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"Now concerning Spiritual Gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

(ST. PAUL.)

As ancient manifestation of Spirit led to formulae of religious worship; so does modern Spirit manifestation lead to Analytical Spiritual Philosophy and Religion.

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The Woman's Progressive Union Sundays **3 and 8 P. M.**, at the Hall, 327 Franklin Avenue, near Greene.

The Christian Evolution Society Sundays **8 P. M.** at Co-operative Hall, Howard Avenue & Madison St.

The Fraternity Spiritual Association Sundays **8 P. M.** at Fraternity Hall, 869 Bedford Avenue, near Myrtle.

Meeting for Psychic Culture Sundays **3 P. M.** at Arlington Hall, Gates Avenue, corner Nostrand.

SYNOPSIS OF

Talk Lecture by W. Wines Sargent,

Sunday Evening, September 20th,

Co-Operative Hall, Howard Ave. near Broadway, Brooklyn

Revelation is the subject of thought this evening. Every thought, act, deed, thing is of a triune character—i. e. made up of three elements. I am now thinking and giving expression to thought. Intelligences invisible vibrate on my sensorium which in turn awaken your consciousness. Here we have the trinity relative to thought and its expression. The unseen intelligence, the seen agency or organism and the effect. The same triune character is true of an act or deed. There is the invisible motive, the visible actor and the objective point of action. The same triune character is true of every *thing*. By *thing* I mean a materialized thought. This globe is a *thing*,—a materialized thought. It is the resultant of an unseen power, thinking power, if you please God power. In this globe we have the trinity which is a necessity in all nature—the unseen forces, the objective form embodying those forces and the mysteries to which the two elements tend but never fully divulge. Man is a *thing*. He is of a dual or double nature, but of a triune character. First spiritual, second physical and third the Holy Ghost the mysterious which overshadows all.

Now revelation is the lifting of the veil from the mysterious realm in nature. In a scriptural sense the last book in the Bible is intended as a revelation of that which precedes; but however beautiful, significant and beneficent, the revelations attributed to St. John have no significance to the one who has no spiritual perception.

What do I mean by spiritual perception? To feel truth with the heart, see it with the mind; not the symbol, but that which lies back of and gives birth to the symbol.

The spirit through the media necessarily symbolizes thought expression to reach human consciousness.

As a sequence there have been veritable thrones, lakes of fire, bottomless pits, etc., that frenzied the minds of men. The symbolisms used for expression have been taken as real.

St Jerome who lived in the fourth Century and who was the most distinguished writer of his time on biblical themes, said in reference to St John's book of Revelations, "it contains as many mysteries, as words."

Some one has said John Calvin was too wise to write about the book of Revelations.

Calvin's and St. Jerome's line of thought and methods of thinking were such there was no such thing as strictly spiritual revelation.

Calvin's action toward Servetus and his creed in general indicate an inability to reach beyond personality. He emphasized the material plane and methods and not the spiritual.

The thought I wish to emphasize tonight and one requiring careful reading of certain parts of the Bible I will present in the form of a square.

On one side place the spirit expression of thought through the organism of Moses relative to Creation (1st chapt of Genesis) where seven periods are specified, each period a day. At the same time we read of seven conditions, from the most primitive to the most profound. Here is an attempt to express truth spiritual to reach mental consciousness. On the opposite side of the square place the attempted expression of truth spiritual through the entrancement of St. John (Revelation) where the spirit resorts to symbolisms representing seven conditions.

On the third side place the attempted expression of truth spiritual through the entranced organisms of modern personages such as Swedenborg, Andrew Jackson Davis and a multitude of more recent entranced mediums; the visions seen and the symbols used by the spirit to express truth spiritual.

When familiar with the expressions on the three sides of the square, place on the fourth side or bottom that which you can know only by study of self—the seven conditions, planes or spheres of your life; for man represents all there is in the physical and spiritual realms.

"Number seven represents the scale in all departments of nature—the Constitution of the Universe and the Constitution of man. The first stage man resembles an animal; the second, he begins to have a presentation of the existence of something higher; the third, he begins to seek that higher element; the fourth, his lower and higher desires are counter-balancing each other; the fifth, he anxiously seeks for the divine, but seeking it in the external can not find it; the sixth, he finds the divine element within himself and develops spiritual self-consciousness; "the seventh, is the consummation of that which the lower man has struggled to attain."

Abstracts of lecture before the Spiritualist's Association in Fraternity Hall, Sunday evening, September 27th, by Rev. Francis Edgar Mason, Pastor of the First Church of Christ, Bedford Ave. and Madison Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"If I were to select one hundred topics, I would drift back to the one subject "Man." Man is the greatest being in the universe. Considered from the human plane, man is the greatest creature. If we attempt to delineate an angel or depict a deity, we are forced to make him in the image and likeness of man. . . .

Man's weapon is his mind. He has no fangs, no claws, no tusks. If man is an animal, he is bound sometime to become extinct, for in brute creation, physical force is the criterion of survival. But man is not an animal. He is a spiritual being; a fundamentally perfect and harmonious being, despite the evidence of the senses to the contrary. . . .

Health, harmony and heaven are questions of intelligence, not of religion nor of medication. Intelligence is the saviour of this world; ignorance is the only devil.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Because man has considered himself from the mortal and human plane of life, he has precipitated discord upon the human family. By a radical change in his estimation of himself, he may prove his birth-right of "dominion over all things" . . .

The assumption that God is Spirit and that man is physical; that God is infinite and man mortal, has shattered the stability of the universe and placed man and God upon antagonistic premises. . . .

The man of Galilee demonstrated the fact that man and God are one, not sentimentally one, but potentially one. His declaration: "I and the Father are one," equipped him with power over the extrinsic world. This same power is latent in us.

Only as humanity concedes itself to be co-equal and co-estate with the man of old, will the resurrection of man be consummated

Man has ignorantly followed the beliefs of an ignorant priesthood until humanity has become vassal to traditions and pensioners upon hopes. Both are useless to human progress. Religion has become a hereditary disease with the multitudes. Vainly has man sought the domain of the perfect and the heavenly through materialism, evolution, ecclesiasticism and metaphysics. They are the four walls of the tomb in which man lies buried.

There is but one true basis of life and being, the spiritual. Until man establishes his mind upon this premise, he will continue

to pose as the serf of the universe. When he awakens from the incubus of human illusion to the fact of his divine and perfect nature, he will gain his pristine condition as the sovereign over this world, having "dominion over all things."

The primary object of the Leaflet is to apprise the infidel and materialist that individual life consciousness does not begin in the womb and cease in the tomb; that life in the human is one of quality and degree, has ceased to be a question of eternity. And for the affirmation of this spiritualistic principal we claim both ancient and modern psychic manifestations lead to philosophies which, in turn, specify the true relationship of man to man and of man to the Highest Wisdom.

Special attention is called to the Artistic work in vocal music by Mme. Ida Talbot Albert who is singing at the Co-operative Hall meeting. This is a case where language fails to express due praise; the heart should be present to applaud.

—See her advertisement on 4th page.—

At Fraternity Hall 4th inst. Mrs. F. M. Holmes Lectured and Mrs. Olmstead gave psychic readings.

At Co-operative Hall Mr. Philbrook and Miss Terry officiated.

THE CHRISTIAN EVOLUTION SOCIETY
meets every Sunday Evening at Co-operative Hall. Howard Avenue near Broadway.

As the title page of the Leaflet shows, the effort is to unify, utilize, scattered truth lingering in the mazes of error. All beliefs considered respectfully, but critically.

During the month of September, Miss TERRY will supplement the lectures with strong evidences of the law of Spirit Communion.

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