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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind

## COLUMBUS

Behind him lay the gray Azores,  
Behind the gates of Hercules;  
Before him not the ghost of shores,  
Before him only shoreless seas.  
The good mate said, "Now must we pray,  
For lo, the very stars are gone.  
Brave Admir'l, speak, what shall I say?"  
"Why, say, 'Sail on, sail on, and on.'"

The men grew mutinous by day,  
The men grew ghastly pale and weak.  
The stout mate thought of home. A spray  
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.  
"What shall I say, brave Admir'l, say,  
If we sight naught but seas at dawn?"  
"Why you shall say at break of day,  
'Sail on, sail on, sail on, and on.'"

They sailed, they sailed, as winds might blow,  
Until at last the blanched mate said,  
"Why, now, not even God would know  
Should I and all my men fall dead.  
These very winds forget their way,  
For God from these dread seas has gone.  
Now, speak, brave Admir'l, speak and say."  
He said, "Sail on, sail on, and on."

They sailed, they sailed. Then spoke the mate,  
"This mad sea shows its teeth to-night,  
He curls his lip, he lies in wait  
With lifted teeth as if to bite,  
Brave Admir'l, say but one good word,  
What shall we do when hope is gone?"  
The words leaped as a flaming sword,  
"Sail on, sail on, sail on, and on."

—Joaquin Miller.

## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* War.

\*\*\* Oaths.

\*\*\* Titles.

\*\*\* Poverty.

\*\*\* Public worship.

\*\*\* Personal authority.

\*\*\* Disease and death are abolished in Christianity.

\*\*\* This looks like it was very practical and personal.

\*\*\* The promises are also just as personal and practical.

\*\*\* Christianity means personal liberty, the freedom of the individual

\*\*\* The prohibitions are only of such things as would bind individuals, and take away personal liberty.

\*\*\* The bondage of war, titles, oaths, poverty, public worship, personal authority, disease and death, enslaves mind and body.

\*\*\* You may expect the promises to be fulfilled as soon as you are filled with the principles. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all things shall be added unto you."

\*\*\* "I knew your house was yellow."

I said it was cream, and cream of the kind that the milkman sells. The color is not yellow. It is called a white house.

\*\*\* The kingdom of God is always and forever the kingdom of the individual. It is never the kingdom of the Institution, or an organization of individuals. The Kingdom of God is the sovereignty of your own divinity.

\*\*\* February CHRISTIAN is out of print, but you can begin subscriptions with March. I like the plan of you Christians putting your friends on the paid list for every dollar you send for treatments. It works splendidly.

\*\*\* "Don't care what you say, your vibrations are stronger when the White Lady is present with you."

Um! Ah! Ahem! I guess you have got it down about right. Blessed be the White Wife!

\*\*\* Give your name and address, town, city, state, and street number, in every letter, no matter how often you write. I can't keep a World Directory in my head, and will not try it.

\*\*\* Don't you call the Christians a success circle. While we are seeking and getting success, it is not our whole aim. We are seeking for glory, honor, and immortality, which is the fullness of success.

\*\*\* "I AM Sermons" is the only book I have in print. You can have it sent post-paid for fifty cents, to yourself or to any of your friends, or you can have two copies for every dollar you send for treatments. It is cloth-bound, with the portrait of the author as he was when the book was written. My wife declares that the picture shows me with a sickly looking preacher face. She is a heretic! The book is all right and so is the picture.

\*\*\* "I had rather be a sucker in the ocean of Truth, than a whale in a mud puddle, so string me on for another month."

That's good! I can see that whale spouting mud. It is all right; you are neither sucker nor whale, but a game fish, if your name is Fannie.

\*\*\* Joaquin Miller caught the spirit of Columbus in the poem which I print as the keynote of this issue of CHRISTIAN. Elbert Hubbard calls this "the greatest poem ever written by an American." It took hold of me. I give it as a song of the spirit of man.

\*\*\* Don't try to make your dates begin with the calendar month unless they happen that way. I would much prefer having you distributed over the whole month than to have you all coming at once. Let your date begin with the date of my answer to your letter. You will get the month of treatments just the same.

\*\*\* "Have had two raises in salary since last fall. Please continue to treat me for success as well as health, for I want four or five more advancements in salary, so that I may have Her with me."

I shall keep right on with the vibrations for your prosperity, and I hope that you will always spell Her with a capital H. I bless you and Her!

\*\*\* "Thanks, many thanks for the CHRISTIAN, and let me say that while not unconscious of the value of the words printed therein, yet, in my estimation, the matter published is and must be secondary to the vibratory power of the Spirit which transfuses itself through all and over all."

You have the key note of CHRISTIAN. It is the quickening Spirit which makes it vibrant with health and happiness.

\*\*\* "I send you a dollar and I suppose it will pay for myself and wife, as we are one."

Say, that rule will not work. I often get such requests from both wives and husbands. I would willingly do it, but they make me pay for two seats in the street car, two chairs at the theatre, and I notice that the cook puts down two plates at the table. When it comes to buying things, I find that my wife and I are two. Chip in the extra dollar, boys, and look pleasant.

\*\*\* You will be doing good work if you will send samples of CHRISTIAN to your friends. Or send me the names and I will mail samples. Never again will we send out samples in a haphazard way. I want each paper to hit the spot. This is the reason why you Christians are doing so much good by sending a name and address for every dollar sent for treatments.

\*\*\* "The reason you have not heard from me is because I have spent the last three months in France and Italy, studying and having fun. Now I am home and ready to work, and I want you to get right to work and get some big jobs for me. I want to make enough to take my wife abroad with me in the summer of 1906. So please hustle."

That's from the man who owns my yacht. See how he commands me to hustle. Well, his motives are good, for he wants to take the wife abroad for her pleasure. I will hustle!"

\*\*\* "There is no stronger force of vibratory aid than that of our Circle of Christians."

That is the truth. I sit here in the center of this Circle and can see that power growing day by day and spreading over the whole earth. One individual, inspired by the Spirit of God, is enough to set the world on fire. How much more force will there be in a whole company of individuals.

\*\*\* Helen Wilmans, with her daughter, Ada Powers, will visit in Los Angeles for the summer. I am glad that she has come out of part of her troubles, and is on the road to freedom. The decision of the court has been reversed by the court of appeals and the postmaster general will certainly rescind the fraud order so that she can get her mail in her own name. William Walker Atkinson has also gone to California. He is living in Pasadena.

\*\*\* Christians are springing up everywhere. The movement called the Circle of Christians is the mightiest unfolding of the Spirit known in human history. It is the uncovering of Christianity in the individual. You would be astonished at the kind of people who are awakening to the fact that they are Christians. Go right on with your treatments, but send CHRISTIAN to your friends. This does not leave as much margin for the treatments, but it spreads the Truth.

\*\*\* It is all right for you to send one dollar a month for membership to the Circle of Christians. Suit your own convenience and send monthly, quarterly, or annually, as it pleases you. But be sure you send, for I need the money to buy an automobile. I have caught the fever. That wife of mine, since returning from California, is "just crazy" for an automobile. It is high time I was riding in my own automobile and sailing my own yacht. I have been giving yachts and automobiles to other men for lo these many years.

\*\*\* "Will you treat my wife and I on credit? I will send you a dollar a month on the credit, and if I don't get any benefit from your treatments, I will quit sending any money. I want to be treated for Health, Happiness and Prosperity. I want to get free from debt and all bondage of every kind."

How can you get free from bondage while you are ready to go into bondage? You want to get free from debt, and you are ready to get into my debt. You not only want treatments on credit, but you want to cut my price in half and send only one dollar for you and your wife. I suppose you want the subscriptions along with the treatments. Debt is the devil, and I will not encourage the Old Scratch. Here is a good motto: "Do not beg, borrow or steal." To beg will humiliate you, to borrow will put you in bondage, and stealing ought to get you into jail. It is also a good thing to neither lend nor borrow. If you borrow you put yourself in bondage to your friend; if you lend, you put your friend in bondage to you.

\*\*\* "The Home of CHRISTIAN looks inviting to me, who am so weary of unrest. May I touch the live wire and realize Freedom? The beautiful home of CHRISTIAN will grow and grow until all souls come within its spiritual influence."

Many such expressions come from wanderers in the wilderness. I want all of you to make this your mental home. Come here when you want rest. Connect with this center for health, happiness and prosperity. Reach out towards this center for the full Joy of Living.

\*\*\* "Do you give us poor one-dollar people the same treatments that you do the big ones who pay more?"

Bless your heart, I give the treatments and pay no attention to the money part of it. You get daily treatments, no matter whether you pay \$1 or \$10. I don't want you to have any such a thought about the matter. I have bankers, brokers, senators, congressmen, lawyers, doctors, saloonkeepers, policemen, hotel waiters, clerks, day laborers, Indians, Mexicans, Cubans, Spaniards, all kinds of people, and each one receives the treatments according to their need. God bless all of us! That wife of mine, who is taking down this item, said "Salvation Army!" All right, Salvation Army with drums and flags is all right, except their uniforms. That bonnet!

\*\*\* "That pretty home will come some day. I once got a spanking from my mother, when I was about 5 years old, because I would not cease teasing her to move into a large two-story stone house. I have been wanting to move into one ever since, and am now 44."

I suppose the picture of our home has caused more new homes to start in the mind and on the ground than anything I could have said in type. One woman bought a lot and paid for it, but only had money enough to put up two rooms. She put up the two rooms, and then sent a dollar for treatments for a kitchen. I liked her spunk, and know that she will be happier in her two rooms—and the kitchen to come—than a large house on which she was paying rent. Go right ahead and get you a nest of your own. Then everything that you add to it will bring you more and more happiness.

\*\*\* "I received the vibrations of health from you, during a sudden attack of illness, a few weeks since, in response to my mental appeal to you for aid before my daughter's letter, written in my behalf, had left the house."

There are many cases of the kind. The spiritual mind is not in bondage to the mail or even the telegraph. It has a way of its own. The supraconscious self often sends and receives messages. When the Spirit of Truth is come, it will fill the whole earth with the vibrations of Health and Happiness. Of course, it will come through telepathy. There is no other way. God has been speaking in the Silence, and will keep right on speaking in that way. We are just now getting where we can hear the Silent Word.

\*\*\* "You speak in CHRISTIAN about men who have paid you five dollars a month for years. Don't those you help and teach ever get so they can walk alone with God's help the same as you are doing? Will those men, in order to prosper, have to send you five dollars a month the rest of their lives? Or is it to be in the Circle? I don't just understand. It seems to me that we ought to grow and be able to depend upon the God within ourselves for Health, Strength and Supply. I understand that is what Mrs. Eddy claims to teach those who come to her for light. Am I right?"

If you think that I am walking alone you are badly mistaken. I am walking with the Christians, and they are just as much of a support to me in my unfoldment as to any other individual in the Circle. It is the fellowship of the Spirit and the movement of all of us in a procession headed for Kingdom Come. So far as teaching is concerned, Mrs. Eddy is the only It in her organization. But in the Circle of Christians, each one of us is It. The one who is the strongest and mightiest is the one that we need in the Circle. These men and women who have come up through great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white, are the ones who give strength, wisdom and power to the rest of us. Many men and women are not paying this money for their own personal interests, but to advance the cause of Truth and make the Circle of Christians financially independent. All of the weak ones and the "little ones" are welcome in this Circle of Christians, but as they grow stronger and mightier in the Truth they abide to lend their strength to others. This is not a money movement, but a movement of minds seeking for mental, physical and financial freedom. There are no leaders in this movement and no personal authority. The Spirit of Truth is the only Leader. The law of attraction is the only organization. Rise and shine in your own glorious Light!

\*\*\* "I smile when I read about people asking you to stop their treatments. Since I started with you, I asked you to stop two or three times. I don't remember if I gave any reason, but it was because I felt that I could not endure the fire of the Spirit. You said all right. I found it made no difference. The work went along just the same. So when I found I had to toe the scratch, I asked you to begin again, so I might get through with it as soon as possible. My appearance begins to show that there has been a lot of dead wood consumed."

This man, who sends \$25 quarterly, has tried several times to let go. He lives in the place called the Hub, and is surrounded with the greatest thinkers and writers on the planet. When once the Word of Truth is spoken for you, it will accomplish its purposes. You may get out of heart and become discouraged, but the Spirit works right along night and day. The Word of God does not return empty, but will accomplish the purpose whereunto it is sent. This is true of the planet as well as of the individuals on it.

\*\*\* "Perhaps Mrs. Shelton does not give treatments, but the vibrations are stronger and more helpful in my case, when she is in Denver."

Such is a fair sample of the "indignation" expressed over a little harmless item in April CHRISTIAN. I thought that I was It, but I find that my readers think that She is also It. Well, rub it in just as hard as you want to, for that will give me an excuse to keep her at home. She has been here since the last of April, so June CHRISTIAN is dictated to Her Majesty. Except the long editorials which were given to the stenographer. We like to have these little chats with you all by ourselves.

\*\*\* It is utterly impossible to run this business without a stenographer. You know what I said about it some time ago. Well, it all worked well enough for a while. Then the fingers of the little woman began to have cramps. It is too much physical labor for a woman of her strength. I will go right on dictating letters to the stenographer, if you will send self-addressed and stamped envelopes. I can't run around and hunt up your address. Besides, the vibrations will work much better if I drop your self-addressed and stamped envelope on the table in front of the stenographer and go on with my talk to you!

\*\*\* The freedom of the individual is vindicated in the Circle of Christians. It has been two years since the enrollment of the first names in this Circle. In that time we have found Christians here and there all over the planet. Someone suggested a convention of the Christians. It would take a very big miracle to bring about such a convention in the physical. It would take too much money, for they would have to come from all parts of the globe. One woman, for instance, in Finland has gathered around her a group of Christians. Another away down in the Canary Islands, another in Hawaii, another in Algiers, and still another in the Fiji Islands. These groups are found in London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Italy, India, and, in fact, in all civilized communities. Australia, Canada, and especially the great Northwest, are represented in the Circle of Christians. They are quiet kind of people and do not make much noise, but they get there just the same.

\*\*\* "I smile when I think how your thoughts have changed since I first began with CHRISTIAN. I am glad you have the courage of your convictions, and if your opinions change every day, you dare to say so."

I'm not a wooden Indian, but a living man. Therefore, there is plenty of room for me to change. It would be a great pity for one to have a mind that couldn't be changed. It would be a stereotyped, electrotyped fixture. We printers throw all such into the "hellbox," after they are worn awhile. By the way, my readers have changed rapidly, for some of them used to be ashamed to let anyone know that they took CHRISTIAN. Now they brag about it.

### "THE ONLY WAY."

Health.

Happiness.

Prosperity.

This is the trinity of Being.

It is what all the world is seeking.

Health of body. Not only during youth and manhood, but all the time and everywhere.

This calls for a body that is free from disease. There is no pleasure in pain. There can't be any joy in misery.

The human race has come to the place where they are asking for a resurrection into immortality.

Just think of living in a body that knows nothing of disease, old age or death. An electrical or spiritual body that is as free from contamination by its environment as the sun.

It means Spirit.

The very word translated "Spirit" means the breath of life.

What is life?

Life is you. You speak of yourself as life. You never think of calling yourself death.

You say to yourself, I hear. I see. I move. I eat. I drink. It is always and forever I. You never think of calling hearing by name, which would make it an entity separate from yourself. You know that your ears do not hear. They are only instruments that you use in hearing. You are inside and hold communication with the outside through the ear.

Your eye does not see, but you see with the eye. It is the Spirit that has vision, hearing, in a word, that is alive. There is no life in the body except as it is given by the Spirit.

When the Spirit leaves the body the eyes no longer see and the ears are void of hearing. So then the seeing, hearing, acting, is of the Spirit. That means that *you* are doing all of these things, for you are Spirit.

The same is true of the Mind.

There must be mind in man that knows all things. There is such a mind.

If we were not all orators there would be no audience for the orators. If we were not all musicians there would be no one to hear the music of the Masters. If we were not all great writers there would be no readers for the writers. If we were not all born artists the painters would have no constituency. It takes inspired readers for inspired writers. It is all in us. There is not one single atom added to or taken from us. Everything that belongs to us is perfect.

The body is perfect. The mind is perfect.

We have in us all that there is. How, then, can we get it? How can we come into possession? How can we enter into our kingdom?

It must be brought out. It must be called forth.

If one man among us can play like Paderewski, it is a sign that we are all Masters of Music.

These men who stand out from among us are one with us.

I say unto thee, little ones, and big ones, that we are all one.

The only way is by Spiritual Unfoldment.

Let us now go over the ground and see what we have been doing in the past fifteen years and more.

It is now the beginning of my fifteenth year in this metaphysical movement.

Christian Science came into our thought like a cyclone.

I came on the ground after the cyclone passed. Everything looked very much like Truth had been taking a little exercise.

Once in Little Rock there was a cyclone or a hurricane which came in the night and left a track of devastation behind it. I was on the ground, looking over the waste with others. Everything was very still and solemn. All at once an old black "Mammy" put her hands on her hips and exclaimed: "God A-mighty shoah been walkin' 'round heah las' night."

Well, when Christian Science had passed over the churches, it looked as if God Almighty had been walking around. They are not yet over the surprise, but nearly all of the creeds have been remodeled and refashioned by the vibrations of Christian Science. Yet Christian Science is nothing more than a John-the-Baptist in the wilderness. It is not Christianity.

After the cyclone many teachers arose and undertook to straighten things. The greatest of these was Helen Wilmans. She undertook to found what she called Mental Science. It ignored Spirit and taught the doctrine of evolution. Many imitators sprung up and so we were told that we would all work out our salvation by thinking. All of us began to think and we kept on thinking.

All the little thinkers in the line were turned loose on the problem.

Men and women sat down in poverty and thought they were rolling in wealth. All they had to do to get rid of disease was to affirm that they were already rid of it.

Helen Wilmans was not only going to tell men and women how to unfold into immortality, but many thought that she could make a new leg grow where one had been amputated. All kinds of tommyrot was taught by these new teachers of the "New Thought."

They have nearly all quit. Many of them are dead and by this time have found out about an orthodox hell or heaven. I don't think that any of them have gone to hell, for, in my opinion, when you leave this world of mortality you leave hell. I am not sure that you leave it, however, until you get out of hell into heaven. But they are nearly all dead or silent. Many of the leading teachers have been my patients. There are a few of them still in my Circle of Christians. One of the most prominent came to me just the other day asking for treatments. She flattered me by saying she did not think I was crazy, although many other people did think it.

What was the matter with Mental Science?

It ignored the one thing that could give it life. It died for want of Spirit. In other words, for want of life. You can't go out and build this thing out of a mortal brain.

That which is perishable has already perished.

You must recognize Spirit. Honor Spirit. Call on Spirit, if you would have life and life more abundantly.

What is the matter with "New Thought?" The same thing that ailed Mental Science. It lacked Spirit.

The idea of Sydney Flower going out into the world to save sinners!

He had the prettiest magazine of any of us. He had the money and the brains to make his magazine a thing of beauty.

Why didn't the printing press make a success of it? It lacked the one essential to success—Spirit. That is the key to the whole situation.

Eleanor Kirk has quit. William Walker Atkinson has quit. Ursula Gestefeld has quit. One by one they step down and out.

Why?

They lack Spirit.

They are trying to build a lasting structure out of matter. They are using material minds, and, as I said before, that which is perishable has already perished. All that death can do is to die.

Helen Wilmans has gained her suit in the United States court of appeals, New Orleans. Here is an extract from the court decision:

"It is not charged that she falsely pretended that she could cure. No charge is made that she could not treat and cure as advertised, and no charge is made that she knew she could not treat and cure the diseases and conditions as claimed. The point in the indictments which differentiates them from a mere charge of optimism—of professional boasting—is the allegation that she advertised and received money to treat patients when she did not at the time intend to treat them.

"The case should be tried with the distinct understanding that the practice of mental healing is, in federal law, as lawful as healing with drugs. As to the right to use the postal establishment of the United States no discrimination is made between those whose vocation is healing, whether they be allopathists, homeopaths, osteopaths or mental scientists. But the use of the mails in the furtherance of an artifice or scheme to defraud under the guise of practicing the vocation of healing is equally condemned by law, whether the accused be mental healers or the votaries of other schools. The statute is directed against any scheme or artifice to defraud by representing as to the past or present, or by suggestions or promises as to the future.

"If, in this case, we look on the defense made by the defendant, that she had the power to effect the cures that she claimed she could make, as an affirmative and separate defense, still it would be the unquestioned rule of law in the federal court that, if the evidence she offered was sufficient to create a reasonable doubt as to her guilt, or as to any fact necessary to be proved to secure her conviction, she would be entitled to an acquittal."

This puts Mental Healing along with the other healers. You can go to work, found

a college, and turn out mental doctors every year by the hundreds. It may be that such a school of healing will come into existence. It is only a step, a very short step, from Homeopathy to Mental Suggestion. All that Mental Science is or ever has been can be found in Homeopathy. It is mental suggestion and you can make the suggestion with sugar pills just as well as any other way and a little better. There is nothing in it.

What is there in Christianity?

It is Spirit.

You have thought that Christianity was a book, a church, prayers and priests, but it is not.

Christianity never built a church, never organized a sect, never reared an altar, and never printed a book.

The Christ of the Christians said: "I will send you the Spirit of Truth, and when He is come, He will guide you into all Truth."

Christianity is founded on the Spirit of Truth.

It is the Spirit of Truth. There is no other authority in Christianity. There is no other life. No other light. Nothing in all of Christianity, but the Spirit of Truth. You have had the shadow of the institution falling on your minds.

When a man came along with the Spirit of Truth in him the institution at once went to work to silence his voice.

Why?

Because the Spirit is life and the institution is death. The institution exists in the dust of death. It is held together by the dead words of dead men. The living man has no need of an institution, so why all of this effort to found a system of mental therapeutics? Are we to be forever in bondage?

Just about the time we are ready to clap our hands with joy over our escape from the drug doctors along comes the mental healer and slaps the hand-cuffs on us.

Lord, good Lord, deliver us from all kinds of professional healers.

Just as soon as we begin to breathe the free air of heaven and congratulate ourselves over being free from healers, priests and preachers, along come the graduates from the mental college claiming us as their prey.

Oh, for a lodge in some vast wilderness! A cabin in the mountains!

Don't you see that this whole business, Christian Science included, is going around and around the same old stump?

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

In seeking for health, happiness and prosperity we are asking for absolute freedom. Mental freedom, physical freedom, financial freedom. Let us get out where we can shake ourselves and take a long breath.

I am glad that Mental Science went to the devil and was dissolved before it became a fixed organization.

I have given treatments that the New Thought Federation may never federate. I don't care if it does throw Henry Harrison

Brown out of a job. He is one of my kids, anyway, and had no business straying away from the Circle of Christians.

The point I wish you to get in this discussion is that we have not gained a single step. We are just where the cyclone of Christian Science left us.

Grandma Eddy has stereotyped her work and it can't go any further. She has driven down a stake and said, Thus far shalt thou go, but not another step. There is no danger of the Christian Scientists taking any steps. They are standing still. What do they lack? Spirit. That is life. The only life there is in the universe is Spirit.

Living people keep on moving forward and advancing in the Truth. They not only get more of Truth, but they change their way of expressing it. You can't make any kind of change in expression after you have printed your book. It took this old world many, many centuries to even talk about revising the Bible, and they didn't make much of a job of it when they did revise it. They were afraid to make changes where changes ought to have been made, and they made many changes that were not needed.

The old Bible is all right as a book, but there is no life in it. You can't put the Spirit of God in a tomb of any kind.

They could not keep Jesus Christ in Joseph's new tomb but three days. The institutions have been trying to keep him there all of these centuries, for they go right on celebrating his death. He didn't die. He sent the Word of Truth ahead and scotched the wheels of death. The man who is wise enough to send his word ahead can always overcome death.

You say to me in astonishment, Is not the Bible the Word of Truth?

No, it is only a picture of the Word of Truth. In some places it is not even a picture. A photograph of the man is not the man. You may have a good photograph of a living man, but it can't see, hear or speak. In order to be the Word of Truth the Bible must be translated into a living man. Even then the living man will change the words to suit the times and seasons. Truth does not have to wear the same old clothes all the time. It is not something that has been or is to be that we need. It is that which is and which was and which is to be the Living One. You want life within yourselves. As the only life there is in the universe is Spirit, you must recognize your own spirit as being yourself.

You are not what you have read. What you have seen. What you have believed. All of those things are a part of your mental furniture.

It would be a good thing for your Spirit to get on a regular romp and smash all of that furniture. It is a good thing to set fire and burn all of the mental chaff. You would still be left. Fire can not destroy you. It is impossible for water to drown you. Death hath no dominion over you. You are Spirit.

As long as we are looking out of ourselves at some other person we lose sight of Spirit.

"I AM the resurrection and the life."

You read those words and apply them to Jesus. You say Jesus said that he was the resurrection and the life. He didn't say anything of the kind. It was the Spirit of Truth speaking in Jesus.

When the same Spirit of Truth speaks in you it will say "I AM the resurrection and the life." The Spirit of Truth speaking in you will say of you precisely what it said of Jesus. The resurrection and the life is not a person. Life is in the individual, but it is not the individual. It is more than the individual. The individual is living in the Spirit of Truth. He is living because he is in conjunction with Life. But the voice of that life within you is saying "Before Abraham was, I AM." You have been applying all of these truths to a person.

An error once committed keeps on being repeated.

The error of attributing all power to Jesus, the individual, has come on down the ages. Even now, in the Christian Science movement, Mrs. Eddy is the Whole Thing. The same old error repeated.

Jesus emphatically said, over and over: "I can do nothing of myself. The Father who sent me into the world doeth the work." The word "Father" is another name for the Spirit of Truth. In other words, the life which sent me into the world doeth the work.

What you attribute to the individual in his action of seeing, hearing, speaking, eating, walking, must be attributed to the Universal Spirit. What the Individual Spirit is in the individual, the Universal Spirit is in the whole universe. The life that is within us is connected with the whole of life.

So, then, in order to come into your own Kingdom you must come into the whole Kingdom. You can't take a piece of the Truth and run off with it and sit down on a stump by yourself.

Truth is a unit and is indivisible. You come into conjunction with the whole truth or you are in error. This is why the Christ speaking by inspiration said: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

That puts away the body of flesh and identifies man with the Spirit. The glory that I have is a glory that I had before the world was.

Matter may come and matter may go, but the Spirit abides forever.

What, then, is health?

It is the Spirit of Truth.

What is happiness?

It is the Spirit of Truth.

What is prosperity?

It is the Spirit of Truth.

This is scientific. It is not a mere religion. You come into health by the vibrations of the Spirit. All that I can do for you is to speak the Word of Truth in the Silence and awaken your own Spirit into activity. I call to you from the Silence to arise and shine! All the healing comes from within you. If I can't call it out I can't heal you. If I do call it forth into manifestation you are healed.



## RESURRECTION AND REGENERATION.

The motto of CHRISTIAN is "Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind."

It is our effort to live up to the motto and bring forth fruit.

Regeneration literally means "to generate again." It means the same process carried further in the unfoldment of the individual.

If regeneration means to generate again, then generation is carried forward and called regeneration.

You must look then to the vibrations of generation all along the line until you reach the full and complete unfoldment.

It is not a fairy story, but a law of unfoldment.

The one who is regenerated is generated again and again and again until the unfoldment ends in eternal happiness.

The tree begins to grow from an acorn, but it keeps on growing and growing and growing until it will reach the dimensions of the great trees of California.

It is the same process which began in the acorn that is carried on in the growth of the tree.

The regeneration is the same process carried forward which began in generation. It is precisely the same thing in principle.

Resurrection literally translated means "to stand up again."

The dead man lies prostrate, and the Greek word for Resurrection says that he shall stand up again as a living man.

A resurrection which does not bring forth the identical individual is not a resurrection of that individual.

I must come forth and know that it is I, Myself and not another.

If I lie down in death, then I must stand up in life with a full remembrance of all that I have been.

This is the teaching of Christianity.

God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is not the God of the dead, for there are no dead. All live unto Him. All live in Him, for in Spirit the individual lives and moves and has his being.

God is not an individual. God is Spirit, and Spirit is the substance of things.

In this Divine Mind we all, as individuals, live and move and have our individual being.

What, then, is regeneration and the resurrection?

It is the unfoldment of the individual into a consciousness of Divine Being. At the first man is only conscious of mortal being. He thinks he had a beginning and will have an ending. He dates his consciousness from mortal birth and is afraid it will end in mortal death.

The only way that he can come into genuine consciousness is by experience. Then the regeneration is the generation of the same individual over and over until he attains divine consciousness or a consciousness of his own divinity.

He is divine, but doesn't know it.

He is sent forth from universal substance to go through certain experiences and

changes until he comes into the place where he knows himself.

It is a resurrection of his own mind. A generation and regeneration of his own Divinity.

There is no such thing as a beginning to Spirit.

The Son of God is co-equal with God. There can be no other kind of Divine Sonship.

The off-spring of God may spring off from God for individual experience and unfoldment, but that is only an incident in his existence.

"From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." If you are to live forever, it is because you have forever lived.

Immortality is then an unfoldment of the mind.

What mind?

This is the important question. There is a mortal mind which is not subject to the law of Spirit, neither indeed can it be. It is a shadow mind. It is like the light of the moon.

The moon does not give real light; it is a reflector. The genuine light comes from the sun, and is reflected by the moon. So mortal mind is not a real mind, but it appears to be for the time being.

The resurrection of the real mind is like the rising of the sun.

The moonlight is put out when the sunlight comes. So this shadow mind is no more, when once the Spiritual Mind is raised from the dead.

Regeneration brings forth this mind of the Spirit, which is always subject to the law of Spirit. There is no doubt but that a new mind will manifest a new body.

It is an electrical body, subject to the law of Spirit. This new body responds to the new mind and is in perfect obedience to every law of the Spirit.

How are you going to get this new mind?

Just as soon as a prophet comes along with a new thought, we either kill him or call him a lunatic. Our unfoldment in what is called civilization has reached a point where we do not kill the prophets. All we have to do is to say that he is a crank, that he is crazy, that he is a lunatic. The fact is that mortal mind is lunacy.

The man never reaches sanity until he is awakened into a consciousness of Spiritual Mind.

The mortal mind corresponds with the moon and from that satellite we get the word "lunatic."

As soon as a man begins to get a little glimmer of Spiritual Light, all the world seems to be a lunatic asylum. There is no doubt about mortals being crazy. Sane people would never do what humanity has done and is still doing. You don't see this lunacy until you begin to see the light from the sun. As soon as the sun begins to rise in your mind you see the whole scramble of mortals in their crazy-quilt history. They have been going around and around the same old Mulberry Tree.

The progress of the world has been made by flashes of light from the prophets.

In spite of the cross and the fagot and the dungeon, the prophets have spoken, and their words have penetrated and enlightened the minds of men.

I give you a little insight into the minds of my readers.

"I did not think your article, 'Whose Wife Is She?' was a pleasant solution to the change called death. I hope it is not true."

There you are! She wants a "pleasant solution" to the problem called death.

The pleasant solution is a fairy story that you can enter into a heaven of knowledge without learning to know. It is the silly idea that you can step from ignorance to wisdom without any kind of experience, save drawing your last breath.

What kind of a Heaven would it be where a man was taken by the nape of the neck and the seat of his trousers and put down inside the pearly gates without preparation?

You might take a Hottentot and place him in Harvard and he would not know any more than he did when he was in his own native wilderness. It is all very beautiful to think of obtaining wisdom and knowledge in that way, but it is not true.

"Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free."

You must weigh the first part of the sentence before you get the full vibration of the second part. "Ye shall know the Truth," and this knowledge of the Truth "shall make you free."

"Reincarnation makes me tired. We surely do need something, but another dip into this world Hell is too much if you should ask me, but I don't suppose you will."

These words are from a woman who has been between the upper and the nether millstones. The Gods have been grinding her, and they have ground and ground until she has got enough of it; and, yet, hell has been sought by all of us.

A man comes back from a voyage to the North Pole and when he remembers his sufferings he declares he has had enough of it. However he gets good and rested. You hear of him fitting out another expedition.

The Spirit of man is going to know in spite of hell. So I tell you, my beloved, that we have all sought hell. Our experiences are of our own seeking.

You are not thrust into hell against your will. You wanted to know and in spite of hell and high water you are going to know.

"One gets the idea that Adam, Enoch, Moses, Elijah, Jesus and the Sheltons are the only ones in all these thousands of years who have reached an altitude of Spiritual understanding."

Well, I can't help what kind of idea you get. There was no such thought in my mind.

It is the time of the resurrection and all the inhabitants of this planet will manifest immortality.

I only cited a few examples by way of illustration.

I think the Sheltons will have plenty of company.

You ought to be glad to get a new version of an old story, but don't you think for a moment that I am setting myself up as the

only one. There may be a hundred thousand right now on this planet ready for this regeneration.

"There is a dispute as to what you mean in your article 'Whose Wife Is She?' Do I understand you to mean you and your wife have gone through all the cycles of incarnation and are ready for the manifestation of immortality? Do you mean that you can stay on this earth right along without any more reincarnation. Just keep unfolding here in this same body?"

That is the meaning that I got from the Spirit. I don't know any more about it than you do. I have told you what was said to me.

The only proof that is worth anything to you or me is demonstration.

If we are to stay here we will throw off the old body and put on the new.

I feel the presence of the new body, but it has not yet manifested.

I am just fool enough to tell you people all that is told to me. Sometimes it may sound ridiculous, but step by step I see the unfoldment of Truth.

Let us watch and wait, and you can rest assured that I will tell you everything as we go along.

"Your article 'Whose Wife Is She?' should take away the sting of death from some of these church members who are so afraid to die. I have not believed in reincarnation, but that had a bracing effect on me. You have been treating me for joy; keep it up!"

I think the article brought life and immortality to light.

I was astonished when the Spirit dictated that editorial to me. I wrote it, or rather dictated it to the stenographer, three times, and tried to change it, but I couldn't make much of a change. I then put the article in a pigeon-hole in my desk and swore by all that was good and bad that I would not print it. It was written and put into a pigeon-hole in my desk a month before publication.

Every time I would take the article out and read it over with the intention of throwing it into the waste basket, it grew on me stronger.

Spirit said that it was true, and the time had come for its publication. I said that I didn't know whether it was true or not. I didn't want to spring it on my readers, but I did it all the same, as I always do.

Spirit has about as hard a time with me as Jesus had with his disciples. I used to be more stubborn than I am to-day. The unfoldment has brought me to the place where I know that Spirit knows.

It is certainly a natural explanation of birth and death. There is no sense in making birth a mere accident. If one birth is all there is to Spiritual Unfoldment, then it is a mere accident.

A man comes into this world against the will of both parents and has a hell of a time of it. According to orthodoxy it is his only chance. He struggles along with an adverse environment until he drops into hell by the door of death or enters into heaven. Now, such a God is certainly crazy. The whole thing is not only a lunatic asylum, but a place where there is no order, no law, and no justice.

You say that you don't want to come back here again.

Well, if you are coming, why not project your mind ahead. Send your word on before you so as to choose a better environment. If you are a servant, declare that the next time you will be the master. If you are deformed, send the word ahead of you for perfection of body. So on and so forth in each incarnation let the Word of Truth, as far as you understand it, make you free.

Better accept of that kind of an explanation than the old orthodox rot. Just so that you know that you are here, and have always been here, and can't get away, ought to satisfy you.

Let every soul say I will GET THERE. In due time I will unfold into a consciousness of my own Divinity. All that is my own will come to me.

I shall have a perfect mind in a perfect body, with a glorious environment.

It doesn't make any difference how many times I have to dive down into the deep of mortality I will yet come up clean and pure, and holy and good.

"Your editorial 'Whose Wife Is She?' comforted me. My father, though I do not remember him, always impressed me from childhood. I loved him, indeed. He was a lovely man. My friends and mother told me of his death. One old friend said the room was filled with angels. She was sure he saw into the next world. That his face shone, and his last words were 'glorious, glorious.' Now, where did the idea come to me that my son George, named for my father, was my father again? I knew nothing of those things. George has been gone thirteen years. Two years after my last son was born I said, to a friend of mine, I can not get it out of my head but this baby is George back again. She said he is George. Was it the Spirit made me think those things? I was comforted by reading your article. I am glad that everything is so beautifully fixed that no one can be lost. No getting outside of God."

The writer of the above words is living in Toronto. She is a woman of wide research, has studied herself and her children thoroughly. You see that she is not afraid of a new idea and in fact the thought has been with her for all of these years.

Of course it will shock mortal mind to think that a woman gave birth to her own father, and did this not only once, but twice, and yet there is nothing unreasonable in it.

You must remember that the father ceased to be her father as soon as he threw off the mortal body.

The man called Shelton began to be in his mother's womb. She was the mother of the body, but the mind was never born of woman. I know that I have existed from everlasting to everlasting. The past of my being is just as everlasting as the future of my being. In the language of this glorious woman, "there is no getting outside of God."

If I AM to be forever, then I have forever been. You can't start the immortal and you can't stop him. He never started and therefore will never stop.

I have been plunging along in these experiences because it is my divine nature to be a discoverer.

I AM searching for both poles of my being. I would start to Mars in the morning

if I had a ship that would even try to take me in safety.

What did the Spirit of Columbus care for winds and waves? He was searching for a new continent, and he found it.

As there is an immensity of space the individual Spirit has plenty of room for expansion. He needs it.

No pent up Utica for Spirit of man. He is a discoverer and a conqueror.

"The May number of CHRISTIAN has just reached my desk and has been read with interest by Mrs. M. and myself. I think it by far the best one you have issued since I became acquainted with it. As usual it brought to us several BIG surprises. That last article, 'Whose Wife Is She?' is a 'corker,' a 'spell-binder,' a 'humdinger,' and don't you forget it. I must confess that I was hardly ready for those 'knock out drops,' altho I thought I was ready for any thing that might appear from the direction of Denver. You see I have to get accustomed to those things gradually, as I was a minister in the Congregational church for twenty-five years. Why don't you write a book with all these new ideas in it, so we could study these things with you? I have read your two books, but they are tame compared with your present position. Give us all you can, as we are always hungry for more."

Yes, my two books are tame, compared with my present knowledge of the Truth; but my beloved, how could I write a book about something I didn't know? I know there are a great many books written that way, but I could not do it.

The editorial "Whose Wife Is She," was not known to me until the last of March. I am just getting to where real unfoldment begins.

I shall gather up all of these editorials and put them into a book when I shall have finished my education along these lines. I hope I will never write the book, for we have had too many books. I want the Spirit of truth to write the man.

I want God to publish a Man. He issued an *edition de luxe* of one Man, and we have been writing books about him for two thousand years. It is time for that Man to reappear and bring with him a host of others. The world is weary of words. The planet is not only calling for the discovery of the North Pole, but for the unfolding and uncovering of immortality. Immortality exists. It is not something that can be achieved, but it can be uncovered.

What is all this world and our material prosperity when it ends in a coffin?

Why should we go around and around this circle of mortality and discover everything except ourselves?

I tell you that man is a conqueror and the last enemy is death.

Look into the 6th chapter of Revelation and see the procession that is led by the Man who sits on the White Horse. It is a steady unfoldment of the Truth. The horse is the symbol of a Living Truth. The man on horseback is the Conqueror. This procession in that 6th chapter has been marching on and on for twenty centuries. It is coming to a place of Peace and Power. It is man unfolding into his true divinity. He is the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace.

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