

# Christian Evolution Leaflet.

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

(ST. PAUL.)

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

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

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Sundays at 8 P. M., in Amphion Building, Bedford Ave., near South 10th Street.

Meeting for Ethical Culture on Thursday Evenings 8 o'clock, at 108½ Madison Street near Bedford Avenue.



# Spiritualism the Messiah

OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY,

BY MRS. F. M. HOLMES, Nov. 12th,  
at 108½ MADISON ST.

## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY MESSIAH ?

The Anointed Christ—Messiahship, the office of a Saviour—Christ the principle—Jesus the Man—Saviour—Mediator.

The ministrations of Jesus differed in every respect from that of the Prophets and Seers. Sacred and secular history show conclusively how crude, gross and sensual the life expressions of the leaders antedating the birth of Jesus, and how necessary for the growth and development of humanity that a higher type of manhood should come into existence.

Jesus was the product, embodied expression of harmony. In him were vested attributes and characteristics above the ordinary mortal.

His Spiritual endowments were in advance of the time. He opened up a new Era ; gave an impetus to thought through agitation ; setting aside the old ; inaugurating the new. Ever true to the law of his being he put away the letter that killeth and commenced the work of regeneration.

Men and women then, as now, were accustomed to receive through the physical. In them the Spiritual was latent, therefore he appealed to the outer man ; demonstrating to the sense life the power of God ; performing so-called miracles,—healing the sick,—turning water into wine,—feeding the multitude, that personal interest and wonder might call forth questioning. Following this, one must sense his great desire to educate his followers ; not after the manner of the learned Jews ; but to a recognition of the Spirit. This was paramount to all other considerations. He selected uneducated men, plastic minds fitted by birth to receive and accept his teaching. This Master,—this incarnation of good, manifested in the flesh which went from City to City, sowing seeds that have and will continue to bear fruit. Nearly two thousand years have come and gone ; but the power of the Spirit abideth. Change, devastation and death have followed in the wake of each succeeding year ; yet the Spirit abideth and the work goeth on. Truth is an ever living, everlasting abiding thing. Dissensions may arise ; injustice stalk abroad ; hypocrites multiply ; Saviours be crucified, but the Spirit abideth—yea the Spirit abideth and will sing its song of rejoicing and thanksgiving because it now manifests through the flesh.

O! Life and Love! O! wondrous power!  
That shapeth atoms, mouldeth flower ;  
That crowns the earth with waving grain,  
That moves in storm-cloud, wind and rain.  
Thou concrete essence fashioning form,  
From grain of sand, to mortal form  
Draw near ! Infill us with creative power,  
Let us receive our heritage, our dower ;  
Let fear depart ; our better Angel see,  
That to be God-like, we must live in Thee.  
Though troubled waves across our life  
barque roll,  
Centre us, Father, in Thine over-Soul.  
Bid us come home, forget this life of care ;  
Resting in Thee, for Thou art everywhere.

## HELEN STUART RICHINGS.

Brooklyn is favored this month with the presence of Mrs. Helen Stuart Richings who proves to be an eloquent advocate of the Spiritualists' cause. It is gratifying to see her advancement and abilities emphasized by the character of the criticisms which have been freely made in regard to her advocacy. A careful analysis will disclose that it is broad as well as specific and logical. She has observed sufficient demonstrated facts in Spiritism which have, to her, become efficient servants in deducing spiritual truth. She is passing from conception to perception ; from phenomena in physics to formulæ in psychics ; from illusory form, to the eternal principles producing the form.

Spiritual Evolution, or more strictly speaking in reference to man, Christian Evolution employs two principle agencies in its work, viz: *Time* and *Decay*. The progressive mind clings to the wings of Time ; the inert mind lingers in the lap of Decay. The latter however, has its use in illustrating what was and still is, in regard to itself and what might and should have been in its relation to the other. Mrs. Richings and her critics beautifully illustrate and affirm the principle of Christian Evolution. Her reply to the criticism of her statement "that no one could see a spirit" was forceful in the extreme, and the modern effort in spiritual thought will have missed its important mission in failing to cancel the pagan and even Christian fallacies of form worship. Spirit is formless, and unless one can sense spirit and spiritual truth irrespective of form, such an one's education in the elements of spiritual truth is sadly deficient, scarcely better than the orthodoxy which it presumes to condemn.

The greatest offense of all seems to have been that Mrs. Richings claimed to be the speaker. The claim of personality signi-



fies nothing if through that organism approximate wisdom flows to intensify and enrich human consciousness. At best the human organism is but a vibratory machine for the transmission of intelligence and fortunate indeed is he or she whose spiritual consciousness is so in touch with the higher intelligence that the human may remain in an apparently normal state to aid, as it were, in materializing and making *practical* the higher spiritual thought. Mrs Richings is a power and in the right direction.

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Find time to read Pres. A. D. Barrett's full report of the National Spiritual Association at Convention in Washington, D. C. It is full of significant suggestions.

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One other phase of Spiritual work is needed in the list of the LEAFLET'S co-operative meetings to make the range almost complete, viz. modern, as related to ancient Spiritual teachings, biblical or otherwise. This will give modern thinkers in Brooklyn an opportunity to express and go on record as to *their* interpretation of past Spiritual history. Any considerable number desiring such a meeting Sunday afternoon or weekday evening please address the "LEAFLET." Let us be abreast of the times and active factors therein.

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Divination or foretelling events by mediatorial power, to most people seems preposterous. The long list in biblical record to approximate correctness and the longer list of recent time to more specific and approximate correctness, argue affirmatively of a general and practicable law of divination. We are seeking the principles of that law.

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The Rev. F. E. Mason received a goodly hearing at the Progressive Spiritual meeting on the 8th instant. It is amusing to see his struggle with the problem of Evolution, and he should be thankful for its elastic quality. He burns the bridge of logic between the state of the mind as it is, and as it ought to be. There is a large quantity of "where-at-ness" for Mr. Mason in the growth theorem

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At Co-operative Hall a few Sundays will be devoted, in connection with the phenomena, to talk lectures by W. Wines Sargent on Elements of Spiritual Science.

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 principle 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.

#### THE CHRISTIAN EVOLUTION SOCIETY

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