then the *will* should be set against any yielding to sex-desires, except where the purpose is the begetting of a new life. We *must* resist and control the sex-impulses instead of being controlled by them. Our natural forces are to be used only for the glory of God, *never* to fulfil the lusts of the flesh. (Rom. 8: 1-23.



SCORPIO

The sign Scorpio comes in the generative function of the Great Man of the Heavens, and is Nature's reproductive force. "The ancient symbol of Asia for this sign was the white eagle, which typifies Regeneration. The Druidical custom of extinguishing the sacred fire, which was kept continuously burning, was yearly celebrated on the night of the 1st of November. At this signal all other fires were put out and primitive night reigned. The relighting, which had to do with the appearance of the new moon, was typical of the renewal of life, or the Regeneration."

"The symbol which has come down to our time as representing the sign Scorpio, is that of the poisonous scorpion. We are told that death does not immediately result from the sting of even the most deadly of this species, but that the first effect is a stupor or paralysis, which, if not overcome, ends in a complete lethargy. And the 'Great Seer of the North' has told us that 'The scorpion signifies a deadly persuasion, the result of which is torpor in spiritual life.' Well did the ancients who bequeathed to us this primeval wisdom, understand what they were doing in thus representing this sign by the scorpion, for the deadly paralysis which has fallen upon the body of humanity thru the perversion of its divinest endowment, corresponds with the nature of the symbol." (*Revised Esoteric, Vol. IV.*)

But this sign, as we have previously said, has also been symbolized by the white eagle, and the lofty flights of this bird of the heavens, which builds its nests and brings forth its young only upon the mountain heights, peculiarly signifies the principle expressed in the aspirations of those who seek to attain the spiritual heights thru the Regeneration.

Persons born in this sign or largely qualified by this sign, have many splendid endowments, which they may use in service for the good of the people in the positions

of responsibility and trust which they usually occupy.

(For a complete description of the nature of persons born in this sign, see Butler's *Solar Biology*.)



JOHN VI 17

“AND it was now dark and Jesus was ‘not come unto them’”

BY FLORENCE A. COOKE

It was now dark—and Jesus was not come.
The tossing sea and stormy wind in force
Seemed fain to engulf their vessel all too frail.
Without His aid their anguished efforts fail;
The might of Nature beats them from their course;
Their powers are weakening, and their spirits numb.

It is now dark, and Christ has not yet come,
The nations roar, and like the heathen rage,
And fain would cast restraining bonds away.
The winds of war blow strongly as they sway
Men at their will—of every clime and age—
While we, His followers, with fear are dumb.

“What cometh on the Earth?” we ask in pain.
But through the storm we see a gleam of Light;
He comes in our extremity to stay
The raging of the nations—to the day,
Of purity and service lead aright. —
Until He manifests Himself again.

We o’er the stormy waves would follow Thee
To soothe and nullify the nations’ rage,
To draw Thy influence from a higher plane,
Where hate and avarice are not—till the bane
Of armaments and war from Earth’s sad stage
Vanish, and in Thy mercy cease to be.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

(QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

BY ENOCH PENN

YOUR PART OF THE WORK

Question.—What do you think Paul meant when he said, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”? I understand that it is Jesus who saves us. What is there for us to “work out”?

Answer.—Jesus brought the necessary knowledge to earth, and so opened up the way for the attaining of eternal life, and, as his teachings are recorded for us, it is for you to learn that knowledge, to understand his teachings, and live in accord with them and thus attain to eternal life. Simply to believe these things amounts to nothing, you must work them out in your own experience. As James said, “Faith without [the corresponding] works is dead, being alone.”

What Paul seems to have meant was that we are to be saved by receiving the Spirit of God which Jesus made possible, yet we have to do our own thinking and knowing and our own striving to live in harmony with that knowing. Many faithful, earnest souls believe that thru Jesus men are to be saved, and they desire to attain to salvation, to eternal life, and they try very hard, yet they have not mind enough to enable them to learn the truths, and of such truths as they do learn they have not developed sufficient integrity of character and strength of will to apply themselves so as to be able to attain to a spiritual consciousness, an eternal consciousness. Unhappily the Church teaches the people, “Jesus paid it all, and you have only to believe,” and has thus deceived the people into thinking that a credulity which causes them to rest in hope in something of which they know and understand but little is enough. But belief is not enough, and the words of Jesus, “Many shall strive to enter in [to eternal life], and shall not be able,” show that belief followed by earnest effort is not enough, that there must be the necessary

knowledge and understanding, to direct the efforts properly and effectually, and the needed ability to accomplish. The Christ-Body is to be formed of the ripe souls of earth, not of the immature and undeveloped, and consequently the incapable.

To repeat, God has given to us life, but it is left to us to develop the mind to enable us to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding and develop the will to live in harmony with that knowledge and understanding.

Paul's words, "With fear and trembling," imply that we should fear lest that which we think is knowledge may not be the knowledge we need. To-day many talk glibly about spiritual things of which they have no knowledge or understanding. So we repeat the words of Jesus, "Many shall try very hard and shall not be able." Where then, shall we be if we "only believe."

We do not say these things to discourage, but to admonish.

INFLUENCED BY PSYCHIC ATMOSPHERES

Question.—Why is it that it is so difficult for one to change one's habits, to do better. My experience shows that even tho a person sees that he is doing wrong in certain particulars, and makes up his mind that he will not do that thing any more, yet it seems at times impossible to change. Why is it so difficult to change?

Answer.—The chief reason of the difficulty is that everything one does leaves its impression upon the psychic atmosphere which impels oneself and others to repeat the action. We have crossed a high bridge in this State, the sides of which are now fenced with a strong wire screen to prevent persons from climbing over to jump to their death, for nearly one hundred persons have thus committed suicide there. The more often this occurred the stronger became the influence impelling others to do likewise. The wrong feelings, emotions, impulses, thoughts, words and actions of the people have thus filled the psychic atmos-

phere with their influences and it is difficult for one to go contrary to them. For this reason we are admonished, "With a furious man thou shalt not go." Few persons realize to what extent they are simply automatons. To overcome these world-influences and be yourself is to "overcome the world" which Jesus said he had done; and which is the great, the gigantic task which is set before his followers.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Question.—I have just been reading the story of Jesus talking to the woman at the well of Samaria. He talked to the woman who came there for water. And he spoke of things which, considering that she was what may be termed an immoral woman, is surprising. What do you think was his reason for doing this?

Answer.—You will notice that as soon as Jesus told her of her past life, she at once concluded that he was a prophet—that is, that he had knowledge of spiritual things. She then showed that whatever her character she was earnest in her desire to know spiritual things. For she at once began to ply Jesus with questions relative to religious beliefs, showing that she was receptive soil prepared to receive spiritual truths. It was to teach these truths to whoever would listen to them that Jesus was traveling about the country.

GETTING CONTROL

Answer to Mr. R. J. P.—The only way you can get control while sleeping is to have the thought of control so fixed in your mind that your body acts for control even tho you are asleep; and it will do that in time if you continue your efforts. Also the stupor must be conquered in the same way. There is no royal road to success in this life, it is a matter of continual *trying* until you succeed.

TAKING GOD'S NAME

Question.—We read in the Bible about taking God's name. I should like to ask you what it means to take God's name, and how is it done? I have been taught that to speak the word God in cursing or in swearing is "taking God's name in vain," is that true?

Answer.—No; profanity is not the same as taking God's name in vain.

To understand these things we must first know what God's name is. The name is spelled "YAHVEH," it is the Hebrew form of that name, and translated into English it is, "I will be what I will to be." This statement implies having a will which nothing can thwart or hinder; it implies having a will that nothing can successfully oppose.

God said to Moses relative to the angel whom he had appointed to lead the children of Israel into the promised land, "Beware of him, obey his voice, provoke him not; he will not forgive your transgressions, for my name is in him." Having God's name in him, implied that he had God's power.

Sometimes in business an employee is so fully trusted that he is privileged to write checks up to a certain sum and sign them with his employer's name and the bank is instructed to honor those checks; thus does he take his employer's name. But it must be for the furtherance of the business. It is not so that he can carry out his own private purposes that the employee is given the use of his employer's name and powers.

In his prayer to the Father Jesus said, "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me." He manifested God's name by doing those miracles which showed that he had the power of God. This he implied when he said "All that the Father hath is mine;" "mine" to use in the furtherance of the Father's work in the world. The words of Jesus, "I know that thou always hearest me, for I always do the things that please thee," show that in all things he sought to further the Father's work.

How to take that name, or how to lay hold of and use God's will is not easily expressed. As one retains the seed he grows more and more sensitive, feeling and knowing things not possible to the ordinary man. In time this one becomes able to sense that one great fundamental Will which is the power that has caused all things to be. By long and persistent effort the regenerate man begins to inspire, absorb, lay hold of that Will, so that even inanimate nature begins to respond to and obey it. Thus one takes God's name, lays hold of God's powers, but he is warned that it must not be for a vain purpose.

GOD'S MERCY

Answer to F. B.—You object to our statement that some persons, in their relation to spiritual truths, are like a miller fluttering about a candle until it singes its wings and is destroyed by that which attracted it. You say that God is ever merciful, and those who are attracted by spiritual truths are never injured by it. We would simply say that you speak without knowledge.

We would refer you to the words of God to the Israelites, while in the wilderness, "Behold, I send an angel before thee. . . . Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him." Those who have gone on in the regeneration, in time will learn from their own hard experience, and by observing the experiences of others, that at times a misstep on their part brings evil results swiftly—evil, in that a good thing attained is taken from them, and they are not forgiven that misstep. It may be years if ever, before that which was lost by that misstep is regained. No person is too far advanced to be in danger of taking liberties with the laws pertaining to this life. When God told Moses to speak to the rock, and it would send forth water for the people, Moses disobeyed, in that he smote the rock with his staff. The rock gave forth water, but God said to Moses that for his diso-

bedience he should not go into the promised land. Moses begged that he might go in, but God refused him, saying, "Speak to me no more of this matter."

When the two sons of Aaron, contrary to God's command, offered "strange fire" before the LORD, in the Tabernacle, the fire came out from the altar and slew them.

We know of persons who accepted the truth of the regeneration, and went on for years retaining the seed and even gained first hand knowledge of the Spirit-realm, yet they fell, because they made a misstep and violated a law of the spiritual life, and were not able to repent.

The attainment of a spiritual consciousness is not for the immature minds, dazed and carried away by the thought of great spiritual heights to be attained, it is for only the mature minds capable of grasping laws and principles and having the strength of character to apply them in their daily lives.

The law has no mercy; it is not the function of law to have mercy.

We believe that all persons who to a greater or less degree overcome the generative urge, and to that extent retain their seed, will be benefitted thereby, as stated in "Practical Methods to Insure Success," but those who go further and covenant to serve God, and to follow Jesus in the regeneration, obligate themselves to live in harmony with God's laws. And any violation of those laws brings evil results.

In spiritual matters violated laws seem to demand their "pound of flesh." "He will not forgive your transgressions, for my name is in him." "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the God of life." For God will not be mocked. To those in generation we have the words of Joshua to unregenerate Israel, "Ye cannot serve YAHVEH: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins." For every mistake you must receive the punishment due. That is, you must meet the results of your acts.

PROSELYTING

Question.—What do you expect to gain by persuading people to live the regenerate life?

Answer.—We do not try to persuade anyone to live the regenerate life, neither do we try to persuade anyone to follow Jesus or to serve God. What others choose to do in these matters is their own affair. We are not interested in proselyting, but we try to show the people what the Bible teaches, and what it means to follow Jesus into the new birth, so that if any desire to live that way they may do so, and we will do what we can to teach them what they need to know. For we believe there are many who, are both willing and able to give up this world and attain to a spiritual consciousness and eternal life, and if they knew of the regeneration would do their utmost to live the life. Because of these things we try to show the people what the regeneration is, that they may follow Jesus in fact. Unhappily the Church has taught that to believe what they teach about Jesus is to follow him, but to follow him one must live so as to develop a spiritual consciousness that one may enter into the heavenly world and associate with the angels and with the Elohim as a fellow while still living in the body. We try to show the people from the Bible, and so far as we can from our own experience, the things of this life, that if they so desire they may gain more in less time and with less effort than otherwise.

OUR PURPOSE

Answer to K. J.—As to your query about the Esoteric Fraternity, we would say that we are a Christian people, seeking to live the regenerate life, to follow Jesus into the regeneration, in harmony with the teachings of the Bible, as explained in our literature. Meanwhile we labor to send these teachings out to the world.

As to the difference between the Esoteric teachings

and Occultism, Occultism includes the study of any or everything pertaining to the vital and the psychic laws and operations, and it may include spiritual things. We of the Esoteric Fraternity, while we seek to know and apply all that is included in Occultism, yet we would bend every effort and use all our knowledge to gain a spiritual consciousness and eternal life. Experience shows that persons who are able to overcome the generative urge and retain their seed, do in time become conscious of the Spirit-world and of its inhabitants.

THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

Answer to J. G.—In the address of the Reverend gentleman, before the Student Christian Movement, at the University of Sydney, N. S. W., as given in the newspaper clipping enclosed in your letter, it seems to us that instead of saying, as he did, "Until society is placed on a sound basis, we cannot expect a solution of the sex problem," he would be nearer the truth had he said: "We cannot expect society to be on a sound basis until the sex-problem is solved." For we are of the opinion that it is the perverted sex-life of the people that is the chief cause of our troubled social life to-day.

And as to his further statement, "Sex is in the nature of a safety valve . . . not until we reach an ideal state will these safety valves be closed," we are again of the opinion that he has the "cart before the horse." For until sex-perversion is overcome we cannot hope for a better state of society.

It is no wonder when we consider the present state of our present civilization that the question so often arises: "Has Christianity failed?" Orthodox Christianity certainly seems to have failed to civilize the Christian nations, and it is little wonder when we consider the ignorance of the ministry relative to the laws of sex, being entirely ignorant of the fact that sex and its functions are the physical basis of a spiritual consciousness.

BEING STERILIZED

Answer to Mr. H. H.—Relative to your inquiry about the desirability of being sterilized with the idea that it would be a help to you in the regeneration, we are of the opinion that one who has been sterilized can hardly hope for much further advancement in the regeneration. But the hope of such persons should be to develop in themselves those characteristics of true, noble manhood and womanhood which will be a good preparation for a future life.

The statement in Deuteronomy 23: 1, "He that hath his privy member cut off, or he that is wounded in the stones [according to "Strong's Concordance" the term "wounded" implies being emasculated], shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD," implies that those who are sexually lacking are not able to come to a knowledge of God, of Spirit.

TO LEARN HEALING

Answer to Mrs. E. A. B.—Relative to your intention to join some school of healing in order to learn to heal, we suggest that you may get all the information you need if you will study carefully the article on "Metaphysical Healing," in the March, 1937, Christian Esoteric, and "Mental Healing," on page 233 of the August, 1936 number.



THE man who has acquired the habit of study, tho for only one hour every day in the year, and keeps to the one thing studied till it is mastered, will be startled to see the way he has made at the end of a twelvemonth.—Bulwer-Lytton.

“FATHER, WE THANK THEE”

For the flowers that bloom about our feet
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
For song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
For blue of stream and blue of sky
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees.

For mother-love and father-care,
For brothers strong and sisters fair,
For love at home and here each day,
For guidance lest we get astray,
For this new morning with its light
For rest and shelter for the night,
For health and food, for love and friends
For everything Thy goodness sends
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.



THE TIME HAS COME

“UNTO the time that is no more
For those who stand on heaven’s floor,
Peace! Look not back but straight before.

“Unto the Age that flies apace
Before the Spirit’s coming race,
Greeting! with all a victor’s grace.

“Go! winged words, across the sea,
And say to all in misery:
The time has come that was to be.”

—Frances Lord.

PLANETARY INFLUENCES FOR NOVEMBER

HELIOCENTRIC POSITIONS ARE USED THRUOUT

There is necessarily considerable repetition in stating the planetary influences from month to month, as the larger planets remain in a sign of the zodiac for a considerable time.

URANUS (♅) IN SCORPIO (♏)

Uranus is in the sign Scorpio. As Uranus is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Sensation, which principle is the basis of all consciousness, being in Scorpio turns the attention to the sensations resulting thru the functioning of sex, giving a perception of the, usually ignored, undesirable effects on the body of sexual indulgence or of any loss of vitality thru that function. The perception of these undesirable effects of the loss of vitality will prompt to the restraint of the sex-impulses and give an inclination to chastity.

It will also disincline to express the mind fully, giving a tendency to hide one's thoughts, with the inclination to carry out one's plans in silence and secrecy. These influences will be most perceptible to persons born in the sign Scorpio, from October 23rd to November 22nd of any year, and by persons otherwise qualified by Scorpio. And particularly now by persons born on or near November 8th.

SATURN (♄) IN LIBRA (♎)

Saturn is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Transmutation, which causes changes from one state to another state, which is the reason its influence often brings sudden and complete changes. These changes are just as likely to be for the better as for the worse, altho even changes for the better sometimes cause temporary inconvenience.

Saturn is now in the sign Libra, and while in the sign Libra all the disturbing influences of Saturn, with its tendency to bring about sudden changes, are now felt by persons born in the sign Libra, between September 23rd and October 23rd. Those persons born between these

dates, and especially those born on or near October 8th, are liable to see sudden and decided changes in their lives and affairs.

While Saturn is in Libra it will tend to improve the mechanical abilities, which will lead to increased improvements in that line. It will increase ideals and visions and the appreciation of the reality of things unseen. It will aid those who seek to improve the domestic and social conditions by giving perceptions of better and higher states relative thereto; but to those who seek simply the enjoyments of the senses it will incline to license rather than to restraint.

JUPITER (♃) IN VIRGO (♍)

Jupiter is the embodiment of fermentation, and in whatever sign it may be it tends to strengthen the corresponding physical function.

Jupiter is now in the sign Virgo, and while in that sign it will strengthen the general digestion, and thus tend to improve the general health. But it will increase the general desire for an abundance of rich and highly seasoned food, with inclination toward sensual pleasures.

Jupiter in Virgo will bring fermentation into the lives of all persons born in the sign Virgo, between August 23rd and September 23rd; they will experience, what is not common to Virgo, an uneasy restlessness, and increased apprehension of possible coming events. This fermentation is now affecting especially those born on or near August 26th.

MARS (♂) IN PISCES (♛)

Because Mars is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Cohesion, the mother principle, its influence tends to bind and restrain in whatever sphere or department of life it may be operating.

Thruout November Mars will be in Pisces, and while in that sign it becomes an enemy to domestic happiness, as it prompts to dissatisfaction and fault-finding in the home.

EARTH (\oplus) IN SCORPIO (\mathfrak{M}) AND SAGITTARIUS (\nearrow)

The Earth being the embodiment of the Creative Principle Order, its presence in a sign tends to bring an increase of order, and consequent ability, into the lives of all persons who were born while the earth was in that sign.

Until November 22nd the earth will be in the sign Scorpio and while in that sign it will tend to increase the general vitality and thus to improve the general health. It will increase the general regard for law and established authority and customs, with a tendency to follow recognized leaders.

On November 22nd the earth will enter the sign Sagittarius, and while in that sign it will increase the general physical activity and energy among the people, and will incline to accomplish whatever is to be done quickly by prompt physical effort. It will also increase the regard for the general welfare.

VENUS ($\text{\textcircled{V}}$) IN LIBRA, ($\text{\textcircled{V}}$) SCORPIO (\mathfrak{M}) AND SAGITTARIUS (\nearrow)

The planet Venus is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Discrimination, and in whatever sign it may be it increases the general discrimination relative to the characteristics of that sign. Discrimination gives keen perceptions, and prompts to positive likes and dislikes.

Until November 3rd Venus will be in the sign Libra, and while in that sign it will brighten the intuitions and the reasoning faculties, and will increase the general desire for the companionship of the opposite sex.

It will increase the appreciation and love for the opposite sex especially in all persons born in the sign Libra, between September 23 and October 23, of any year.

On November 3rd Venus will enter the sign Scorpio, and while in that sign it will tend to render the love relations less sacred, and will incline to an increase of passion and incline to lessen love. It will increase the love for the opposite sex in those persons born between October 23 and November 22 of any year.

On November 21st Venus will enter Sagittarius, and

while in that sign it will increase the general conjugal loves, and incline to manifest love by service to the loved one. It will increase the appreciation for the opposite sex in persons born in Sagittarius, between November 22 and December 22, of any year.

MERCURY IN GEMINI (♊), CANCER (♋), LEO (♌)
VIRGO (♍) AND LIBRA (♎)

Mercury is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Force, and in whatever sign it may be, the corresponding physical function is strengthened and made more active.

Until November 4th Mercury will be in the sign Gemini, and while in that sign it will strengthen the throat and voice, and the mind, but will give an inclination to shrink from unusual responsibilities, as it inclines to give a feeling of helplessness and panic in times of sudden emergencies.

On November 4th Mercury will enter the sign Cancer, and while in that sign it will strengthen the lungs, and thus tend to improve the general health; it will also increase parental love.

On November 14th Mercury will enter the sign Leo, and while in that sign it will increase the general kindness, sympathy and love for the opposite sex.

On November 23rd Mercury will enter the sign Virgo, and while in that sign it will strengthen the digestion, and thus tend to increase the physical stamina. It will increase the desire for rich and stimulating food and drinks, and will tend to blur the intuitions, and thus incline to errors in judgment.

On November 29th Mercury will enter the sign Libra, and while in that sign it will tend to maintain the general health and to improve the foresight in business.

A SUMMING UP

Thruout the month the general health will be maintained, and thruout the last third of the month physical activity will increase. Thruout the month the domestic harmony is threatened. The good that may be gained will be largely the result of energetic effort.

LETTERS

Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

The Esoteric Fraternity,
Applegate, Calif.

Dear Friends in Truth and Service:

I am conscious of an obligation to you inasmuch as you have so faithfully and regularly mailed me The Christian Esoteric, which I consider a most advanced magazine, and it has come to hand regularly when published every month. I appreciate your generosity in remembering me as you do, tho my own Magazine, THE REVEALER, is not now being issued, consequently I cannot return the complement with an exchange copy.

I realize that we are by no means strangers as I was in regular correspondence with your esteemed Leader, Dr. Hiram E. Butler, since 1903-4 right on till his passing to the higher planes. I have had all his books, as you may know, even the bound volumes; also Solar Biology and other booklets, and have sold many of them in my Book Depot and had them in my Circulating Library in Perth, Western Australia, and also in Sydney, New South Wales. So that I have been privileged to send forth thru the medium of The Truth Center in Australia—of which I am the Founder—many hundreds of your excellent publications. Indeed, I introduced them to the people of Western Australia and sold parcels of "Special Instructions to Women," and "Practical Methods to Insure Success." And I trust you have also received a number of new subscribers as a result. But in any case once we sow the good seed, the Harvest is the Lord's, tho we may not know how vast it is. But that is not our concern only that we fulfil our part, and then we can leave the rest to the Spirit of Truth.

I do not need to mention these matters to you, but I should like to explain that just for the present I am not in a position to distribute so much Truth Literature, as when I was engaged in the exoteric work. For the present time

my work is esoteric. I am comparatively speaking in retreat and will continue for the next six or nine months, being engaged in the writing of new books. But when they are finished and if it then be the will of the Father I shall return to my Home Center in Sydney, N. S. Wales. And then I will be in a better position to send forth your splendid magazine and other good books.

I do so appreciate Enoch Penn's answers to the many and varied questions he receives. I read them eagerly. And the articles by Dr. Butler, which are repeated from "Bible Review," are very excellent and well worthy of publication in this form. He being absent to this physical plane yet speaketh from the Higher Spheres and he is still disseminating the Great Light of Truth as he did in the years gone by. His books will live. I have them all in my library, and greatly value the SOLAR BIOLOGY tho I am not particularly a student in that line. . . .

Now, dear Friends, I know that you are earnest co-workers in the Great Cause, and I appreciate your remembrance of me. My Brother Co-worker, joins me in fraternal greetings to you all, as he at one time visited you, many years ago, when your Leader gave him a very kindly reception. Wishing you continued success with your splendid message of Truth, and assuring you of our united interest in the good work,

Yours in service for the living Christ,

Veni Cooper-Mathieson, Principal, The Truth Center
and Metaphysical College.

Washington, D. C.

Esoteric Fraternity:

Since receiving the September 1938 number of the Christian Esoteric and reading pages 284 and 285, Editorial, I thank you and the Higher Powers that you did not stop sending your magazine to me. Those two pages are the most interesting thing to me that I have ever read,

and I could tell Dr. William Marias Malisoff that *I know* there is a connection between sexual potency and longevity. Perhaps the planets that were in our respective signs when we landed on this planet gives us that power.

I stepped into my eightieth year June 2nd 1938. I have never been ill and do not know age except when I look in the glass and see the wrinkles in my face—I have had those wrinkles only since I had a severe cold in December, 1937 which lasted until June 1938—cold in throat and head, cured it with lemon juice and honey, finally. I should like to talk with Dr. Malisoff—I should like to know why we cannot keep our flesh smooth instead of getting wrinkles. Thank you for sending the "Christian Esoteric." You will hear from me again.

(Miss) Margaret Ann Stottlemeyer.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Friends:

I have just read in the Magazine of requests for Solar Biology for some Libraries, so I am sending a remittance for that purpose, or for any purpose you wish to use it. I have read Henry Proctor's account of his increasing vigor and good eyesight, and I can testify to the same, tho I am nearly 82 years of age. And I, too, have been swimming nearly every day all summer—not in the ocean, but in a 100 foot pool.

With love and good wishes to you all, T. Thompson.

Los Angeles, California.

The Christian Esoteric,
Applgate, California.

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all! I have thought of you often during the past three years, since my last visit to you, and have

thought how happy you all must be to see one organization after another speak boldly for the conservation of the sex-energy for building better bodies and improving character and life, and its use for procreation only. . . .

I am still entangled with the depression, but keep hoping for a grand release. Best wishes,

Craig Garman.



"ALL THINGS ARE YOURS"

"Know all good things are yours:" (I Cor. III 21.)
This was not spoken of the little self,
Nor of material things, but those divine.
The soul is given its choice of the two ways,
One leads to temporal wealth, the other winds
O'er rugged paths and by a narrow trail,
Yet ever upward toward the Mountain Heights.
Be sure that Love would save her childrens' feet
The pain of bleeding wounds, did she not know
Thus only can they come to her at last,
Enter her fastness to abide for aye
And with her share the joys of Paradise.

—LURA BROWER.

EDITORIAL—The Sixth Sense

MAN has five physical senses—sight, hearing, feeling, smell, taste—and what is termed the "6th sense" is commonly understood to mean any faculty of which man is capable, which is independent of these five recognized channels of sense.

We find that the Professors of Science in our foremost institutions of learning, while spending much time and money in Research Laboratories, yet sometimes give out opinions relative to subjects beyond the cognizance of

the five physical senses, that show a complete lack of knowledge of the subject, yet they do not hesitate to voice their opinions as conclusive knowledge. The recent denunciation of the subject of telepathy, or the communication of thought from one mind to another mind, independent of any of the five channels of sense, shows that these men of learning fail in their methods of pursuing the study of this kind of knowledge.

Occasionally some one of the scientists is able to see, and willing to admit, the existence of interior or esoteric faculties. The eminent scientist, Alexis Carrel, who for so many years was associated with the Rockefeller Institute, in his book, "Man the Unknown," admits the existence of clairvoyance and clairaudience, but adds practically nothing informative on these subjects.

At the annual meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, in early September, of the American Psychological Association, the many members there gathered, decided to inaugurate a nation-wide investigation of mind-reading and telepathy. This is a step at least, in the right direction, and it will be interesting to watch the development of their investigations, since their membership includes, so we understand, representatives from the Scientific Research Departments of the principle Universities and Colleges of this country.

The fact of the matter is, this "6th sense," is really not *one* sense, but a full set of soul-faculties. And many and interesting—and sometimes very amusing, as well—are the experiences that are related by those persons who have developed these soul-faculties or senses.

There is no method of life that so quickly and so fully develops the hidden or unseen faculties of which man is capable, as the Regeneration. And when we say, "Regeneration," we mean the term in its fullest sense. There are those who claim to be living the Regeneration, who not only do not try to develop faculties beyond the five senses, but who oppose the possibility of others doing so,

and even the advisability of others trying to do so. A part of this opposition, however, may very justly be disposed of by terming it "Sour Grapes," as it is hardly worthy of further consideration. For a person who continually fights the natural and rightful development made by others, can be prompted only by a spirit of jealousy, and but keeps himself in ignorance; but his expressed opinions should not be allowed to have weight with persons of normal and unbiased intelligence.

The Esoteric student should not be discouraged in his rightful development by those who would frown down this normal soul-development. For he should know he is only walking in advance of the crowd, and even in advance of the learned or scientific minds of the time, and that the day will come when knowledge on these subjects will be regarded with fair and just respect. And he should keep right on in the pursuit of his investigations, and not be influenced by the expressed opinions of the so-called students who condemn such investigation, and he should not forget that, in the words of Spencer:

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance: this principle is contempt prior to investigation."

WPA LIBRARIES

SOME of the WPA Libraries have more calls for reading matter than they are able to supply, and they have no funds for providing such reading matter, so some of the Librarians tell us, but they are dependent upon the goodwill of the Publishers for help with material. And as we have calls from some of these Libraries for reading matter for their patrons, we are wondering if among our readers there are not some who will feel able to help us in filling these calls. The Librarians engaged in this WPA service, whom we have contacted, are the finest kind of persons and we feel sure they are doing all in their power to help the people in this way.

TABLE OF CUSP TRANSITS

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Washington, D. C., (Civil Time) Nov., 1938.

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| ♀ | ♎ | 3 | 0 | 37 a. m. |
| " | ♑ | 21 | 5 | 55 p. m. |
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| ♃ | " | ♎ | 3 | 43 | 11 |
| ♅ | " | ♏ | 15 | 24 | 5 |
| ♁ | " | ♎ | 15 | 42 | 30 |

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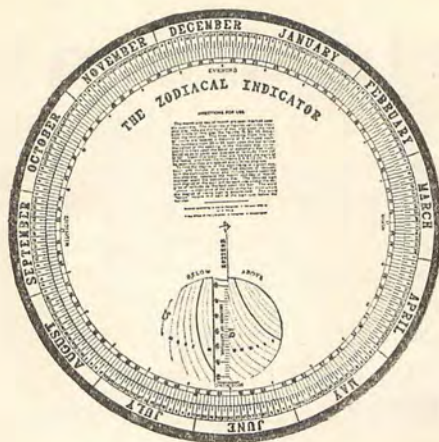
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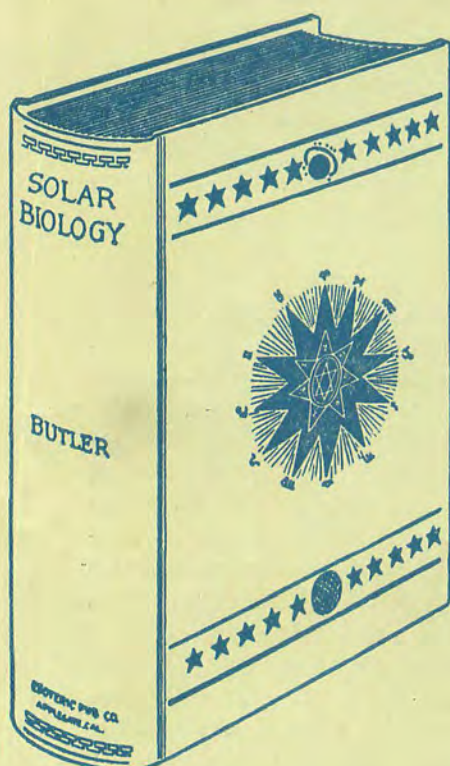
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