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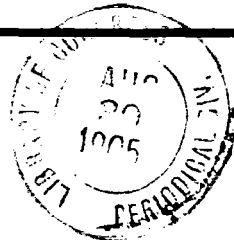
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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind

CHRISTIANS



I AM speaking the Word to all of you.
I give you all treatments.
Let every reader of this page receive the Word of Truth.
It is for the healing of all your diseases.
It is for the cure of your poverty.
It is to lead you to the right use of money.
It is for the uplifting of your mind from all your troubles.
Let your heart rejoice in the Truth.
Banish misery from your mind.
Let all who are on beds of sickness rise and live.
Let all who are pinched for money, have plenty and to spare.
You have a right to health, happiness and prosperity.
Claim your own while I claim it for you.
Call for mental, physical and financial freedom.
I AM the Free Spirit.

WHERE IS GOD?

MINOT J. SAVAGE, D. D.

Where is God? Where is God?
 "Oh, where is the sea?" the fishes cried
 As they swam the crystal clearness
 through;
 "We've heard from of old of the ocean's
 tide.
 And so long to look on the waters blue;
 The wise ones speak of the infinite sea,
 Oh, who can tell us if such there be?"

Where is God?
 The lark flew up in the morning bright.
 And sang and balanced on sunny wings;
 And this was his song: "I see the light.
 I look o'er the world of beautiful things;
 But flying and singing ev'rywhere.
 In vain I have searched to find the air."

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

- *** Look at the last page first.
- *** You will find business information on that page.
- *** There are other good things in condensed Christianity.
- *** After your name you will find figures. The first one means the number of the month. The other two the number of the year when your subscription will expire.
- *** For instance, 1/06 means that you have paid up for this year. 1/05 means that you paid for last year. Now, 1/05 is January, 1905, and so on and so forth.
- *** As long as they last you can have two copies of my book instead of a subscription, for every dollar sent for treatments. It is intended to make the treatments absolutely free as far as money consideration is concerned.
- *** The treatments are worth a dollar a day, but as long as we can give them with books and subscriptions we will do it. If we were putting a price on the treatments they would be as high, if not higher, than the charges of the drug doctors.
- *** "I AM Sermons" is the title of the only book of mine now in print. The edition of ten thousand copies will soon be exhausted and the book will not be reprinted. It is nearly two hundred pages, cloth bound, with portrait of the author. It retails for fifty cents, but if you ask for it you can have two copies for every dollar sent for treatments, providing that you do not ask for a subscription for the dollar.
- *** "Do you think a female spirit could be reincarnated as a boy?"
 No. From the simple fact that sex is inherent in spirit. It is not an accident of the flesh. They were male and female before they were born of the flesh. Man and woman are in the image and likeness of Spirit. Therefore, sex is from everlasting to everlasting. It is the plan of the universe.
- *** "I want to tell you that we have named the place 'The Shelton,' and the sign is already painted. So you have a boarding

house as well as a yacht. God bless you all! You are the comforter of thousands."

Go on slinging my name around as you please. A bull calf, a pup, a burro, a canary bird, a town or two and hundreds of children have been named "Shelton" since I began the publication of CHRISTIAN. I have never heard of the name proving a hoodoo.

*** The Circle of Christians is not a money-making scheme, but a fellowship of the Spirit. It is for our own personal unfoldment. Each individual comes into this fellowship, and all that is necessary is to keep CHRISTIAN going. If you do not want to come into the Circle of Christians by paying twelve dollars a year, you must pay your one dollar a year for your subscription to CHRISTIAN, and sail along to suit yourself.

*** All of the back numbers of CHRISTIAN are out of print for the first five numbers of the year. Subscriptions can begin with the June number as long as they last. Once more, let me make it plain that the book is not given as a premium to subscriptions to CHRISTIAN. I do not give any kind of a premium. I give you your dollar in subscription or books at the regular price, and one month of mental treatments. Many people send money in the common mail; it is not always safe.

*** Do you understand the free list? It means that the Circle of Christians pays the subscription to persons who are not able to pay, and for those whom we think would be interested in reading CHRISTIAN for a year or two. But you want to understand that the Circle of Christians does not pay any deadhead subscriptions. All their work is complimentary. If you get the paper with your name in print, with date lines after it, you will know that your subscription has been paid in cash by some one in the Circle of Christians. Accept it with their compliments.

*** "Am very much improved. Your treatment does not calm me. In some ways it stirs me up. Have been studying or reading Christian Science. How do you explain it? You probably know there is a peculiar calmness about a Scientist. How do they gain this?"

Much of this so-called calmness is self-hypnotism. I stir you up when you need stirring, and speak peace when you need peace. You say you are much improved; therefore, you needed to be quickened into activity. There is a peace of God which passeth all understanding. It is not that assumed calmness which comes from self-hypnotism. Besides, the peace of God can be very full of activity. It is a mental calmness.

*** The only proof of Christianity is the healing of the body. You can theorize and speculate and dream dreams, but the healing of disease is the only positive proof of the genuineness of Christianity. Jesus Christ came into the world and is a fixture in human thought because he healed all kinds of sickness. Just as soon as religionists turned the beautiful work of Christ into a religion and began to bow and scrape and go through forms and ceremonies, they lost the gift of healing. When men turn away

from the Spirit of God they lose life and truth. The teacher who comes from God and says that he is the chosen of the Lord must prove it by healing the sick.

*** "We planted the seeds you sent us Prosperity, Plenty and Peace.
 And when the P(ea)s have ripened
 We'll share with you the increase.

"Bless your heart, if you can feel the good you are doing, your cup of joy will overflow. I hope the vibrations that come to you will be with you through all eternity. Your vibrations do not need my address—they find the way here quick and fast; they are good."

It is better to plant P's, even if you do run into poetry over it, than to plant D's. Nearly all the good things begin with P, and the bad things with D. The writer of the above is a new Christian, and they all get enthusiastic. Go on with Prosperity, Plenty and Peace. Get rid of debt, disease and the devil.

*** This is a movement for your own uplifting, and incidentally you can help others. There are many hundreds of people who are behind with their subscriptions to CHRISTIAN. They have the idea that because they do not belong to the Circle, they are free from any obligations. Now, look here, my beloved backnumber; if you don't pay up you will be marked off the list. I have been so easy with you that you won't even believe this threat; but some of you are two or three years behind. The first thing you know, you will miss one of the best numbers of CHRISTIAN because the blue pencil has been run through your name. I don't care how many treatments you steal from the wires, so that you pay up for the paper. This thing of making me pay the printer and the postage is trying to ride a free horse to death.

*** In asking for treatments, make a brief statement of your case, enclose a dollar and a self-addressed and stamped envelope. You may write one letter each month and make a statement of your progress. I answer you according to your needs. My letters are sometimes very brief. If I think words will help you, I give them to you. Otherwise I say but few words. I do not ask you to keep any hours, or say over any form of words. Don't try to concentrate or repeat formulas. Go on about your affairs, and I will attend to the treatments at my own time and in my own way. Your very best treatments may come at night in your sleep. Forget the clock and the almanac. I make no promises, for that would involve making a promise for you as well as for myself. I can't promise for you, for I don't know what you will do.

*** In our own work healing is by a slow process of unfoldment. Spirit will not give you anything in this stage of the world until you are ready to receive it. Chronic diseases have taken hold of the mind and they must be taken out of the mind by mental treatments and spiritual vibrations. The direct action of Spirit through Jesus Christ was the planting of the seed. This is the day of growth, and the harvest. The process of growth is always slower than that of planting. This explains why you must be taught the truth before you manifest it in your body. I started out to repeat

the work of Jesus, but soon found out that Spirit was not a repeater. What is done in one age of the world is the preparation for what shall be done in the next age. When my new eyes and new teeth and new hair and new body come to me, I will know how it came. The new mind will receive the new body in perfect peace.

*** "I must tell you of my experience. I am a motorman, and when I went to work I felt badly and continued to grow worse. Before I reached half way down town I began to get fainting spells, or feel as if I were going to fall. I had a big load of passengers on my car and some very steep hills to go down. Suddenly I remembered reading in CHRISTIAN that if we came to any immediate danger we should call on you. I kept getting worse all the time and the thought came to me, 'now is the time to try what Shelton said.' I came to you in the Healing Room as I saw it in CHRISTIAN and asked for help, and in a few moments I began to be relieved, and before I came back from the city I felt just as good as I ever did in my life, and felt good all day. I know that relief can be had instantly."

Christianity is practical, or it isn't the truth. There is nothing impractical about the truth. This motorman had the whole Circle of Christians back of him. Just wait until we get larger and stronger and we will hold this little ball called the earth in the hollow of our hands. In other words, we will control it by the vibrations of Truth.

*** This is the reason why we do not treat to be healed in spots. It is the whole mind in the whole body in vibration with the Spirit of Truth. This process will not only go on in the individual, but the whole world is being prepared for the change. You have a spot called your stomach, and you call on me for treatments. I give treatments to your whole being. I speak the Word of Truth to your mind and command every organ of your body to obey you. Do you see the point in the last words of this sentence? To obey you, not me. I do not put myself in your place and act as your master. I command every organ of your body to obey your will and to respond to your thought. The man who speaks the truth in treatments does not hypnotize his patient. My treatments must come up in your own mind as part of your own thinking. It is my business to set you free from me, as well as from others, so that you may enter into your own kingdom.

*** "The last CHRISTIAN was a dandy, and if you had written part of it just for me it would not have suited the taste better. But the question is, How is a person going to unload when they have gotten into the habit of packing other people around, and the other people expect it? I am afraid some of us might have to be like those bucking bronchos you have out West."

CHRISTIAN was written just for you. It is always personal and practical. As to unloading bad habits, it is a hard proposition. It is very much like Sinbad with the Old Man of the Sea on his shoulders. Habits cling to you. For this very reason we should teach the young to form good habits. Just think of a man of my intelligence, and I am not always a fool, going for twenty years and more with a cigar or pipe in his mouth! When Darwin was asked to drink and smoke, when he was at school, his an-

swer was that he was not making any new necessities for himself. How many so-called necessities do we make for ourselves? As creators, we are a bum lot. Now, we had just as well form habits of good and make way for freedom.

*** "Last time I sent you my dollar as one of your Circle, you complained that my note was too short, and asked for a few words with the next. So I take occasion to say that I read your paper every month and chuckle over it in certain spots. That you present the most extraordinary combination of mysticism and common or 'hoss' sense that I ever observed, and that, judging from what experience I have had with you, you are 'big medicine,' as the original Americans used to say. How the results are brought about, I haven't the least idea, but at present I am betting on T. J. against the whole field."

This is from a railroad man. They are business right up to the handle. I am getting more and more of them on the list of Christians. They always write a few words and to the point. For instance, one writes "treat me for H. H. & P." Another says, "O. K." and signs his name. The one who writes above lives in Boston and is connected with one of the greatest railroads in the world. His compliment does not cause my head to swell, for it is to the I AM, and not to the mortal. There is a peculiar vibration in the Circle of Christians that you can not feel anywhere else on the planet. They are growing into a peculiar people. All hail to the whole bunch.

*** "I see you want the first name in giving treatments, or the nickname. Mine is so ugly, and I am such an old man, that I don't like to give it. They have always called me Toot at home."

You will be surprised when I tell you that Toot is an M. D., and a regular physician in active practice. I want you all to understand what I mean by the use of the first name or the nickname. It is only when I write or give treatments in the name of the I AM that I use these names. I do not use familiarity of this kind when speaking as an individual. A lady came to Denver, after being called Lizzie for many years, and she was surprised that I called her Mrs. She soon understood that it was God that called her "Lizzie" and Shelton that called her by her proper name. I don't want strangers calling my wife Blanche. And while God may call you as if you were children, it is not my province as an individual to so address you. To me you are gentlemen and ladies, but to the I AM you are all kids. So when I go into the Silence you are all as so many children in the kindergarten of God. This experience was very touching to me at the start, and made me feel that God was indeed in the Truth the only Father.

*** "His bloated condition is nearly all gone, and his mind is as clear as ever and he can go to bed and sleep. The doctor is amazed. I am so glad you are not like so many so-called Christian or Mental Scientists who will not treat unless the patient gives up the doctor. The doctor does good in that he thinks something is being done to help him. The only regret I have is that the doctor will get too much credit and nearly all the money."

Well, bless your dear heart, the thing is to get well, no matter how you get there.

Let the doctor have all of the credit and the most of the money, so that the patient is healed and brought into the vibrations of health. God is not jealous of anybody. Truth never cares who gets the credit. The reason I never interfere with the doctor and his drugs is, that he may help, and the antagonism would surely hinder. Peace is the very first thing for the patient. You must not antagonize the doctor, or the kin-folks, by your own thought. Some so-called scientists act the fool by trying to dictate to sick people. Truth is always full of tenderness and can do its work in the Silence without blowing a horn. You go into a sick room and begin to talk mental treatments to some people and it is like waving a red rag to a bull. If your thought is the truth it need not be expressed in words through the mouth.

*** "I had much rather pay twelve dollars a year for CHRISTIAN and keep it independent, and free from advertisements, than to let it go back in the old way."

Everybody is pleased with CHRISTIAN as it is, and there is no danger of it going back to the old method. It was pretty hard to pay one hundred dollars a month postage, but I am getting used to it. Besides, the time is coming when every publication of any merit will pay what it costs the government to deliver it. Cheap postage has made cheap publications, and the people are getting tired of cheapness. The mails are so flooded with printed matter that is sent free that nearly all of it goes into the waste basket. For this reason, if no other, you should notify your friends when you give them a complimentary subscription to CHRISTIAN. Otherwise, they may throw it into the waste basket, or refuse to take it out of the office. But you are not paying twelve dollars a year for CHRISTIAN. You are paying twelve dollars a year for treatments, and a spiritual fellowship that is beyond price. I hope you will not get it into your head that because the circulation of CHRISTIAN supports the Circle of Christians, that you are not getting a good measure, pressed down and running over, by daily treatments.

*** "Will you also treat him for a home, too? We have been married nearly four years and are still boarding. I want a home of my own."

So the women are writing to me. I AM speaking the Good Word for all of you, that you may have homes, where you have husbands, and get good husbands to make your homes, if you haven't any husbands. Part of the joy of living is in having your own "things" about you. Even the Baby don't want people to interfere with her things. She raised a row the other day because her mother put a piece of china into her drawer. She paints china according to her own ideas, and has a drawer into which she puts it. Don't you know that we are all children, and a home and a place for our own playthings gives us satisfaction? Oh, Lord, if you could see my desk after I have been absent for a few days! It would not do any good to lock the desk, for She has a duplicate key. That wife of mine thinks she is very orderly. But if you could see the in-

side and outside of my desk after she has been sitting there for three days! I found three paintings (unframed) on top of my precious Roycroft books, that always repose on top of my desk. But, as I said heretofore and previously, a home for our own things, and a place in which to live the Independent Life, gives comfort.

*** "I heard something the other day from a Christian Science healer, which I am going to ask you about. She said that the Christian Scientists picked you up from the gutter and made a man of you, and then you went back on them and started out for yourself."

I have heard this several times before, and will take the time and the printer's ink to answer it. I was never a Christian Scientist, never heard a Christian Science lecture in my life, and never attended a class of any kind. I have never been inside of a Christian Science church. There has never been a Christian Scientist among my acquaintances. I read "Science and Health" once, several years ago, but never owned the book. I left the pulpit in March, 1891, and have never belonged to anybody or anything from that day until this. I am under obligations to no one in particular, but to everybody in general. I never was in the gutter, and my wife deserves all the credit for my release from dipsomania. Of course, the I AM is the power behind the woman, and all my other movements. I have been led by the Spirit of Truth. Whenever I get ready to join a hierarchy, it will be an old one, and not a new one. The liberty wherewith Christ hath made me free is too sweet and precious for me ever to surrender to any kind of a sect. After leaving the church I quit going to lodges, and am now out on the open plain, without any kind of string tied to me.

*** "What is the meaning of the first and second resurrections, as spoken of in the book of Revelation?"

There will be a first resurrection of persons who know the Truth. These will be a special class of immortals, just like we now have classes in education. There are people known as artists, scholars, writers, and they form a class. The first resurrection will come by degrees, so that the world will know there is such a thing. Then there will be a general resurrection, but some of these will die, and that will be called the second death. You know the old view was that an angel was to come down here and blow a horn, and everybody would jump out of his grave. This came from interpreting a symbol literally. The graves out of which we will come are not in the earth. They are in the mind. It is a mental resurrection. The mind will adapt itself to the new order, just as we have learned to use the telegraph and telephone, and other unfoldments of the mind. The physicians are even now talking about perpetuating life, or even producing life, by scientific methods. The thought has gone out into the world. It is the resurrection of the seed sown by Jesus Christ and the early Christians. But the thought must be adapted to our practical use and become a part of our every-day consciousness. It is not to be brought about

by hocus pocus, a flash of lightning, or the blast of a trumpet. And yet there will be sudden changes and rapid movements like the call of a bugle.

*** "I simply couldn't get hold of a dollar to send you without taking it from some one we owe. Oh, these debts! The devils, how I hate them. Help me to get away from the whole gang."

Fifty per cent., if not more, of all the troubles that come to me to adjust is from debts. People make debts and promise to pay, when they have nothing in sight. They soon find themselves burdened with debts, and, worst of all, they get into the habit of making debts. When they get into a hard place, the first thing they can think of is to borrow. You have no right to borrow from the future. There are two things that hinder your unfoldment—living in the future or the past. You obligate yourself to pay debts at some future time, and then you carry all of the burdens and sorrows and cussedness of the past in your mind. The time to live is in the present. Pay as you go, and you can do it if you don't want to act the fool. I remember, when I was so hard up that I didn't have enough to eat, that everybody refused me credit. It was the very best thing that they ever did for me. I got along. You can always get along, if you live within your means. It may be a mean way to live, but it is much better than putting yourself under obligations to others. Don't make debts, and they will not bother you. God created the heavens and the earth, and everything therein, and pronounced it good. Man has sought out many inventions, and made many devils, but they are his own creations, and he can quit creating.

*** "There is much I would like to say to you, but it must go by telepathy. I begin to feel it is much the better way; besides, I feel sure what I would say has already been said to you in the Healing Room, and it has come to me from there. I had some of the thoughts and almost the exact words as expressed in CHRISTIAN."

If you could only understand that the Silent Word is the healing balm and the cure for all of your ills, you would cease asking for so many letters. Moreover, you would cultivate listening in the Silence, instead of reading so much, or listening to so much chin music. People keep asking me how to go into the Silence, when they are beating their tomtoms with all of their might. The only way to go into the Silence is to let the Silence come into you. Sitting down and going to sleep is not going into the Silence. I have been reading a novel aloud, while Mrs. Shelton makes lace. It is called: "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. There are some good points in it about the Silence. I find myself in the Silence, while riding in the street car, sitting in the theater, and even found myself occasionally in the Silence while at the big circus. It is a habit of thought. Don't try to get into the Silence by simply shutting yourself up in a room and sitting in a chair. That is the old thought of prayer and meditation. You can go crazy by keeping up such a practice. Form the habit of thinking to yourself. You unload your environ-

ment. You shut out every thing that has been said, and ask questions of your own soul. I give each one of you treatments for this habit of thought. The very first treatments given are for poise of mind.

*** "I have a very stingy husband, who (although he makes all kinds of money) never gives his wife and children anything but what he just has to. As I have to give an account of every cent I spend, it makes my life a burden."

Another case of habit. It has been the fashion for men to carry the money, and women to call on them for spare change. There is no good sense in it. There may have been a time when the woman was not a bread-winner, and had to be supported. But I can't find any such a time in my experience or in the past history of the race. The woman who is the home-keeper is just as much a bread-winner as the man who makes the money. Even when the savage went to the chase and brought in the game, the woman dressed it and cooked it and served her lord and master. She also was the pack animal on the march, and had to make the wigwam, build the fires and do all the drudgery. So please tell me when there has been a time when woman was not doing her share of the work. Why shouldn't she carry all the money, and men have to go into her trouser pockets for change? And why not let women do the fighting? An army of half a million young women, if they were taught to shoot, would be just as natural as an army of men. The biggest fool thing that men do is to go to war. How about enlisting all sound and healthy young women, from eighteen to thirty? You had just as well take twelve years out of the life of a young woman, and make her drill and march and fight battles, as to take the same number of years out of the life of a young man.

*** "Tell me some more about yourself. I am greatly interested in you personally. Someone here told me that you were controlled by many spirits through the mediumship of your wife. I don't believe it. Shelton is the devil sometimes, but for that, I never wish to see him diluted."

Now, that is the funniest thing I have read for many years. Mediumship in my wife? She is not clairvoyant or clairaudient. She is not a medium of any kind. I suppose your friend had a picture of a big fat woman, with a blank looking face, and as Helen Wilmans used to say, a notice, "to let," over her forehead. The woman of my vision didn't weigh a hundred pounds, and when she made her personal appearance she didn't look or act a bit like a medium. She is a little brown-eyed woman, given to painting china, painting in oil, water colors, going to the theater, reading novels, playing with the baby, and taking a personal interest in people she likes. She attends to the business part of this firm, and gives me perfect freedom in my healing. So much for the mediumship of my wife. There are no ghosts or spirits of any kind in control of me. I follow my own Spirit. I AM the master of my own mind. In this household there would be a row if either undertook to control the other. So we let each other alone. Not in the sense that we are not

companions, husband and wife in love and truth, but we do not try to make harmony by one mind dominating the other. If I feel like criticising her pictures, I do it. I give my honest opinion of her work. She does the same with my work. When she doesn't like the tone of a letter or an editorial, she says so. I told her one day that one of her pictures was dinkey. That was over a year ago, and she hasn't painted any dinkey pictures since. Mediumship and controlled by spirits! I have never found a spirit from the other side who knew any more than I did, and some of them are, to take their own words for it, very big fools.

*** "I like what you said about home building in August CHRISTIAN. I am beginning a home, and I want my sight and my home, and my own in general. It is coming. Keep up the treatment."

August CHRISTIAN struck a note and received a warm response about home building. What is the use to soar away into the sky until you get your wings? While we are here on the earth, let us make ourselves comfortable. When you have lived as long as I have, you will find out that nobody wants you mixed up in their lives and in their home. Every fellow wants to get a nest of his own, where he is the boss, and can live the independent life. If he lives in a boarding house, or a hotel, or with his grandmother, he is not his own boss. He is owned by the company he keeps. If he keeps company with himself and lives in his own house, he is independent. It is a good thing to go into a partnership with a first-class woman. Then you can have a partnership boss. If you can't get a first-class woman, why take a second or third class. Women are like the Kentucky Colonel said about whiskey. He said there wasn't any bad whiskey. There was good, better and best. I wouldn't live with some women, but, ahem—then, I am particular. Get you a good man. The best you can command. And make him make you a good home. I switched off to the woman side of the question because my wife stopped writing and looked around at me. Bless your hearts, live the independent life. Don't try to cut a figure before the people, and live beyond your means. It is not honest. The very best thing you find out in poverty is that all your friends are poor. The ones you thought were your friends are afraid you will ask for a lift. Live the Independent Life, and you will find the independent people attracted to you by the law of vibrations. Did you know that people who are wealthy, with few exceptions, began down at the foot of the ladder?

*** "Do you heal all kinds of sickness and cure all mental troubles?"

I treat all kinds of sickness and all kinds of trouble and tribulation. I never promise to heal. I only promise to give the treatments. Spirit does the healing. The healing is all within your own mind and in the vibrations of your own Spirit. I sometimes fail where I expect to succeed, and succeed where I am almost sure of failure. I could give you columns of testimonials of very bad cases that were entirely healed by mental treatments. I have

in my mind a case where the friends and the doctors, and I myself, gave up the patient. He got hold of a thought and responded to a vibration which kept right on doing the work, until he is now a hearty and healthy man. It seems that mental treatment sets your mind in motion. There is no telling where that mind will lead you when it is once quickened into activity. Men get a little boost in business, and they go right ahead to prosperity. It all depends on your own Spirit, your own mind. All the healer can do is to set your own mind to work, give you a mental boost, lift you out of the abnormal condition in which you find yourself. I treat to awaken you. It is your own kingdom. I only speak to you down in your depths and say "Hello!" It is a great joy to see how the people grow. There was a little girl over in Indiana who wanted a musical education. She sent me a dollar for treatments and said she wanted money to buy a violin and to pay for lessons. I caught her vibration and she caught mine. I told her I would give her daily treatments to get the fiddle and the teacher. She began to climb. For over a year she has been in Edinburgh, Scotland, studying music with the very best masters. It is not only giving her a musical education, but developing her womanhood and making her a power. It was in her. I called it out. That is genuine mental healing.

*** Telepathy is the transference of thought. I do not believe there is any distance or space too great for this transference. It may come from the sun, or from any planet in the universe. I know by constant practice with my wife, and others, that telepathy is practical. It will soon come to take the place of the printed word and the telegraph. Already we have wireless telegraphy. The wireless method is coming into commercial use more and more every day. It will not be long until we do away with instruments. Trained mental receivers and transmitters will be used in telepathy. It will reach a stage of development where it will be of commercial value. Money talks. It will soon be able to talk without wires or instruments. It will talk by the transference of thought. This is the way I give treatments, and hundreds of people are receiving my messages and vibrations every day. It is getting to be second nature with me. Old readers of CHRISTIAN will remember that I foretold the wireless telegraphy. The prophecy was in CHRISTIAN in 1895, I think, or maybe in 1896. I now tell you that telepathy will take the place of wireless telegraphy. It will be transference of thought from mind to mind, and the commercial world will be seeking for men who can do it. Time is coming when the clumsy methods of the present day will be considered unsafe. Men will look back and think that we were almost barbarians to risk human life on trains by the tick of an instrument. Engineers will know what is before them without any other method than their own thought. It is the age where men are calling for power and speed. Wireless telegraphy, the automobile, the fast trains, the

swift steamships. It gets into your very bones. I thought the running of automobiles, with great speed, was very foolish and so did my wife. We had not been out in one more than the second or third time until we wanted to see it go. She turned to me and used the very expression that I have used in this item, it gets into your bones and your blood.

*** "If we are to take this attitude in some cases and not in others, it would imply a larger wisdom to choose right than I, or the mortals I know, exhibit. Anyway, one might as well go down to Oriental indifference as to be torn in shreds by the stress that is on the workers in modern life."

So writes a delicate, sensitive artist. She lives in a world apart from the common herd. She must learn to live in the repose and mental poise of Christianity. No one in this world can live as well as the sensitive, refined artist, if they know how to do it. Instead of letting things grate on your nerves, you must look at everything as so many pictures. The man with the hoe called out one of the greatest paintings on the planet. The painting brought forth one of the great poems of modern times. Look at things as they are and measure everything by the mind of the Spirit. You can then go forward in peace and enter into the full joy of living. On the contrary, if you get to worrying about the conditions of social life, you can keep on worrying until you are a thing of shreds and patches. Spirit is unfolding humanity and changing social conditions just as fast as the mind of man will permit. Everything is working for Good. Agitation, discussion, unions and strikes, trusts and combines are all working towards one common end—the health of humanity. A man wrote in here and said that I was a Socialist, and afraid to call myself one. Another said I was really a Spiritualist, but, through fear, I wouldn't come out and say so. If that is your opinion, you are welcome to it. I don't care a continental what you think of me. Socialism is not Christianity, and you will find that Christianity is not any kind of an ism. It is the Spirit of Truth working in the individual for the unfolding of the mind of men. Step by step, Spirit is doing the work. Immortality will be uncovered. Righteousness will be a matter of business and the world will blossom as a rose. The whole planet will be covered with the knowledge of Truth as waters cover the beds of the ocean. It will not come through any ism or any kind of an organization. Time will unfold the Truth in the Individual, and you can't hurry God. If you want to find Peace, keep out of any sect in religion, any party in politics, or any theory of sociology. Don't put up any signs for your mind, for you want to be able to change your mind. If you put up a sign you will want to stick to it. All your neighbors have passed by and read the sign, so you will think it is a backdown if you change. A man stands up and says, "I am a Methodist," and the oftener he says it, the deeper he makes the rut. Another man shakes his fist in your face and declares he is a "demicrat" and always will be one! Be yourself, and as you grow you will find yourself changing into a newer and better self.

"HIS NAME IS CALLED THE WORD OF GOD."

In last CHRISTIAN we were to deliver up the kingdom to God.

How can you deliver up the kingdom until you have conquered all of your enemies? You must be a crowned king.

Not only a crown and scepter, but in full possession of power.

Then you can deliver up the kingdom to God and rest your soul in peace. How are you going to do it?

Man is naturally a fighter. He is never satisfied unless he is at war with something or somebody. All the wars and quarrels and dissensions among men are but the outcroppings of man's desire to overcome, to rule, to have dominion.

"Let them have dominion."

This is the first commandment or promise to man. He was to be a conqueror. The conquest was for the purpose of bringing him peace and power. Let us find the enemy. Where is he? Give us a chance to get at him with a club. Go for him with a gun. Drive the usurper out and take possession of your kingdom. This is the way mortal mind has been going about it.

Alas and alack, the enemy is invisible. All the enemies you have are inside of your own mind. You will not find anything outside to conquer. Christianity comes with non-resistance to, so-called, outside enemies. It looks like a meek, cowardly and impracticable kind of conquest. And yet Christianity is the only conqueror that has ever been on the earth. All other so-called conquests have been going around in a circle, starting anywhere and getting nowhere. Christianity has steadily marched forward in the conquest. It comes nearer ruling the world to-day than any other power.

Anarchy tells you to go after your own with a gun. Christianity says for you to go after yourself with the truth. The wrongs of the world have been sustained by force of arms. Then, how under the sun can Satan cast out Satan? How are you going to overpower your enemies with a gun, when a gun is the very thing that is used to support evil. Anything that is sustained by violence, you may know to be wrong. The gun itself is an enemy. War is the one thing that you must put down.

How?

By beginning at home. You not only begin at home, but you end at home. You are to make no conquests of other people. It is none of your business about what other people think or do. You are only concerned with yourself. It is your business to put all of the so-called evils of the world out of your mind. One of the greatest evils of the world is the interfering with other people's affairs. You must conquer the disposition to "butt in" where other people are concerned. A regiment of men, a brigade, an army interfering with another army, is simply the individual multiplied. So, at last you reduce the whole thing back to yourself. Truth and peace and goodness must be in you. This is the beginning

and the ending of our kingdom. After you have put out of your mind all of your enemies, you are ready to quit interfering with God in the government of the universe. You are ready to deliver up your kingdom to God and be reconciled to the affairs of the world as conducted by the mind of the Almighty. Now quit looking outside, while I talk to you about the conditions of the inside. I want to make this article very practical and personal, and it will all have to do with your interior department.

What I shall say about other people will be only as illustration. There is really but one person in all the universe. That person is Yourself. It is you. It is I. Now, the real name of this I is the Word of God. When the I has conquered, his name is called the Word of God. While he is getting there, his name is often called mud. I shall use the tags of other people in making this "I" travel through the many periods of unfoldment.

There are three of these periods that stand out very clearly: The emotional, the romantic and the rational.

The emotional is the first period. When the I is awakened you get very emotional. Some of you have hysterics. I would like to pass over this period very lightly, for I remember what a fool I was when passing through it. Have I passed through this period? Yes, else I could not intelligently write about it. If you will excuse me for the word, I will call it the slobbering period. This emotion is called love, but it isn't. It is a sign of weakness, and love is strong. In this emotional period you want to go right out and "save" the whole world. You imagine that you are the very one to be called and chosen and ordained to save others. You are full of fears and prayers and sobs. You are so sorry for people who are not in the Truth. You think that nearly everybody on earth is in darkness except yourself. You are ready to tell everybody just exactly how it is with their souls. As a dissector of minds and a saviour of souls you are a success. You wonder why the dear people do not come running after you to have their souls adjusted. You are an adjuster of all kinds of relations, family and national. Oh, what a fool you were! There is no use to talk to you, when in that period, about common sense. I have heard women, while under the influence of this emotional insanity, sit down and tell other women how to train their husbands, take care of their children; and as for men in this period, they are a perfect nuisance. You make yourself just as much of a nuisance before God as you do before the people. You cry and pray and whine to God, as if he cared for your silly mouthings. You think God is very "mean" for not handing you over the sceptre of power so that you can go forth as a conqueror. You poor, pitiful fools!

Much good work is accomplished through the emotions. It is not all weakness. The unfolding mind will naturally pass out of the emotional into the next stage. The next period is the romantic. I will not call your attention to the whole of human history,

Let us look at the modern metaphysical movement. It has passed through the emotional and romantic periods, and is now ready for the rational.

Mary Baker Eddy, during her emotional transition, did good work in healing and teaching. She healed herself of many maladies, and began the work of teaching others. Then she passed into the romantic period and began to devise great things. Instead of looking into herself and conquering disease, old age and death, she began to look outside. The result was the founding of an hierarchy. She quit her teaching and healing, and founded a sect in religion. There are nearly one thousand of these abominable sects cumbering human thought. Mrs. Eddy succeeded in founding another one of these abominations, and so lost her grip on herself. The sect is here and is a "big thing" in the way big things go in mortal thought. The regeneration and resurrection of Mary Baker Eddy would have been something really new and everlasting. Anybody can form a religious sect if they start in with the emotions and end in romance. There are always men and women full of emotion and ready for the romantic.

Helen Wilmans, when I met her in Georgia, was in the emotional period of her unfolding. She had a beautiful home and was doing a splendid work in teaching and healing. There was color in her cheek, fire in her eye, and her words were full of healing. The emotions are absolutely essential in healing vibrations. Then she got the fever and began to devise great things. Instead of staying in the kingdom of Helen Wilmans, conquering the enemies in her own mind, she started out to save the world. This would have been all right if she had dreamed dreams. But she ceased dreaming and went right into practical folly. Leaving her beautiful home in Georgia, she went down to Florida and bought a piece of land. She was going to found a City Beautiful. Instead of making that City Beautiful a symbol of mental and physical regeneration, she tried to make it out of matter. She sold town lots and built houses and laid out the streets and boulevards of the City Beautiful. All the mental scientists were to be gathered there around Helen Wilmans. It was very childish and romantic and the result was failure.

Edgar Wallace Conable was doing a very good work in a little town near Colorado Springs. He started his magazine, *The Pathfinder*. Then he took the fever and wanted to do great things. Instead of dreaming about it, he actually went down to Arkansas and entered into negotiations for eight thousand acres of raw land. He was going to found a community where there would be no tobacco, no whisky and no meat. Everybody who wanted to live in peace and plenty would gather around Edgar Wallace Conable. It was very childish and romantic and the result—failure. Helen Wilmans and Conable got out of their romances with enough to settle themselves down comfortably in California. The poor followers who didn't get out are still stuck.

Henry Harrison Brown is now entering into the same dream of great things. He is seeking for a home for many people who are readers of his magazine, *Now*. He was doing very well in building up his periodical until he began to leave the realms of common sense and enter into the romantic. A California paper says "Mr. Brown's plans are of considerable scope and include a summer school along the lines of the new psychology, a sanitarium and various industries in connection. He expects to have considerable timber and rock for building purposes, and to locate at a point where there will be mineral springs, boating, fishing, etc. If Mr. Brown's plans go through, the institution will be a large one, and will give a great impetus to the surrounding country where it is located." Henry Harrison Brown is 66 years old, just ripe for romance.

Charles Fillmore and wife, fourteen years ago, were doing good work teaching and healing. In the beginning of my emotional period, I was present with the Fillmores for many weeks. They did me good. I have watched their unfoldment from that day. I was not surprised several months ago to find in *Unity* almost a full page advertisement signed by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, calling on their readers for one hundred thousand dollars to be used in their work. The call says that people who have a surplus should give it to the Lord, and the proper representatives of the Lord are Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. This money is to be sent to them as a free-will offering, without security, and to be used by them at their own sweet will. They may get it, or part of it. It shows that they are both in the romantic period and dreaming dreams about doing great things. What can they do with one hundred thousand dollars in their work? They have no more use for that much money in their work than a wagon has with a fifth wheel. The Circle of Christians has money to burn, but what is the use of burning it? I sent out thousands and tens of thousands of samples. It was burning money. I believe that CHRISTIAN is sowing as good seed as any other periodical on earth, but there is no sense in trying to force the paper on the people before they are prepared for it. There are thousands of uncredited subscriptions that have been paid for by the Circle of Christians. The only thing that we can do is to wait and watch for people who are seeking the truth. You can't use money in your work any faster than the people are ready for the truth. It is not money that we need, but people. Every time you make a new reader who is interested in the truth, you are sowing seed that will bear fruit. It is utterly impossible to use one hundred thousand dollars in the work of *Unity*, or in any other method of spreading the truth. The Fillmores are romancing.

This is not criticism of individuals, but a showing of mental movements. As to individuals, we are all about alike. There are some schemes that are open to criticism as fraudulent. I do not condemn even these, for the sinners and the saints are all human. A man at one period of his unfoldment will

do things that he will condemn a few years afterwards.

Take the case of E. G. Lewis, of the so-called "United States Bank," of St. Louis. Many of my readers were taken in by this scheme. They were trying to get something for nothing and so got caught. Lewis used certain words. He called his scheme "The People's United States Bank." He had no right to the use of either of these words. He did not represent the people. He was not the United States, and his concern was not a bank. But there are no stronger words in the minds of the people than these words used by Lewis. The postal department inquired into the matter and issued a fraud order, but not until Lewis had collected nearly two millions of dollars. Just think of it! He had only been working this scheme for a short time. And yet there flowed into his "bank" nearly two million dollars of the people's money. I do not call Lewis dishonest or a fraud. He may have been romancing. Perhaps he had thought it all out and was going to do great things for the people.

Dowie has been working the same kind of a scheme, but he happened to have business ability and has made it a success. He has benefited the people. That is, if people can be benefited by any such paternal methods. In the long run, they are injured by such methods. I do not call Dowie a fraud. He is simply romancing and thinks that the "Lord" has called upon him to do great things. These men, when they reach the age of romancing, are ready to save the world. William Booth started his Salvation Army with the same object in view. All of these schemes for the salvation of the world are as children making mud pies and playing with dolls.

It is an age of romancing, and you want to be careful about soaring too high in your calculations. God will save the world. Don't load your shoulders with God's job. Attend to your own business. This world is to be saved individually and not collectively. I would like to see a Mary Baker Eddy, a Helen Wilmsans, a Charles Fillmore, a Myrtle Fillmore, a Henry Harrison Brown turn themselves loose on themselves. When they make a success in their own minds and bodies, they will naturally radiate on others. If they are in the truth they will tell others to go and do likewise. It is not money, but mind, that is needed. A self-acting, self-adjusting, self-saving mind in the individual. A whole collection of mortal minds is still mortal. The more mud you place in a pile, the more mud you have in the pile.

How about yourself? Oh, I heard what you were saying. I have been just as big a fool as the others. My romantic period is a sore spot. I can throw words at the sore spots of the other people better than I can at my own sore spot. I put thirty thousand dollars in a hole in the ground hunting for gold. You remember the boy that had so much fun tickling the jackass? The donkey was feeding near a precipice and the boy thought it would be so much fun to slip up behind him and tickle him so that he would jump over the precipice. He got to laughing over it and had to sit down on the ground several times to get over his fits of laughter. The more he thought about it, the funnier it

seemed. He finally, between his fits of fun, got up to the jackass and began the tickling process. The donkey kicked him down the hill, and went on feeding. I remember how many great things I was going to do with my gold when I got it. In my mind I spent millions and millions of dollars and never got a cent. There is one consolation in the fact that my romance did not hurt any other person. I did not draw any other person into my scheme. The money went to feed and clothe the miners, their wives and their children. It did good and cured me. I am glad that I didn't found a colony, build a city, or start a sanitarium.

What shall I say of the rational period? In the language of Kipling—that is another story. This metaphysical movement is just now entering into the rational period of unfoldment. All of us who do not die "abornin'" will take our emotions and our romance over into the rational. The emotions will turn into genuine love, the romance into mental freedom, and we will become sensible beings. Get you a little dirt and build you a home on it. Make yourself a center of attraction. Not only make you a home and adorn it with things that will help you to happiness and rest your heart in peace, but accumulate more and more property. Not for the sake of owning property, but for the independent life. Don't go running after things. Draw things to you. Above all, remember that all of your enemies are within your own mind. Put down all authority and all antagonism that stands in the way of your peace. This includes putting down disease, and death. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Death is something that is within your own mind. It must be put out of your thought. Not by emotional and romantic visions, but by slow unfoldment into the truth. The truth is in you and only needs to be brought out and made active. Quit looking away to the hills. Stop your gazing up into the stars. Don't bother about other people. Don't even bother about yourself. Quit bothering.

Let all kinds of business be carried on with business men in accordance with business principles. Settlements will be opened up in new lands. Cities will be built. Homes will be founded on business principles. Live in the community as an individual. Don't let any man or woman put you into a herd of individuals. There are millions and millions of human cattle on this planet. Don't be one of these cattle. Follow your own Spirit. Christians are individuals, and in each individual is the king, the priest, the government of that individual. You are your own boss. You come into this Circle of Christians for the instructions and vibrations, and not to be in a herd. You take out of it what is your own and appropriate it to yourself.

Your name is called the Word of God, in spite of all of your foolishness. You can only learn the true name by passing through all of these periods of unfoldment. The tears you shed in your emotional period and the air castles of your romantic period were all part of your overcoming. He that overcomes is to be given a new name and a crown and a sceptre and a kingdom. You are going to overcome. It is your destiny and there is no power outside of you and no weakness inside that can hinder you from overcoming.

His name is called the Word of God.

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