

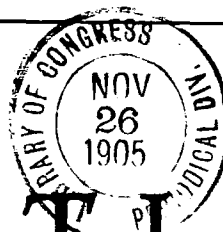
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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind



"I AM THAT I AM"

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."—Exodus 3:14.



AM hath sent me unto you.
This is the greatest thought in the world.
It is the foundation of Christianity.
It is the beginning of individual authority.
There was no institution back of Moses.
He obeys the voice of the Spirit.
He is alone in the wilderness.
And alone he goes to the court of Egypt.
He faces a mighty army.
His scepter is a shepherd's crook.
He opened the door for the law and the prophets.
There was no title before or after his name.
And yet he was the mightiest monarch among men.
Christianity is as old as God.
It is the sovereignty of the individual.
It is God speaking to your own spirit:
I AM hath sent me unto you.

"WHAT OF THAT?"

"Tired! Well, what of that?
Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease,
Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by the
breeze?
Come, rouse thee! work while it is called
to-day!
Coward, arise! go forth upon thy way!

"Lonely! And what of that?
Some must be lonely! 'tis not given to all
To feel a heart responsive rise and fall,
To blend another life into his own,
Work may be done in loneliness. Work on.

"Dark! Well, and what of that?
Didst fondly dream the sun would never
set?
Dost fear to lose thy way? Take courage
yet!
Learn thou to walk by faith and not by
sight;
Thy steps will guided be, and guided right.

"Hard! Well, and what of that?
Didst fancy life one summer holiday,
With lessons none to learn, and nought but
play?
Go, get thee to thy task! Conquer or die!
It must be learned! Learn it then pa-
tiently.

"No help! Nay, it's not so!
Though human help be far, thy God is nigh,
Who feeds the ravens, hears His children's
cry.
He's near thee, wheresoe'er thy footsteps
roam,
And he will guide thee, light thee, help thee
Home."

—Anonymous.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** This is the last CHRISTIAN for this year.

*** Next year is the thirteenth year of CHRISTIAN.

*** Don't be alarmed, for thirteen is my number, and is pivotal.

*** It means ONE, with twelve surrounding it; unity and completeness.

*** It was not an accident that I came into this world on the thirteenth day of the month.

*** Next year will be a distinct advancement on the other twelve of CHRISTIAN, and all of you are ready for it.

*** I wish to inaugurate quarterly payments, so that we may divide the year into four divisions instead of twelve.

*** It will help in many ways, and when you once get used to it, it will be better for all concerned. It is more like business.

*** I will not make this a strict rule at the start, but will gradually come to it. So that beginners will take three months of treatments at a time.

*** This will not prevent you from writing your regular monthly letter and making your report, receiving the written Word from us. But we will cut the pie into four pieces instead of twelve.

*** In order to help you get started in quarterly payments, I will give you all of December, or any fraction thereof, and credit for you the first quarter of the new year, or until the last day of March, 1906.

*** I will make a new book for 1906, this month, and enroll all who pay quar-

terly, but will not enroll transients, as they get mixed up with my regulars in the Circle of Christians. Many of these transients are not in good faith, and only come to "try."

*** I want the regular Christians to form a distinct class in unfoldment. For this reason they will be enrolled in a little book which will be carried in my vest pocket. And wherever I may be, they will be with me. So remember that you get this last month of the year free, if you make the quarterly payments now, for the first quarter in 1906.

*** As long as they last, I will send two copies of my only book, "I AM Sermons," for every dollar sent for treatments, if you mention the matter. The book will be mailed to you or to any address that you send me. Or, if you prefer it, one subscription to CHRISTIAN will be sent for each dollar for treatments. But don't ask for both, books and yearly subscription.

*** I want you Christians to circulate the paper and the book. So don't be shy about asking for the book or the subscription. The book retails at fifty cents, and is cloth bound, well printed, with a portrait of the author. It will never be republished, and this edition will soon be exhausted. It contains twelve lessons in I AM Science. Claim the book for yourself and friends, and you will please me.

*** I know you will all be glad when I stop talking about money, and so will I. Just as long as it is a medium for everything else we use in this world, we must talk about it. I also talk about money for you every day, and keep your own center of attraction before my mind. I want each of you to come into the fullness of prosperity, and to live an independent life. I want a paid-up subscription list with the next issue of CHRISTIAN.

*** "Am I entitled to those books of yours spoken of in CHRISTIAN?"

So writes one who has been handing money to me regularly every month for many years. I feel like giving such a one a good mental spanking. Of course you are entitled to the books, and I think there are about five hundred of them coming to you. If you people don't claim your own, it is your own fault. When all these books are out of print, you will be sending in here and lamenting that you did not get one.

*** Let me talk a little more business. I wish you would all make this matter of treatments a straightforward business transaction. It will help you. Write a straightforward business letter, and tell me what you want. Make your demands straight from the shoulder. When you talk to God, talk business. You have a right to your Own of Health, Happiness and Prosperity. Demand it as a matter of business. This is a commercial age, and fall into the spirit of it, and demand more than mere dollars. You have a right to the whole thing.

*** "A Christian Scientist wished me to send for CHRISTIAN for her, and wished it sent to me, and given to her without the wrapper. I said, 'Not me! Kick off your bondage, and come out into the grand and glorious liberty of Truth.'"

That was very brave in you, but I hope you give her CHRISTIAN on the sly all the time. You know we have to put seed into the ground and cover it before we can bring forth a harvest. The reading of CHRISTIAN on the sly would help her to do a little kicking after awhile. It would strengthen her legs. People in swaddling clothes are not expected to kick very vigorously.

*** "The coming of CHRISTIAN is like seeing a dear friend. The reading matter is so entirely different from other journals. It is like having a good visit with you when the time draws near for me to expect it. I am disappointed if it is delayed by the mail. It braces me up so that I take a new hold on life."

That is exactly what CHRISTIAN is to all of you. It is a personal visit. A face to face and eye to eye talk. It is intended for you individually, each one, and not as a collection or herd of people. Why? Because what I say comes to me through Spirit and is told me as an individual. It is the I AM talking to my own Spirit.

*** "My mind is troubled about my future in eternity, and I think I am lost. Can you do anything for me?"

You are already in eternity. And have always been, and can never get anywhere else. You may be lost, but that is in your mind. When you come to your senses you will recognize the fact that you are here, and have always been here, and can't possibly run away from yourself. You need not be troubled about your future or your past, if you will take care of the present. Stop your foolishness and go about your affairs. If you haven't anything else to engage your mind, go out and throw stones at a stump.

*** "Send me a copy of CHRISTIAN containing the article, 'Whose Wife Is She?' I have but recently read it and think it is the finest discussion of the subject I have ever seen. I want a copy by me for frequent reference."

That editorial was in the May CHRISTIAN, and the whole edition and 4,000 extras have been exhausted long ago. I have been urged to reprint it. In my judgment, it was the greatest article I ever wrote for CHRISTIAN. It brought life and immortality to light, and did away with the bugbear called death. I will write further on the same subject when the Spirit moves me. I want to know more before I say more. Therefore, will have to wait until the revelation comes to me.

*** There is no use in mincing matters. Humanity has been standing like so many criminals trembling with fear. The institution has taught you that you were a sinner and condemned of God. Humanity has had its hands up and afraid to take them down for fear they would be punished. They have gone to God like a beggar. They were even afraid to go to God directly, and so they asked the preacher and the priest to act as go-betweens. Christians, stop it! Walk right up to the Captain's desk and demand your Own! It belongs to you. No other individual in the universe can claim your own. He couldn't use it if he got it, and he couldn't get it, for God is just. Your own will lie in the bank of God unused until you call for it.

*** "The excellent number of CHRISTIAN, edited by your inspiration, as we may well believe, came before I was ready to address you another letter. The dollar was ready, but the writing faculty deficient. I received the healing vibrations in advance for mind and body."

It is queer how some people depend upon a letter or CHRISTIAN for the healing vibrations. A letter, or CHRISTIAN, comes to you once a month, while the healing vibrations are going to you all the time. You cheat yourself when you depend upon the printed page either in a letter or magazine. Spirit speaks in the Silence, and I AM giving you treatments right along, whether I am awake or asleep. How do I do it? I don't know. I am conscious that the work is going on, but can't explain it.

*** "Why did you leave the Healing Room? Did the vibrations get too strong for you, or did so many people go there mentally that they pushed you out?"

We did not leave the Healing Room, for it is the most precious room in this house. We simply moved down stairs into the office and changed our oak for mahogany. The old typewriters and oak desks were sold. And so everything has been made new. Our work is done down here, and we go to the Healing Room for our own joy and the treatments. But don't you get the idea that the healing room is not in me, for it is. There are no bounds or limitations to my healing. On the street cars, in the theatre, anywhere that I may happen to be, the treatments are going right along all the time. It has become a habit.

*** "Will you kindly publish in your paper the meaning of John 9:4? I can not conceive of a night coming when no man can work."

My beloved, the fifth verse will explain the fourth. It reads: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." He knew that he was going to the cross and that there was to be a long dark night when he would not be here to do his work. Therefore, he must sow his seed while he was in the world, and he illustrated it by a laborer working during the day when it was light enough for him to see what he was doing, for when the night comes, he retires to rest and is not able to work. Always read Scripture with all of its connections and you will easily understand the meaning. Jesus was not talking about any future except in regard to his own work.

*** "What has become of George Edwin Burnell and his wife? I don't hear anything from them any more."

They are doing a better and larger work than ever before. Their lectures and lessons, instead of being given away in CHRISTIAN, are sold at a fair price. You can get the lectures, typewritten, at \$1.50 each. Just send for a list, for even the reading of the titles will do you good. Address 1327 Georgia St., Los Angeles, Cal. Their winter school is now in session at the Home of Truth, and you can get all particulars by writing. It was money in Burnell's pocket to quit writing for CHRISTIAN, and I knew it would be. You will have to come right down to square business in this matter of teaching. There are very few teachers in this world,

and these few must be well paid for their services. Truth can no longer be put on the bargain counter, or sold at auction. The seekers of Truth are willing to pay for instruction.

*** A little incident will show you how the law of attraction works. Twenty-five years ago I read Swedenborg's "The Divine Wisdom and the Divine Love." The other day I went to my library in search of it. I wanted to quote from it. The book was no where to be found. For several days I said over and over to myself, "I wish I had that little book." Then one morning, there was a postal card in the mail from a man in Boston, who said:

"I send you in this mail a little book, 'The Divine Wisdom and the Divine Love,' by Swedenborg. It will help you in your controversy with the readers of CHRISTIAN who do not believe in the Sun Center. You need not return the book."

There it was, right on my desk, all the way from Boston, and I verily believe, in answer to my own mental message. The law works perfectly in great things as well as in small, so you can trust your genuine desires to bring your own to you. I call every day for the greater things, and in due time they will come to me.

*** "We expect to be crossing the Mediterranean, and we are all very nervous about encountering rough seas. I have not worried you with many letters since I joined the Circle of Christians."

So you see how I travel without paying any fare. I have crossed the ocean, in fact, nearly all of the oceans on the planet many, many times with other people. Some of these days I will try it and see if it will work in my own body as well as my Word of Truth seems to work in other people. I have taken many people across the Atlantic in rough seas, who were not sick a minute, and yet, in their former voyages, they were always deathly sick. You need not write a letter unless you feel like it, just send your mental message and you will make connection with this center. The Word of Truth is omnipresent. It does not depend upon the mails or telegraph. It is received through telepathy and telepathy is going to be the only means of communication some of these days. The world is getting out of its clumsy methods. It is my opinion that we will soon be weary of these sluggish bodies and demand a lighter and brighter home for the Spirit.

*** "Enclosed find fifteen dollars for one year in Circle of Christian, your paper, and the rest for you to 'blow in' in any old way you may see fit. Bless your old gizzard, you and Burnell are about the only ones who cause us to think. The little bread and milk poultices, ready for each particular ill, which the most of these new thoughters keep on hand, make one weary."

I like the first part of your letter, because it gives me the right to use my money in any way that pleases me. Just to "blow in" in any old way that I may see fit. This shows that you have really begun to think about freedom for yourself when you are ready to grant freedom to others. CHRISTIAN is published by an individual for indi-

viduals, and is not the organ of any kind of an institution, and does not represent any sort of a cause, except the Spirit of God, within the individual. The bread and milk poultices of the new thoughters, is a happy way to put it. The impotence of Christian Science has produced a crop of echoes. And even these parrot sayings are growing fainter and fainter as the days go by. You can't organize an echo. It takes some originality to found a sect. It takes more to build an individual.

*** "I have never told you how instantaneously I was able to hear the Silent Word when my dear M— wrote you of me. This girl does not even remove the wrapper of CHRISTIAN, ere she consigns it to the waste basket. I fished out the October number, gave it to a friend, who was so electrified with it that I send dollar for year's subscription to her. Will you please call my name in the Silence? I wonder if you have an idea the wonderful blessings you and your little Comrade are to this day and age? We to-day are all Missourians, and have to be shown the Way, and you are a glorious way-shower."

I know what a wonderful blessing CHRISTIAN is to this day and age. I not only get the news from those who read it, but also from the heavens above. I wish also that all the waste baskets were kept clear of CHRISTIAN. This is the reason we are trying to bring our list up to date. I don't want anybody to receive unless they are willing and anxious to read. When you know of any one who gets CHRISTIAN without caring for it, let me know, and I will mark them off the list. There are a few idiots who occasionally get the paper, and they return it to me without giving any kind of address, and so I do not know who they are or where they live.

*** "About a year ago my work became so heavy that I could not thoroughly read CHRISTIAN when it came. I therefore carefully filed the papers away after glancing at a few short paragraphs. I have been using up all my spare time lately in 'getting even' with my CHRISTIAN file, and I don't know when I have had so much enjoyment, and have felt more profit in anything I have ever done. Sometimes I would read one number twice, and sometimes I could read two CHRISTIANS in one evening. In this way I have been brought close to you and your family, and it has seemed sometimes as if we were all sitting together in a room and you were telling me these things in a conversation. I admire your method of presenting your thoughts, and feel that I am benefited in every way by them. I also enjoy your keen wit, which is the best ever."

A file of CHRISTIAN is a precious possession. There are many numbers of CHRISTIAN now out of print that are worth more than any books on the market. It is a good way to go over the whole file and read consecutively each issue for a year. Then you get the drift of the whole thought during that year. It is pretty hard for me to "prepare" anything for CHRISTIAN. I have quit trying it. So each number now comes up in the mind without any preparation, and I speak what I hear from the Spirit.

*** Blessed be the name of the I AM, our own, can not be lost! When you do get it, there will not only be all of it counted out to you, but interest and compound interest will come with it. When you enter

into the Joy of the Living, you will forget all of the troubles by the way. I didn't know that I had so many treasures laid up in the bank of the Almighty. The safety vaults of the universe are beginning to reveal exhaustless wealth for me. I was afraid along the road that I might lose something. I thought, in fact, that I had lost many things, and other things were being lost. It was all a mistake. It was caused by my mortal fears. Nothing that belongs to you can ever get away from you. I was afraid to ask for it. For a long time I was pretty sure that I would get my just dues in hell. The religionists had been shaking a big stick at me. I crouched in fear. But when the voice of the I AM sent me forth in search of my own, I found the way clear. The big stick was only a stuffed club. Perfect love has cast out all fear. I have been punished in my own conscience for all the wrongs of my life. That was part of the process of getting out of debt. I paid my own debts. I didn't try to shift the burden to any one. This gives me a clear conscience. If some other good fellow had paid my debts, the burden would still rest on my conscience.

*** "I have been reading 'The Right Knock,' by Mrs. Van Anderson, and have come across a statement which I would like to have made clearer, and I know of no one who I think better able than yourself to elucidate. She says that it is a lack of understanding as to how truth works that has caused a belief in miracles. I want to know what is truth and how it works."

That was certainly not the right knock, for truth always works by miracle. No individual is able to understand the work of the Spirit. He may believe in it. He may see it. He may be conscious of it. But he does not understand how he does it. The creative act is beyond the cognizance of the individual mind. How can the mind of man, the creature, understand the workings of the Creator? It must be accepted by faith, and faith is spiritual consciousness. You read that little poem in CHRISTIAN not long ago, entitled, "Where is God?" It covers the whole ground. The bird was trying to find the air, the fish seeking for the sea, and yet both were living and moving in that element. We live and move and have our being in Spirit. But we will never encompass the workings inside our own skulls. Let us rejoice that we are in the truth, and that some of it gets into us. Let us breathe the air and rejoice in it, without trying to breathe all of it into our own little lungs. I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life! I AM the Vine, ye are the branches.

*** "The editorial of November CHRISTIAN was indeed well timed. I have to confess that my close study of the same enabled me to see the Truth of your Center of the Sun, in the law of organization. Everything in the universe is organized. So every solar system is an organization in itself with a center to feed and influence the whole system. The things material, being in reality things spiritual, appear to us what we call material only so long as we see ourselves material."

You see I made a convert with one little statement. The above is from the gentleman who protested against my sun center.

All intelligent beings see God as a sun. His presence was made known in the temple by fire on the altar, which represents the animal plane of life. For animals were sacrificed on that fire. But the real Divine Presence was represented by a white light called the Shekinah. In the resurrection and regeneration the Divine Presence is in each individual in the form of light. Until this presence of the Jehovah is in you, subjectively and objectively, you are not in the truth. The light must not only shine in you subjectively when your eyes are closed, but must shine out objectively when your eyes are open. Clairvoyance, to be perfect, must work within and without. It is said by one of the sages, "When the within is as the without, and the without is as the within, the kingdom of God hath come." This is practical truth.

*** Betsy and Billy Towne, of *The Nautilus*, Holyoke, Mass., passed through Denver on their way from Portland, but did not stop to see the only thing in Denver worth seeing—my baby! This is the way Elizabeth, Lizzie, Betsy, apologizes for the blunder:

"I wonder if you felt sorry when we went through Denver without seeing you! I did! But we only had part of the day there, and had resolved to see the city *first*. No time left to see any of our friends. Mrs. Shackelford met us at the hotel; she was the only one. If you and Blanche ever come East, and prefer to see Holyoke to seeing us, I shall be *mad*. But I expect you to be real good.

"Please send me a copy of CHRISTIAN for last February, containing an article on Law of Cause and Effect. Find enclosed 5 cents.

"Your last number came to hand night before last, and I gulped it all down at one sitting. What you said to Cook was just right. Hope it went home to the mark. CHRISTIAN is always alive.

"We had a lovely trip out West. You ought to have seen the Lewis and Clark fair! They had a "Roycroft Day," too. When it was proposed the ministers were so mad that they all withdrew and refused to have a day of their own! Lost their opportunity because they were mad to think Hubbard was going to have a like one! We did not go—left there that evening—too busy to go to the Expo.

"Here's more Health, Happiness and Success to you and Blanche and the baby."

Hubbard has the knack of getting more free advertisement than any man in America. He knows how to work the preachers, and they are always blind enough to advertise the devil and Tom Walker. Hubbard is the commander-in-chief of the Philistines, the ancient and modern enemy of Israel. He has the preachers whipped because they do not know how to meet his attacks.

*** "I wish you to mail the enclosed letter to that man of forty who wants a wife."

"Please give me the name and address of the lady in the new cottage who is seeking a husband."

These are samples of letters received from men and women who would like to turn this office into a matrimonial bureau. I told you emphatically that I would not do anything of the kind. It would be betraying the confidence of my private mail, and besides, it is unscientific. I tried the same plan with Spirit, in seeking my soul mate. But when

the time came for her to be revealed to me, it was by the merest accident. Of course, there are no accidents in Spirit, but it was what we would call an accident. Put your whole trust in Spirit, and go on about your affairs, and your Own will come to you in an unexpected way. Spirit is always surprising us, for life is forever new. The baby never looks the same two mornings in succession. Even a sunrise always looks new, as if we had never seen it before. I tried this thing of putting couples together by suggestion, and the result was a marriage and the biggest kind of a row with a divorce. They both blamed me, and I think they were right. What God has joined together is a very different thing from what Shelton has joined together—unless Shelton happens to be acting as the agent of God. You think I can afford to be complacent because my own is with me. If I only knew how many thousands of years I have been searching for her! The few years that I know seem like centuries. But, my beloved, nothing ever comes through Spirit, before the time has come. Spirit is never too late or too early. Even if you should die an old maid, your own will come to you in spite of hell and high water. Death is not a hindrance but a help to our progress. When the time comes to put death away, you will be ready for life.

*** "I very much wish I had read your paper on self sacrifice many years ago. I had always been taught to spend myself for everyone who wanted help. I now see the uselessness of it all. I have had my invalid sister on my hands night and day for thirty years—and she complains of my selfishness! I see now she could have done without me, and would have been cared for much better, and yet, the false teaching of my early days made me sacrifice my own life for her without giving her any real benefit."

There is a fine line of distinction between sacrifice of one for another, which we must determine from the teaching of the Spirit, and not from suggestions. I believe the sacrifice of Jesus was absolutely necessary to show the world the Lamb of God. There is a Lamb of God, and a Lion of the tribe of Judah. These two elements must be shown to men in the only way that mortals know how to see, that is, by the exercise of power and the voluntary giving up of power. Jesus was not dragged to the cross, because he couldn't help himself. It was not a case of weakness. "I have power to lay down my life, and I have the power to take it up again." It was power yielding to brute force to teach the world a lesson of love. The wonderful part of it is that this very Lamb of God is to be the terror of brute force in the final judgment. All the mighty men, all the warriors, all the men of blood cry out for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of the Lamb. It is not the Lion from which they are running, but the Lamb. They haven't courage to face suffering love. The most terrifying Face that will ever be shown to men of blood is the face of Divine Love. No wonder this prophet of Galilee took an infant, set it in the midst of his disciples, and pointing to its smiling face said: "Of

such is the kingdom of heaven." In the midst of this spectacle of brute force in Russia, and brute craftiness in Japan and China, let us rejoice that the time is coming when the Divine Love will reign supreme on this planet.

*** "He was quite interested, but said, 'Don't you think you would have gotten along just as well without the treatments?' I said, 'I have a right to the best of all things, but I can not keep myself from worrying. T. J. Shelton is one of those who can realize for himself and for others.' He smiled and said, 'Then you don't believe he is working for the Almighty dollars like the rest?' I said, 'Judge for yourself. If that was his chief object, he would do as all other ones do, fill his paper with ads and get big money. Then look again, for every dollar received, a person is entitled to a month's treatment, no medicine to buy, and a year's subscription to CHRISTIAN or two copies of his book. Where is the money in that? By the way, will you accept a year's subscription?' He said, 'I don't want you paying for it.' I said, 'I won't. I will send a dollar for a month's treatment, and he will make you a present of the year's subscription.' He accepted."

I quote this fragment from a personal letter, for a few straight forward comments. I am doing my work for wages, just like every other man in the world who has good sense. I give you my time and attention, and you pay me for it. If you didn't pay, you wouldn't get it. I know that I have the gift of healing, therefore, I am ready and willing to divide up with all of you and so I give CHRISTIAN and books along with the healing. It is a matter of business. You are busy with other matters, and can not take the time for Silent thought in regard to your own affairs. You worry and fret and fume and so offset all of the good thoughts you may send out for yourself. I am calm and serene and full of this thought, so you ask me to give my time and attention to you, and I do it for a consideration. Let us have no more nonsense or sentiment about it. It is strictly business, and we are both realizing on our investment. I can afford to be honest and square with you from the fact that I am going to remain here, and it is no transient matter with me. I exclude advertisements from CHRISTIAN, and pay third class postage, because I am building up my own independence. I want you to get into the vibrations of the Independent Life. For this very reason, if no other, I can not afford to run a get-rich-quick concern. I am not asking you to invest in anything except yourself.

*** "One great trouble with people is that they expect results so quickly, forgetting that they have fooled away years swallowing poison from doctors—and praying for something from God which they never get. If I can manage to live I can wait awhile for results."

Bless your dear heart, that is a sensible way to put the matter. It is an unfoldment of the mind. The work of Jesus was the planting of seed in the thought of the world. This seed is now coming up and bearing fruit in what Burnell calls "the expansion of the area of sanity." In other words, we are ready to make miracles of every day

and every hour occurrence. The miraculous is ready to be naturalized and made a part of our every-day thinking. There is no call for the opening of the blind man's eyes by sudden contact. He must come into the knowledge of the Truth, so that his seeing, when he does get it, will be permanent. The healing done by Jesus was transient. Those who were raised from the dead were still subject to death. The lame man who was healed is liable to grow lame again. The blind man whose eyes were opened, would again lose his sight. The hearing of the ear was restored but for a time only, and then the ears would grow dull of hearing, and so on to the end of the chapter. The "greater things than these" which Spirit is now preparing to do is the restoration of the whole body. The man who gains his sight through unfoldment of the mind will never lose it. The man whose ears are opened by the resurrection of his hearing will always hear. The man who is raised from the dead by the unfolding Spirit of Truth will die no more forever. We can afford to wait. What we want is something that is everlasting. This does not mean that your new body will be a permanent fixture without ebb or flow, but that it will be in the truth of being, where the renewing will be perpetual. There will be no decay, no wearing out of tissues, but a perpetual life. The Joy of Living is in the constant renewing of youth. In other words, you will be in possession of clairbeing. The clairvoyance and clairaudience will become permanent clairbeing. Your breathing will be the breathing of the Spirit. Every atom of the body will be vibrant of life. You can afford to wait! "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free!" It is not immortal ignorance, but immortal knowledge. Step by step we are coming into this knowledge of the truth. I used to think that Jesus Christ made a failure, and that he was the last of a long line of prophets that went out into the darkness of mortal mind. I was counting time. I had forgotten that a thousand years is as one day with God. This is only the close of the second day of Christianity as preached by Jesus. We must come into a knowledge of the truth by experience, for there is no other way to gain knowledge. Knowledge is spiritual consciousness. It is not merely the locating in the mind of certain facts. A man must be a mineral, a vegetable and an animal in order to know these things. Then he must be the earth, the moon and the stars, and from within his own Spirit must shine the sun of righteousness before he is sovereign over his environment.

*** There is a wail of woe going up from all individualists who get caught in the nets of the institution. When the individual begins to lose his grip on life, he immediately seeks to incorporate himself into a company. It is a sure sign that he wants to hand down what he has accumulated to his heirs and assigns. This is a sign, always, that the truth has failed to regenerate and so the leader seeks the institution. I do not state these things in the way of criticism, but to show you the truth.

Unity has incorporated. Now has incorporated. One by one, the new thoughters are leaving the field as individuals, and incorporating themselves into institutions. One of the Christians, a man and his wife, got caught in one of these nets. I quote from a recent letter:

"T. J., What is the matter with these teachers of the 'New Thoughts?' Everyone of them I have met so far are as 'hard up' as Job's turkey. They sing out 'God is My Supply!' 'My Supply is Infinite!' and then come around on the beg! There is one sentence in CHRISTIAN that I shall always remember, 'God never begs, borrows nor steals!' What's the good of saying over and over again—'My Supply is Infinite,' and then going around and getting a loan. Why did—incorporate? So that it could borrow and yet be 'Protected' as individuals. If one who KNOWS the TRUTH has to borrow or steal or beg—there is something wrong some where. 'Business principles' are one thing and principles of SPIRITUAL Truth are another, and the two don't mix worth a cent.

"I have not said these thing in a spirit of criticism, but rather to let what has been damming up flow out. You needn't read it unless you like, for all you need to know is contained in the five lines at the beginning."

This tells the whole story. I have had nearly all of the prominent healers on my list of patients. They come to me, after they have broken down. The reason is very plain. They have neglected the Silence, and tried to go out among the people and make their physical bodies instruments for the healing of others. They are now running towards organization in order to save their sinking strength. It is unscientific. Therefore, will always and forever fail. They point to Christian Science as a great example of successful organization. Is it? Don't you know that the success of the individual, Mary Baker Eddy, would have been a million times greater than the success of a sect? Even while she lives, the organization is rent in dissensions and quarrels. And by the way, my beloved, what good is the success of the institution when the individual fails? What are you going to get out of it? It is true that you may be remembered as one of the pillars of the institutions. But the time has come when we are seeking something more than a monument. And as for sanitariums, and all that kind of thing, there are plenty of them in the world. If you want mental treatments, the very worst thing that you could do would be to go into a crowd of people in a sanitarium. It is the last place in the world to find health. I have been seeking for individual and personal conquest over disease and death. I am going to get it. I am going to be victor in my own person. You all know very well that if I did not have conscious support for this assertion I would not make it. When I lose faith in the regeneration and resurrection of the individual, I will frankly tell you so in CHRISTIAN. In the meantime, if you are mixed up in a business way, in companies and corporations, go on and do your duty to the best of your ability. But keep the individuality of your own mind separate and distinct from the institution.

HERETOFORE AND HEREAFTER.

Why do we always seek for immortality in the future?

Why not seek for it in the past?

Immortality is not something that can be attained.

It is inherent.

If it is on the right, then it is on the left. If it is forward, it is backward. If it is to be, it has been. If you are to be a spirit, you are one now. There can be no such thing as a beginning to immortality. That which has a beginning will have an ending.

"From everlasting to everlasting thou art God."

God only hath immortality.

The children of God are partakers of their Father's nature. Like begets like. The one who is begotten by Spirit is spiritual. Immortality can not beget mortality. Spirit may use matter, but it is not matter. Matter is clay in the hands of the potter. Spirit is the maker and builder. God may make and build out of matter, but when he begets he brings forth after his kind.

Is man immortal?

The question has been discussed, pro and con, for many centuries; nevertheless, I think it is a foolish question. Immortality is inherent in the mind of man. It is only the mortal mind that questions immortality. The spiritual mind knows that it is immortal. When did man become immortal? He never became immortal. He has always been immortal. He is as old as God. He had no beginning of days, and he will not have an end of life. The mortal man begins and ends. But the immortal goes on forever. There would be no mortal man, if there were not an immortal man. Spirit is the substance of all things. The man who is within the mortal is the real man. Why then does he take on himself mortality?

Ah, that is a reasonable question.

The spiritual man must have a reason for taking on mortality. He is in the image and likeness of God. He goes forth as an individual having the center of his being in the universal. But he can not exercise his individuality except in the domain of matter. The objective world is the plane of activity for the mind. This individual must go forth and explore his dominion. This is what the words, "Let them have dominion," mean. Not dominion over Spirit, for there can not be such a thing. You can't reign over Spirit. Then the playground for the children of Spirit is the domain called matter. The invisible God sends forth his children into visibility, and tells them to exercise dominion. They are given the fishes of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and all the elements that enter into materiality for the exercise of their own sovereignty. It is a wise provision of providence. How we do take an interest in the things of the world! In order to come into this empire of matter, man is clothed with it. He comes in direct contact with it in the nearness of his body. The mortal body is made of all the elements that enter into the earth. He is a vegetable and an

animal, so far as his covering is concerned, but the Lord God in his mind. His mental power scans the heavens, and measures the movements of the planets. He takes photographs of the sun, and explores the depths of the sea. He even dissects his own body and knows its construction. The mind of man is interested in everything in the world of matter.

"For this corruptible must put up incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

What does he mean? He certainly does not mean that a mortal becomes immortal. Or that corruption can become incorruptible. He means that what appears to be mortal and corruptible can be put on and off at will. We took on mortality of our own accord. In seeking dominion we explore the world of matter. The immortal mind is masquerading in mortality for a purpose. That purpose is that he may know his own world. He is seeking out all of the elements in his kingdom. There is only one way that you can gain knowledge, and that is by experience. Man will put on and take off the elements of this earth until he is thoroughly acquainted with it. I do not know how many times I have put on and taken off mortality. I will know. The knowledge which has come to me through these many unfoldings is all stored up and can not escape me. It will be mine in due time. As this little planet is not all of my universe, I may leave it and go in search of more knowledge on other planets. The point made by the Spirit is that death is swallowed up in victory. It is always a victory. Spirit is never defeated. Death may appear to be the monster and keep us scared for a time, but that is only like children being afraid of the dark. We are always and forever the masters of death. There isn't anything in the world of matter that is not subject to the will of Spirit.

"My Father worketh hitherto and I work."

Thus spoke the prophet Jesus. He was exercising creative energy. He opened the eyes of the blind. He unstopped the ears of the deaf. He created new ligaments and muscles in the body of the paralytic. He even spoke to the dead and they awakened at his Word. He was doing, in an individual way, what the Father is doing all the time. He called out of the atmosphere the elements which make fishes and bread. It was no marvel to Jesus. He knew that the Father was making fishes and bread all the time out of the invisible substance. He knew that every visible thing had been produced from the invisible spiritual substance. Therefore, he was ready to say that he could not do anything within himself. He only used the invisible substance already at hand. Out of the unseen came the temporary elements called the Seen.

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are tem-

poral; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

This is a simple statement of the truth. It is put in plain words for plain people. The visible universe is temporal. The invisible is eternal. That which is temporal is changeable. Matter is always subject to change. It is subject to the ebb and flow of Spirit. Spirit is without changeableness or the shadow of turning. It is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. But it would be a very monotonous universe if there were not some kind of change. For this reason the objective or visible universe is always changing. This is the eternal order. There never will be a time when this order will be reversed. It can't be. In the very nature of things, Spirit is the unchangeable substance of being. Matter is the clothing, the form of being. There will never be a fixed form that will abide forever without change. How do we know these things? Let us quote from the Spirit:

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things."

Once more we have a scientific statement in plain words. The visible universe is the likeness and image of the invisible. It is the written word of the Spirit. No man hath seen God at any time. The same can be said of man. No man hath seen man at any time. We only see the material expression of the man. Sometimes this is a very poor likeness of a man. I have never seen my wife. She is as invisible as God. I have heard her voice and felt her touch. I have been made aware that she was looking out of the windows, called the eyes, and speaking through the mouth, and reaching me with the living touch. But all this time she is invisible. So you see, what is said of God the universal, can be said of God the individual. Let us come to understand the universal order of being in the individual. The male and female Man was made in the image and likeness of God. What we find then in the individual, we will find in the universal.

Right here you are ready to ask me how we are to have any permanent existence, if the visible body is always to be subject to change. It will always be subject to change, but not to decay. When you come into the truth of being your visible body will be renewed, day by day, through the vibrations of Light. Each day will be a new day, each hour a new breathing of life. Old things will have passed away and all things will be made new. This renewing is the joy of living. The ebb and flow of Spirit within you will be perpetual life. Death is swallowed up in victory. All tears are wiped away and there is no more pain. This is

the promise of the resurrection. It means that we have learned our lesson. That we know the Truth of being. There will be nothing in matter that is not known to us. Knowledge is power. It is the power to control. A man will have as perfect control of the elements which enter into his body as God has of the elements which enter into the universe.

"I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

That means you. It means the same in the individual as it does in the universal. You need not look backward or forward for immortality. You look within yourself. What you see in the individual, you will know exists in the universal. And what you see in the universal you will know exists in the individual. I have always been, and will forever be. I AM he who was dead, many times dead, and I AM he who is alive forever more. For the I AM applies to the individual the same as to the universal. There can be no universal without the individual, and no individual without the universal. You must join yourself to the whole and separate yourself from the whole, before you can come into the understanding of the truth. Mortal mind joins itself to the whole, and loses its identity. The individual is lost in the universal. This is the reason why we like to go in herds and droves and flocks. This means that some of us are sheep, others cattle, and even birds. A big bull called a hero, stalks at the head, and the whole drove follows at his heels. There may be nothing in him except a loud voice and much bluster. Mortal man has been moving in armies and churches and lodges and all manner of flocks. They get lost in any other way. They must keep on groping in the darkness of matter until they know the truth. Spirit is teaching school all the time. His school house is the material universe. What we call our troubles, like sickness, pain and death, are nothing in the sight of God compared with our unfolding. All of our so-called mortal misery is no more in sight of Spirit, than the grief of the baby over a broken doll. That baby is just now toggled out with a beaming face and ready for the kindergarten. She will come home with many distressing things to tell us along with the joyful. We are all children under the care and teaching of Spirit. Our so-called achievements are just little lessons in the kindergarten. There isn't anything we have done in our boasted civilization that amounts to much more than the work of the children in the kindergarten. That baby came in the other day with a picture she had drawn of a live rabbit. It filled her with glee because she did it herself. In our sight her picture was like the great achievements which we boast of when we build a bridge, bore a tunnel, or make some so-called wonderful invention. The seven wonders of the world, in the sight of God, are about like that picture of the rabbit made by our baby. It is all right. And there is no other way for us to learn, except to exercise

our faculties in molding and controlling matter.

This wonderful work of man has been going forward and backward. The lost arts may be much greater than the ones we are now exploiting. The records of the earth show that there has been a wonderful civilization in the East that far surpasses anything we now know. Empires have been founded, and men have ascended to the high place in culture, then went down in decay and death. So don't delude yourselves with the idea that we are advancing in a straight line. We are going around in a circle. And yet, the circle is widening and extending its area all the time. God cares no more for the rise and fall of empires than we care for the play-houses we built in childhood. He does care for the exercise of the human mind. In order that this mind may continue to unfold, death steps in and ends the lesson when the time is come to begin another one. Death is as natural as birth. You enter the visible universe by birth, and your exit is in death. It is just as essential that you should go out as it was that you should come in while you are learning. You must keep going and coming until you know the truth. Bear in mind that the coming and the going is a movement in matter, and that the Spirit is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. I mean the same in substance, but not in knowledge. The only way an individual can learn the truth is by experience. Truth is eternal, but the knowledge of truth is acquired by experience.

Therefore, you must continue to go to school until you learn the truth of being. Take up your little books and toddle along. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of Spirit, is Spirit. A man does not beget Spirit. He only begets a likeness of himself.

"Since, then, man is not life, but a recipient of life, it follows that the conception of a man from his father is not a conception of life, but only a conception of the first and purest form capable of receiving life. To this, as a nucleus or starting point in the work, are successively added substances and matters adapted in form, according to their order and degree, to the reception of life."

You want to get the above statement of Swedenborg fastened in your mind. It will forever take out of your thought the idea that you can become the father or mother of a spiritual being. From this purest form capable of receiving life, the Spirit grows a new body. This body is made of foods, digested and assimilated by the mother. In other words, the Spirit eats the mother's flesh and drinks her blood, until it is ready to enter into visibility and breathe and eat for itself. Even after its first entrance into this objective world, its natural food is the milk of the mother. All this time it is that Holy Thing called the Son of God, the offspring of Spirit. It does seem as if Spirit had tossed us out on his boundless ocean of matter without chart or compass. But it is only a seeming, for God, the Spirit, is the Allseeing Eye. It is like that baby, once more. She was very indignant at her mother for coming after her when she started to kindergarten. She thought she was big enough to come home alone. But

one day the mother was late, and she found herself alone. Here she came down the street with her hair and ribbons flying. And when she caught sight of her mother she broke down and wept. The reality was not as funny as the seeming. When she found herself really alone, there was not so much fun in it. But she will have to learn to use her own mind and not always depend upon the mother. What is true in our little world, is true in the universal.

It is when we come to know that we are the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, that real sovereignty begins, and we reign as monarchs of matter. Fear has so taken hold of us that as far back as we can go in history we have flocked together to ward off danger. Even now in our boasted civilization, we are afraid to explore new regions of thought. We console ourselves by saying when we get there in the dim future, we will be strong. Well, my dear, the dim future is the dim past. What has been is to be, and what is to be has already been. It is time for you to awaken from your childhood dreams and become a Man.

Evolutionists tell us that we have evolved from a lower order of life. That is not true. There are no lower orders of life or higher orders of life. Life is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. There are different forms of life, or different forms of matter in which life dwells. These forms of life we are exploring and discovering and making a part of our personal knowledge. They tell us that from the amoeba, one of the lower forms of life, we have ascended to man, and may keep on evolving until we become angels. But the amoeba is still an amoeba, and has never advanced one single step. The monkey has always been a monkey, and a man has always been a man. His environment may change, but the man is unchangeable Spirit. What is called evolution is the evolution of matter. Man, the mind, is exploring all of the avenues and elements in the material universe. This process may seem to be a becoming, but it is only an unfoldment. That which is evolved has always and forever been involved. It means that you are coming forward as an explorer until you can say, "I AM monarch of all I survey." It is the destiny of the individual. He must be the I AM that I AM. Get out of your head the foolish notion that you have not always been the son of God and the immortal being that you are. The heretofore is just as immortal as the hereafter. Your desire for conquest is fed until you become the conqueror. You go on overcoming until you have made all knowledge a part of your own personal experience. You continue to conquer obstacles and overcome elements until you are the master. We have had a glimpse of a Man who walked on water, ascended into the air, led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. This is You. It is I. The one who sits on the White Horse is yourself. The one out of whose mouth comes the twoedged sword is yourself. The man whose face shows above the brightness of the sun is yourself. The man whose feet shines like burnished brass is yourself. What is spoken of one is spoken of all. The glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ means the glory of God in your own face.

It is I, be not afraid!

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