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ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** CHRISTIAN.

*** Strikes twelve next year.

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*** There will be no uncertain sound in the trumpet of CHRISTIAN next year. It will be Christianity, which means regeneration of the body by the resurrection of the mind. It means absolute authority of the Spirit over all of your environment. If you want to stay with us, pay up and say so. If not, go on your way rejoicing with my blessing. Christianity is not an organization, a sect, a party or a religion. It is the illumination of the individual. Instead of a haphazard effort to heal here and there, we are getting down to bed-rock where the healing that heals will need no rehealing.

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*** Mixed thoughts bring mixed results. Christian Science swept everything before it until it began to mix the thought of organization and religion. CHRISTIAN stands for Christianity, something that the world has never tried and never even seen in operation. The newest thing on the face of this earth is Christianity. It is so brand new that it startled me when I recognized it after having talked about it from the pulpit for twenty years.

*** There never was such a congregation of people gathered together as the readers of CHRISTIAN. They surprise me every day of my life. They are a peculiar people made up of all classes, and drawn together by the Free Spirit. Many of them have followed my unfoldment from the first issue of the paper. They know each other. There is a fellowship of the Spirit which is unknown to mortal mind. I have unbounded faith in this movement to bring Freedom—mental, physical and financial freedom to the individual. The Spirit of Truth has a habit of choosing weak things of the world, and sometimes things that are despised, to bring about his purposes. Christianity can never be unless it is free.

*** Excuse me for changing the subject so abruptly, but there is an item I am afraid that won't get in if I don't say it right now. Miriam Kingsbury came over from the Divine Science church next door, and asked us to let Baby Blanche go with her to the Hallowe'en party. She promised to take good care of her, and bring her back by bedtime. After they had been gone about an hour, Mrs. Shelton and I concluded that we would slip out in the yard and look through the windows. There was music. It was a waltz. Standing on tiptoe, we looked through the windows, and what do you suppose we saw? The church was beautifully decorated, all the seats were removed, and put to one side, and the whole outfit were dancing! Dancing! Little tots, middle tots, and big tots, were dancing round dances! Ghost of my grandfather, who was a dear old Baptist preacher! Ghost of my father, who was a dear old Campbellite preacher! And here is the great-great-granddaughter dancing a waltz in a church! Baby Blanche seemed to be perfectly at home. I congratulate the Divine Science church on being up-to-date.

*** The last chapter in my book, "I AM Sermons," gives a clear statement of the sex question and the marriage problem. This book will be mailed to you for fifty cents. It is still sent with every dollar for treatments, if you mention it. The book will never be republished, and so you can have it now, as long as they last, for yourself and your friends. I will continue to give a year's subscription to CHRISTIAN for every dollar sent for treatments. But next year, the Circle of Christians will be twelve dollars a year, whether paid in advance or by the month. I do this to accommodate you and for your convenience. It is not because I am soliciting anybody's patronage, or trying to offer you a premium with my healing. I want to get out of the book business just as soon as possible. Christians are growing so independent, that they want their paper free from all advertising schemes, whether personal or otherwise. I don't blame you. If ever I get out another book, it will go into the hands of the regular publishers. CHRISTIAN will be devoted to you. It will be published for your health, happiness and prosperity. In this way it will grow in grace and in the knowledge of Truth.

*** CHRISTIAN has been advancing step by step, but in the last year, the strides have been long and rapid. Three years ago, when we were in the midst of our controversy with the postoffice department, a business man of New York city called at my house. He is the same man who owns my yacht. He has been with CHRISTIAN since it was a little thumb paper. We came up here in the Healing Room, and I told him my tale of woe. After listening to me, the following conversation took place:

"You don't want second-class postage."

"But I can't afford to pay third-class, besides, it is just and right."

"You are looking at matters with your old newspaper eyes. You want to make CHRISTIAN like other periodicals. We don't want it that way."

"What do you mean by we?"

"I mean all of your patrons who have been standing by you."

"What do you want?"

"We want a dollar a month CHRISTIAN, twelve dollars a year instead of one dollar a year."

"But they won't pay it."

"They will if you practice what you preach."

"I don't know what you mean."

"I mean for you to quit your fussing about postage, and stick to your job of healing the sick and teaching the Truth."

I didn't take his advice right at the start, but his words have been steadily bringing forth fruit. CHRISTIAN is gradually being supported by the Christians at twelve dollars a year. I am learning to practice what I preach. The result will be glory, honor and immortality.

EYE TO EYE TALKS.

*** The Christ.

*** The Anointed.

*** The Lord is the Spirit.

*** Spirit is the Principle of Being.

*** There is no such a person as the Spirit.

*** Spirit is always Principle and never a person.

*** Individuals may be inspired by the Spirit, but the Spirit itself is never individualized.

*** When you hear the word "spirit" applied to an individual it always has reference to a ghost, an apparition, a shade, and never to a real individual.

*** When the mind of the Spirit talks about a person, that person is never called a "spirit," but is always spoken of by name. It is Abraham, Isaac, Jacob—for all are alive to God, the Spirit.

*** The person is individualized by name and given a place in the universe as a person. Spirit may speak in this person and anoint him as a Christ in the kingdom of thought, but such a person never becomes Spirit.

*** Bear these definitions in mind and you will have no trouble in understanding the Bible and yourself. You are a god, being the son of God and the son of the Resurrection. The principle of your being is Spirit, but you are a person.

*** You will always have a name, separate from the Christ in you. It may be a new name which is given you at the time of your anointing. At a certain time in your unfoldment you will receive a secret name which no one knows but yourself. A poor mortal once solemnly told me his secret name! The poor man thought that a secret name was something that he could tell as a secret.

*** The secret name is a condition in your own mind which you know but can not impart to other people. You know that the Christ is born in you, but you also have sense enough to know that if you told other people about it, they would not know. How can anyone know your own secret unfoldment? Besides, they don't have to know. It is strictly a personal matter. This is the reason why it is a name given which no man knoweth save he who receives it.

*** A Christ and a Christian are one and the same thing. This is the reason why you must call yourselves Christians. You know within your own soul that you have been anointed a Christ, but in the minds of the people this would be understood to mean that you are the only Christ. They would really understand you to affirm that you are Jesus Christ. The priests and preachers have taught the people that there was only one Christ and that the principle is represented in the person of Jesus. You know that the Christ is the Spirit of Truth and may, indeed must be, in all the people. Therefore, it is safe to say to the people that you are a Christian and know in your own mind the truth that the Christians are all Christs.

*** There is only one way to become a Christian, and that is to become a Christ. All the Christians are anointed by the Spirit of Truth. This is Christhood. So, when all the Christians fill the earth with their presence the Christ will have come. This is the easy and simple method or message of the Spirit. Instead of filling the world with Christs, that is, with Christians, the preachers and priests have spent their time before the altar of an idol. To worship the person of Jesus is idolatry. A god came to John as the messenger of the truth and John fell down before him in worship. The messenger rebuked him with the words: "Worship God." That is, worship the Spirit, the Principle of Being, for I am your brother. Brothers do not worship each other. There is no homage between equals.

*** Christians then worship God as the Spirit. They honor each other as equals. There is not a god anywhere in all the universe of God who is superior to me. If I should fall down and worship an individual, however exalted, it would be idolatry on my part. I am a son of God. This makes me a god, for my Father and I are one in being. God can not produce offspring who do not partake of his own nature. Like begets like. "That which is begotten of the flesh is flesh; and that which is begotten of the Spirit is spirit." Spirit does not beget a spirit, but an individual whose principle is Spirit. There is a divinity in me which is the same divinity that is in the Universal Spirit. I am a person. The principle of my being is Spirit, but it is also the principle of your being and the principle of all being. You understand the difference between Jesus, the person, and the anointing Spirit which made him the Christ. It is the same Spirit of Truth that will lead you into all Truth.

*** When the prophet Jesus expired on the cross the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from top to bottom. Jesus uttered the words: "It is finished." This means that the law of sin and death, the law of mortality, had run its course. The resurrection of Jesus was the beginning of the end of mortal mind. When they showed him the Temple and boasted about its being forty years in building, he said he would tear it down and rebuild it in three days. This was reference to his body, the temple of the Spirit. The only true temple is the human body. The other was a symbol, like the mortal body. The rending of the veil and the exposing of the Mercy Seat and all the secret things of this man-built Temple was a sign that the symbol had ceased. Henceforth, the true worshipers would worship God in Spirit, and hold this worship in their own consecrated bodies. The veil to this sanctuary of the soul is the mortal mind. As soon as this veil is lifted the spiritual mind reveals the secrets of the Spirit and the glory of the truth shines out and fills the temple with light. You have within yourself everything. You are your own king, priest, and temple. Everything comes to the individual direct, and there are no middlemen. This is the glory of being a Christian.

*** A secret that is told is no longer a secret. The secrets of the Spirit can not be told. There are no gossips and busybodies in the kingdom of heaven. Everybody attends strictly to their own business. It is a Secret Brotherhood where the Spirit holds all the secrets. They all have the one mind of the Christ and therefore it insures perfect harmony. It is a great place of rest. You don't have to teach anybody the truth. You are not responsible for anybody or anything. You don't even have to think. It is the rest that remains for the people of God after a long wandering in the wilderness.

*** This mind of the Christ is a universal principle. The prophet Jesus was anointed with this Spirit above all others as a witness to the truth. His body was prepared for the reception of this mind. "A body hast thou prepared me." This prophecy was spoken a long time before the appearance of this body of Jesus. The preparation was long and patient, but, in the fullness of time, God brought forth this Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem those who were all their lifetime subject to bondage through fear of death. This coming of an especially prepared messenger was to usher in a mental age which would take the place of mortal mind. Christians are to bring this to full consummation. It is a slow unfolding of the mind of the Spirit. After a while Christians will be the only inhabitants of the planet. The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. This is the Golden Age of spiritual unfoldment, for in Jesus is the fulfillment of all the prophets. He is the light of the world. There is nothing more to come in the way of prophecy.

*** What is all this talk about healing? It seems to be the patching of the body of flesh with some remedy that is not flesh. In this way we would have a Joseph's coat of many colors. The modern mental healer is enough to give one spotted fever. They find a spot in a man called cancer and they undertake to heal the spot. Then they come across another fellow who has a spot called consumption, and they tackle that spot. Then, in their diagnosing, they come across a spot called baldness, and they undertake to cover this spot with hair. Nearly all of them find spots called catarrh, and they fire away at this spot all the time. The catarrh spot is nearly as common as rheumatic spots. I don't know what the doctors would do, both mental and material, if it were not for catarrh. This spot keeps more men in a good living than any other spot in the human body. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?" The modern mental healer says that he can change spots and skins. Christ of the Christians said that you couldn't change a hair or an atom by taking thought. But the modern healer says that Jesus is mistaken, and that hairs and atoms can be changed by thought. I don't believe it. There isn't anything but the creative energy of Spirit that can heal sickness, cast out devils, and raise the dead. Spirit does not think. It vibrates. The woman who was healed of an issue of blood by the touch of his garment felt a vibration rushing through her body. Jesus did not take time to think. There was no need of it.

*** I never healed anyone in my life by taking thought. It was always just as much of a surprise to me as it was to the patient. Sometimes I have been much more surprised than the patient. I didn't expect it, and the patient did. I heard the Word and it went on its way. It was always a vibration, a movement of the Spirit within me. It was not something for which I thought or prayed or did anything. I listened. There is no other kind of Christian healing. You may have people get better by suggestion. You may even remove pain by suggestion, but there is no real cure in this way. The mind of the Christ came to lift us into an eternal condition. It is a resurrection of the mind. A coming into a new consciousness. It is the great well-spring of your own being coming into your consciousness. "The water that I give you shall be in you a well of water, springing up into everlasting life." This is just what genuine healing must be. Not a temporary relief from pain, a patching up of mortality, but a resurrection from the dead. It is called the putting off of the old man and the putting on of the new. That is literally what it amounts to. The absolute putting off the old body with its thoughts and feelings, and putting on a new body, new thoughts and new feelings. You know how we all like to get new things. Well, this resurrection of the mind puts us in a place where we are getting new things every day. What a moving out must take place! Get your broom and dust pan and go to work! It is a regular mental house cleaning, and you will be glad when it is over. Nevermore will you fill the pigeonholes of your mind with such trash. Sweep everything clear! You will hesitate over some of the precious things which you have put away. To hesitate is to get left!

*** "A lady asked me the other day what I was living for, anyway. I told her I had never been able to find out yet just what the object of creation was. Will you kindly tell us in your paper what you think the object is?"

It is a puzzle to mortal mind. There can be no key to the riddle except in the understanding of the truth. Paul says that it is like looking into a mirror. You see your face reflected in the mirror, but you can't make anything out of it. There is a being looking at you through your eyes, but you are as much mystified by this being as you are by the whole of the universe. Infinite Spirit is no more of a puzzle to the mortal mind taken as a whole than it is when looking through the eyes of the individual. The explanation of life is in the Spirit. Man is a seed sown into the earth. The earth is his mortal body and he is sown a psychical body. He is to be raised a spiritual body. Then he will look back at the womb of matter and learn something about the place from whence he came. In his mortal mind condition he is like a babe in the womb after quickening. He can move and kick and squirm, but that is about all. The Christ of the Christians said that a man must be born again before he can even see the kingdom of heaven. He must

be born of water and the Spirit before he can enter the kingdom of God. This new begetting and new birth is by the Word and the vibrations of the Spirit. Just keep kicking! Don't try to get up any scheme of your own. Follow your own spirit and it will lead you into the light. There is no more use in trying to understand the new birth before you are born than there is in trying to understand the water birth before you are born. The water birth is the first birth. To be born of woman is to be born of water. In your unfoldment you ascend from water into the air and from the air into the fire. Fire is the native element of Spirit. So, the lake of fire and brimstone is a part of heaven. It is a kind of doorway leading into heaven.

*** "I agree with you that there is but one church, and that is the Church of Christ. You say it is the Roman Catholic Church. Please explain in CHRISTIAN."

I did not say that the Church of Christ was the Roman Catholic Church. I said that the Roman Catholic Church was the only institutional church, and that all the others were but fragments of this one great Institution. It is the one organized Church in the whole world, with its branches called the Greek, English and Protestant churches. All these different churches are sprouts around the same old stump. The old stump is the relic called the Roman Empire. Now, the Church of Christ is not an institution. You had as well call the sun an institution. The Church of Christ is a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Its Maker and Builder is God. The Church of Christ was never organized and never can be organized into an institution governed by men. Christ is the Head of his own Church, and his Headquarters are in the mind of the Spirit. This means that the Spirit King is always on his own throne. He is never absent, never takes any vacations, and never has need of a vicegerent. All the Christians are members of the Church of Christ. They have been found in all of the churches in all of the ages since the advent of the Christ. They can now be found in all of the churches, and many of them don't belong to any church. This makes a vast difference between an organized institution presided over by a pope with weak eyes, a bald-headed bishop, or an "Elijah" Dowie with whiskers. Bless your dear heart, the Christians are never troubled about churches. These good Christians just let the long-whiskered preachers and the smooth-faced priests go on their way rejoicing. If a Christian should happen to stray into a church he would politely listen to the preacher and chip a nickel into the collection box. If he had a plugged nickel in his pocket he might be tempted to put it in, knowing that the preaching was plug preaching of the mortal mind persuasion! There is no doubt that the Christians will eventually take possession of the planet. But even then they would not be the Church of Christ until all the Christians gone before are counted. If the Christ is in you, then you are a Christian and a church unto yourself.

*** "Now, see here, Shelton, you have been digging around in old ruins like reason and intuition and getting out bright gems of truth very shocking to the best classes of people. Can't you quit it? All good people like the good old ideas of government, cause and effect, the grand science of disease and cure, and the other blessed notions which you are knocking in the head. If you will turn your wonderful capabilities to law, science, or some other solid pursuit, you could easily gain high position and great honors."

That is very good advice, but it comes too late. It would have been a temptation to me thirty-five years ago. At that time I was about twenty years of age and had all of the mortal ambitions. At present I am an old soldier of the Civil War, drawing a pension for diseases of the heart, spine and lungs. All the honor that you can give to such a man from mortal mind must be given *post-mortem* and put on a tombstone. If you will get up a real fine monument, and the old man can turn in his grave, maybe it will do him some good. He will say to himself, "How the people did love me!" But you won't do it. You will say, "The poor old fool has gone to his reward. He was a good sort of a fellow, but crazy over many things." Some other fellow is making love to my wife and caressing my baby. Even my old clothes are worn by other people. My watch is in the vest pocket of another man. My rings are on other fingers. Some one is writing with my lead pencil. My favorite chair is occupied. At the table where I used to sit, another eater is eating. Oh, you can't fool me with your honor and high positions in mortality! That is the reason why I turned the old soldier down and cured all of his diseases. The man who once was sailing around under my name is no more. He is as dead as a door nail. In fact, I have trimmed him off with my finger nails, from time to time, and thrown him into the waste basket. No other fellow will make love to my wife. If he does, he will get into trouble. I will be here in my own favorite chair. My place at the head of the table will be occupied by myself. You may rest assured that no other fellow will ever go limping around in my shoes. I shock you, do I? Well, there are many more shocks yet to come. I have just begun to get my battery into working order. The folly of mortality and of man's mortal mind is beyond the comprehension of mortals. It is all plain to the man who has been awakened by the Spirit of Truth. Say, did you know that your men who have reaped the high honors are nearly all dead? They keep dropping off one at a time. You can't catch me with any such bait. I am not a sucker or catfish. I am a son of God, being a son of the Resurrection. When all your high honor men are gone, I will still be here, living a life of glory in the sweet now and now.

*** Look at the figures after your name on the wrapper of CHRISTIAN, and see that you read right. I would like all of you to be marked 1-06, which means January, 1906. After this number the clerk is instructed to erase all names not credited this side of 1903. Get in line for the double issue next year.

Christian Healing

By THOMAS J. SHELTON

XII—THE MIND OF THE CHRIST.

This last lesson will bring us into the birth of the New Mind.

By this time we ought to know what the mind means. The temporary mortal mind with its perishable envelope must give place to the eternal mind of the Spirit and the glorious body of the gods. It must be a practical and personal movement of your own mentality. The knowledge of this truth must make you free in the same way that the knowledge of any other truth would make you free from error. The man who has learned the alphabet is made free from ignorance just that far. He knows the alphabet. The student of music, who has learned the staff and the keyboard, has been made free as far as he has gone. He knows the staff and the keyboard. As he advances in the knowledge of music, he leaves bondage behind. He may attain to the place of a master in music. But all the time he was leaving behind the bondage of ignorance.

There is a mechanical way of getting knowledge which supplies the mind with so many signs and so much of scaffolding for the main building of the temple of Knowledge. This scaffolding is no more the building, than are the chips from the stones and the shavings from the timbers. There is an inspirational knowledge which can not be attained by the study of signs or sounds. It lifts you at once into the sphere of all knowledge. This is the kind of knowledge which the truth concerning the Christ will give you.

Let us take up the matter and study the words given in the New Testament.

"Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise-men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying: Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him. And when Herod, the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. And they said unto him: In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written through the prophet:

"And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah.
Art in no wise least among the
princes of Judah:
For out of thee shall come forth a
governor,
Who shall be shepherd of my people
Israel."

If you look upon this Star of Bethlehem as the birth of a man, a person, who is to be king over other persons and subjugate them to his will, you will not see the truth. It is the birth of a New Mind which is to take possession of the minds of men and make them free from mortality. The coming of Jesus Christ was for the fulfillment of all the words of the prophets and seers who foretold the coming of the Spirit of Truth. This is the reason why you must be careful

of the interpretation of these words in the New Testament. King of the Jews, in a spiritual sense, always means the invisible Spirit of Truth. When the Jews insisted on a visible king, they were rebuked by the prophet. The prophet not only gave them a rebuke, but warned them that this visible king would put them into bondage. Lord Spirit let the people have their way and told the prophet to select a king. You know the history of this departure from government by the invisible Spirit of Truth to mortal kingship? The line of light in the Bible is clear as the sun. They crucified Jesus and called him the King of the Jews. But the King of the Jews was never an individual. Christ is the King of the Jews, and the Christ is the Spirit of Truth. "Before Abraham was I AM."

Let us examine the birth of this New Mind with more care:

"And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

The common orthodox view is that there is one big Boss God, and the angels are his servants. They are not even his companions. For they hold him in such awe that all heaven is hushed in his presence. The facts are that there is a principle of being called Spirit. This is known in the Bible as the *Elohim*, but it is plural. It always and forever means the gods. The word may be used for the principle of being like we use the expression of Uncle Sam for all the people. So when you hear me use the word God in the singular, it means all of the gods. In this understanding, the coming of these gods to the shepherds in the fields is made plain. They could not come to the religionists in the city. Their songs must be sung to men who were near to Nature's heart. It must go down in the ages as a classic for the contemplation of the wise ones after this King of the Jews has been recognized. The genuine wise men who are seers and prophets sent their representatives in the person of the Three Men of the East. This visit of the three witnesses from the East is also a part of the record. All of these things are part of the inauguration ceremonies attending the coming of a New Mind. Before the birth of Jesus Christ, the world had the physical period of unfoldment. The birth of this New Mind was the inauguration of a mental period. From that date the world began to think. It kept right on fighting, but at the same time men were thinking. It was not all brute force. There was the constant call for men of thought. It was the mental period of our unfoldment. First is the physical, secondly the psychical or

mental, and thirdly the spiritual. Thought is not permanent as a condition. The spiritual is permanent.

The idea that there was only one God was given to the world to teach unity. The plurality of gods was all right, but men were confused in the notion that the gods differed from each other in principle. Some were good gods, and some were bad gods, some weak gods and some strong gods, and so each nation had their own god, like the different flags of the present day. The Word of the prophet came, saying, "The Lord our God, is One God." The scientific interpretation of that expression, is, that our god is one with all the other gods. They are all the same in principle.

The gods who came and sung the song to the shepherds of Bethlehem gave the keynote to the character of all the gods. The chorus of the song was, Glory to God (Universal Spirit) and good-will to men. There isn't a god among all the gods who does not give glory to the principle of Being, and speak Peace to the earth and good-will to men. This does away with all your devils and evils and hells of mortal mind. The birth of Jesus was the birth of a god. It was his own fellows who sang the song. They were with him throughout all the unfoldment. Two of them, Moses and Elijah, came and held converse with him in the presence of three men. There was never a time when these gods were not represented close to the man, Jesus. The only way the mind of the gods could be introduced to the earth was to have this mind born in man. Jesus was this man. The apostles and prophets understood the difference between Jesus the man, and Jesus the Christ. It was the man who was Anointed the Lord by the mind of the Spirit.

What was there in Jesus that made him the Christ? It is said that he was the fairest among ten thousand and all together lovely. This was said by the prophets before his birth. There is no mention of personal beauty in the New Testament, but you feel that you are in the presence of psychical power. The power was not in the physical, for he shows many signs of physical weakness. Then we must not look to the length of his legs, the breadth of his chest, or his physical strength and beauty for his power. It was the power of the spiritual mind operative in a psychical body. When this psychical body was illuminated by the spiritual mind, he was strong. In the moment when this spiritual light was under a shadow, he fell to the ground in a faint. He was not strong enough to depart from his disciples in Gethsemane without strong exhibitions of emotional weakness. While the disciples slept, he wept and prayed. At the trial, the flash of spiritual light came out like the searchlight of a great ship in a storm. But on the way to the cross, he fell under its burden. Then all of his power was from the spiritual mind. It was not merely the birth of a new man, but of a New Mind. All around him was the clank of men in arms. Physical power ruled the world. Here comes a man with more power than all other men put together, and yet he will not put forth the strength of a little finger to shield him-

self from the cross. He lets these men of physical power have their way. All this time the gods are looking on with the wisdom of the Spirit.

Soon after the men of physical power had put away the body of Jesus, and rolled a great stone over the mouth of the sepulchre, one of the gods came and rolled away the stone with a touch of the tips of his fingers. There was more strength in the two young men in bright apparel than in all the Roman army. They could have crushed the armies of the world. Jesus felt this power surging in him in the mountain of temptation. Mortal mind said to him that if he would put forth this power to lead armies and subdue men to his will, the kingdoms of the world and all their glory would be put into his hands. The gods whispered in his ear a better word. It was the Word of spiritual wisdom. He went down from this mountain of temptation, and let men do as they pleased with his person. The result was that Jesus was named the King of the Jews, for time and eternity.

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."

What was this Word that became flesh? It is the Mind of the Spirit. It is the creative mind or principle of the universe. The Word of God is the Mind of God. It is not only the mind of God, but, so far as it goes, it is the will of God. The Word of man is the expression of the mind and will of man. The words of men are as strong and carry as much authority as the will of the man. A man like Napoleon, by a word and a will, wrought havoc in the world. Julius Cæsar had a will and a word which hypnotized whole armies of other men. The Word of God does not hypnotize. The will of God does not even subdue men. The will of God is the will of the gods. Their will is peace, and good-will. Let us see how this Word that became flesh, worked in the flesh of other men. It is in the flesh of other men where the will of God works. The word and will of men may subdue other men by working on their mortal minds. The Word of God works in the flesh of men and shows its power in goodness. Let us see how this Mind of the Christ worked wonders in the flesh:

"And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice, glorifying God; and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

It was the Silent Word that acted instantly. There were no treatments to be given. No delay in the cleansing. It was as if they had been quietly told to throw off their garments. The psychical body was quickened by the Word and immediately the

leperous body was thrown aside. It made no difference to the healer how the thought of healing was received by the patients. No doubt the other men thought their turning towards the Temple to offer sacrifices, according to the law of Moses, was the cause of the cure. Among the number was a Samaritan who did not care anything about the Temple in Jerusalem, for he had been taught that Samaria was the place where men ought to worship. For this reason, his mind turned back to Jesus as the source of the healing. The others went on their way to the Temple in Jerusalem, and offered gifts according to the law of Moses. Jesus told the Samaritan the Truth. "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Don't get the wrong idea about faith. It is a substance. The man was made whole from within by the action of the Word on his own psychical body. The others were cleansed in the same way, but they were allowed to think that the Word was operative in the law of Moses. The point I wish you to get is the perfect law of liberty in the mind of the Christ.

Here is a case showing the Word working in the flesh of a woman:

"And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, who had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately the issue of her blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who is it that touched me? And when all denied, Peter said, and they that were with him, Master, the multitudes press thee and crush thee. But Jesus said, Someone did touch me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

Here is another action of the Silent Word. And the healing is instantaneous. The telepathic message was conveyed to the psychical body of the woman by the touch on the border of his garment. The psychical body is mind. It is the real body. You must remember that Paul tells us that it is sown a psychical body, and raised a spiritual body. The envelope of flesh is like that part of the grain which surrounds the kernel. The faith which made this woman whole was the action of the psychical life. This body was not diseased, and as soon as it was quickened into activity the blood was stanch'd. The change was made in the physical flesh by the action of the psychic body. It was like taking off rags and putting on a new suit. The physicians to whom this woman had gone were trying to heal the body of flesh. It was as if they were putting pieces of new cloth to an old garment. You have to keep on patching with new patches. But the mind of the Spirit in Jesus reached down to the psychical body. The telepathic message went deeper than the flesh.

The modern mental healer is a pettifogger. He is not a genuine practitioner. He has to think out the healing. There are treatments to be given at a certain hour, and forms of words to be repeated by your mor-

tal mind. He is trying to shoot thoughts of truth against your thoughts of error. You say that you are sick, and he affirms that you are well. It is a question of teetering on an old plank across a rotten fence. Sometimes a rail breaks and both the healer and the patient tumble to the ground. At other times the plank breaks and both ends touch the earth.

The mind of the Christ recognizes the whole man as mind. He knows that the mortal mind partakes of the nature of the mortal body. While the psychical body partakes of the nature of the spiritual mind. The psychical body, which is mind, will respond to the mind of the Spirit as readily as the body of flesh will respond to the mind of the flesh. Jesus did not pay any attention to the leprosy. He did not examine the woman as to the issue of blood. He didn't care anything about her symptoms. There was no need to look at her tongue and feel her pulse. She came in the fullness of faith and said within her own mind, If I but touch the hem of his garment I shall be made whole. She touched, and a telepathic communication did the work. It was all over before she could get her breath. The whole twelve years of suffering were washed out in the twinkling of an eye. Jesus felt that the power which was proceeding from him had gone forth. This is Christian Healing, my beloved friends. Nothing short of it is worthy of the name. Salvation is not a method, Mr. Burnell tells us, but a message. It is a message from the Christ in the universal to the Christ in the individual. There is no message from immortality to mortality. It is the god in you to whom the gods address their message. It is because you are immortal now that you can attain the freedom of immortality. So you see the Spirit speaking in Paul bore a message for the whole man:

"And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This is a recognition that the whole man, spirit and soul and body, are immortal. In the presence of the Christ, the man is a unit. The mind is a spiritual mind. The body is a psychical body. The body and the mind are one in principle. This does not mean that your body is a ghost. It means that the whole man is subject to the Word and will of Spirit. The body of flesh is changed with the change of mind. A woman comes along with her mind full of physicians and medicines, and hears about the Word, and immediately she changes her mind. She drops everything that she has held to for twelve years, and reaches out the thin hand of disease. This pale hand touches the garment of a prophet, and the telepathic communication reaches her psychical body and the blood is stanch'd. It was a change of mind. The love vibrations from the mind of the Spirit did away with the old garment of disease.

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Christian Healing

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XII—PROGRAM OF HEALTH.

There comes an inner acknowledgment in our consciousness that we are heirs to vast subconscious areas of intelligence and satisfaction. It may perhaps take the fable form of subjective assertion that we have at last the true idea of God as included in our own being; in this way it was dramatized unto the Yiddish Messiah—"This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

The complete being is declared in the consciousness of those who have enough spirit to consent to and adopt the full message of truth. This unlimited field of being not only advertises its excellence and good-will in the cosmic process, but even conveys an exact and definite program for our inspection. In order to interpret this program we must be discerning. We must understand the language of the cosmic declaration to man.

Lest ignorance should so confuse men as to close the book of nature against them, other several copies of the testimony of our entirety of being have been thoroughly preserved.

Besides the message of the macrocosm there exists the books of the illumined and the inscriptions upon the tablets of flesh. The body of mankind contains every jot and tittle of the complete account of our infinite reserves of being.

No one, therefore, can feel excused, for if he miss the report of the natural world, and be too depressed in spirit to intuit the mystic import of the seers, there yet remains the living trumpet of the body of flesh, crying out unto truth against error, pain and death.

We are full aware of the crushing weight of inventions that have had their business to suppress the voice of the natural body, and to scandalize its appeals to nature for life and satisfaction. Its passions have been attacked. Its functions demoralized. Until humanity looks upon its body as a shame and its demands upon the universe as encroachments of the devil.

Even though we felt that ignorance had covered as with a mantle of darkness and many spells the real body of human beings, we should not on that account be certain that an invented set of estimates and values would justify the practice of physical suicide, spread over a prolonged system of slow extinction.

Any human being who was so reduced in spirit as to be unable to extricate his body without antagonism from artificial authorities, would certainly have meagre chance of breasting the spells of natural ignorance, if there be any such spells.

The program of immortality is inscribed in the fleshly body of man and woman. By his spirit he can dash aside the empty and powerless spells of civilized, or even barbaric experience. It takes but the exact

amount of intelligence to do this, and what is best, quite without antagonism. For the prodigal leaves husks, not wars over them.

In order to read truly this program of complete life from the body and its functions, one must relieve his flesh from such distortions and depressions of condemnations as artificial experience is prone to impose. For the natural body has never been allowed its say. Its voice has been drowned out. Its limbs have been devitalized. Food and drink have been poisoned unto it. Functions have been condemned and distorted.

At some stage or other it must be clear to the human mind that no being, however exalted, has the power to impose a curse upon another. This perception must elucidate the exile from Eden. Even though man did eat of the understanding of good and evil, any being who ventured to curse him and his environment must sooner or later come into the boomerang of his words and fall into the pit which he dug for the innocent. If, in fact, any one needs help with men and women of perception, it is the Lord God and his cat's-paw, the serpent. Every one ought to understand that serpent is but a figure, meaning intelligence. And need we go farther and notice the curse that has been upon intelligence from religious quarters? But neither man nor intelligence can be cursed out of existence. It may prove otherwise with the Lord God. If the truth gets to stalking abroad among perceptions the day of the deification of ideas is done. Unless the one and only being has a bump on its back, there never was any Lord God. Fables have value, but not when taken literally.

Perhaps we can forgive this Lord God just because of his insertion of the curse which eventually cancels himself from the fable. Curses complete their orbit by exhaustion of themselves and their creators. So we have left man and intelligence—yes, man and woman, the one only being.

The program of spiritual living is attacked by the simple evidence that nobody wants to stay alive with the "pitcher broken at the fountain," and his circle of friends beckoning him from beyond the horizon. Of course this was foreseen by those who invented the depressing machinery of the curse in order to steal from man the spirit to approach the tree of life. The terms of life must become distressing indeed before humanity imports death from the reserves of the unlimited zero. A certain wise Jewish King agrees with an Aryan Brahman of rank in telling us that death was a pure invention. These men were among the secret service of truth. They were expert spies in the land of the zero areas, and ultra-horizon expanses of our infinite being.

The only way known to defy the robbery of our youth and the angelic piracy of our friends for celestial slave-plantations, is to invoke from the abysmal infinities of our soul and nature spirit and understanding to reduce the spells that clothe the body in error, in sickness, pain, bondage, old age and death. Grief and its machinery must be demolished by annihilating the reality to our minds of the curse upon good and evil,

as well as the very existence of any such code of distinctions.

Man is perfect in body and let him repudiate the many inventions sought out to his grief and death. Jesus said well that heaven was a hospital for those whose spirit had been stolen, and he brought truth to replenish the spirit of such as would have his words and program of health and immortality in the flesh.

The veil of conjured spells covers the natural body so deeply perhaps that the terms of its demands upon likewise hidden nature are quite beyond the interpretation of the unillumined. It was this reason that led the racial leaders to invent a code of morals to pattern and train man to make wise and fitting appeals to the unknown reserves of the sub-conscious or even supernal being, for we must be indifferent of relativity in unknown areas of consciousness.

What the hand is actually capable of may be sealed from your mind. After watching a piano expert, or one skilled in Delsarte, or legerdemain, or a pickpocket, or even more remarkably after reading with care the accounts of manual ability found in the reports of the seers who claim to have spied out the true domain and capacity of the human hand—after this sort of study you will feel that the great infinite of our being may have provided in the hand an instrument worthy to display its genius and make demands upon it with spirit enough to genuinely exercise its talents.

Throughout experience the marvels of physical and mental ability expose here and there some startling verifications of what the "human form divine" ought to be and is declared to be by the prophets of truth. Feats of strength and pose and healing invade the natural and artificial world and quite upset the complacency of certainty and confidence which had characterized the general submission to material, mental and social law and order and authority.

The proposition of the men and women of perception is to demand from the infinite inclusiveness of consciousness, both from within and without the circle of self-conscious understanding—to demand an unveiling of the natural body—an unveiling of Isis—an exposure without fear or condemnation of the actual instrument of human being. The demand is to be made for intelligence to reduce illusions, to sift out mere ideals and take account of actual facts only. It is understood that intelligence will entirely eliminate all antagonism against mere inventions. We do not war with spells, for they are but shadows, but windmills. So far as this program has gone the exposure of the veritable body of humanity has been wonderfully healing, and has led the demonstrators along this line to make eager and determined consent to the ultimate report of the higher men that there are no real ills or pains or imperfections in the human body, and that therefore the understanding of truth must entirely reveal the body as perfect in freedom, health and satisfaction. The prostitution of the body to the purposes of society has left the individual practically decarnate, although embodied. Hence he

has satisfied his predilection for freedom along ideal lines, or by adroitly getting the best of society. Even this pale liberty has been curtailed and cursed by the intrusive machinations of the conscience. But none of these artificial and ideal constructions can avail against the spirit, once it awakens and determines to practice raw body by persisting in such order upon the invisible empire of power thriving within and without all things as to enjoy life to the full.

The spell-like character of all disease and limitations is now so triumphantly in the air that one may stride on to health and freedom with incredible certainty and dispatch. It would hardly be in the nature of things that this era of revolution and subjective exploitation should escape its reaction. The signs of this appear already in the tendency now much abroad of capturing in institutional forms the areas at this hour confiscated from the unself-conscious mind.

But there are a goodly few, at least who will see that possession is guaranteed not by institutionalism, but by personal perception. They will scarcely spend their energy in erecting monuments of their attainments. They will add spirit to spirit, and discharge their commandments for the full release of their bodies, since in these is secreted the complete program of the eternal message of man's omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, of human immortality and satisfaction.

Rich is the harvest, and few are the spirited ones, but they are by intelligence enough to outrun the mobs that turn and turn and rend themselves. These men of wonder no longer make offers to beastiality *en masse*. They shall demand intelligence. This shall render them quite secure. They will not fight for ideas or ideals or other gods or men. They shall perceive, and inhabit the kingdom of illumination. They shall have raw and living bodies, and with these shall do exploits.

When joyous action pours its enthusiasm into any organ of the body or faculty of the mind, there is such increment of ability and expansion of vital empire that the monitors of moderation and the inspectors of temperance at once cry out lest the lurking forces from the unknown rush the actor over the line into insanity and crime. Ever are we warned to be on guard against the untamed impulses which may play havoc in the gardens of culture. Such a fearful thing is the living spirit that floats us all. Warning and alarms are kept going all about against excesses. You must dance if at all with care and selection; let there be no revelry, for this is leakage unto the infinite. Your feet must be kept clumsy lest they catch a memory of their true being. Joy and abandon is criminal to feet. Lurking in your body are jewels of power and marvel. They would instigate revolt among men. Duty would be cast to the wind. Obedience would not thrive among free men and women. The body would no longer abide a hostage for our civil conduct if it once traced its origin and backing to the unlimited reserve, announced by the message of truth.

Many men and women of spirit and perception have discerned this message of the

body. They, therefore, have taken matchless pains and skill in opening man's understanding to this program which the body insists upon. The human race will continue dying until his physical proposition of life is accepted. The light-bearers of humanity have put the truth of what the body means to mankind into symbols. In this way they thought to steal a march upon human ignorance—that is, they intended to dope the mental food and drink of the race with ideas and illustrations and dramatic scenery that must coerce the incarnation of such enchanting ideals and viewpoints as must eventually betray to men the secret treasure they possessed in their fleshly body.

The law was disabled by the flesh from executing itself upon mankind. This alone is enough to prove that the physical body, so heartily condemned and rejected, was not only to be the head of the corner of being, but also has even as yet acted as a defense and a protection against man's becoming the slave the law would have made of him if it had succeeded, as it would have done but for the perversity, that is to say the spirit of the flesh.

The Yiddish seers exported direct from nature and her immortal baby—creation—sounds and scenes, cries and vortex-rings, with which to translate almost without mystery or flaw the very voice and mannerism of the human form. Those who have the spirit to insist upon an answer to the piercing dissatisfaction of existence were awakened and taught this tongue of flame, which was scarcely remote enough from the naked cipher of nature to be reckoned symbolical.

Incidentally it is valuable to notice that the central and key word which these Yiddish barbarians intoned and inspired and incarnated direct from elemental hissings, purrings, whirrings and roarings, was a name graphically built into the likeness of the physical human anatomy. Only your own taste and terror would be able to forbid me from reciting you the full account of this name. But even in this hardly face to face message we shall tell the four characters which were intoned into this imported cry of the natural body.

The four letters read along thus—a magic wand, an overflowing cup, a sword, and a gold coin. It would take but little culture to appreciate the depth and scope of the hold which these four mental pictures have had and still have upon the human mind. Think of the magic wand which runs through history in the sceptre of kings; think of the poetry of the cup and the grail; think of the sword of the spirit, the perversity and coercion of intelligence; think of the sack of gold at the base of the rain-bow; of the part which the rod, the staff, the drink of elixir, the martialism of the sword, the fabulous and scandalous empire of golden finance—let us not bore our attention longer, but say all these ingrained ideas are ruthless messages of the insistent demand which the flesh makes for the immortality it will not give up and which nature ordains at the command of spirit.

The human body can be stript of its spells. Just as the boys who saw the potatoes as watermelons because of hypnosis were set

right, and the potatoes were stript of their spells as watermelons. The eyes can disclose other eyes. The arms can reveal other arms. Maybe the fables of Argus with his hundred eyes, of Briareus with his hundred arms, are hints of physical disclosures. If we may believe the accounts of the body as exhibited in their songs and poems and discourses, we are to-day on the verge of such a program of physical life as would revive the golden age. The first step in the right way is healing. The true body is healthy. If one were to meet their true personalities, they would be astonished and never dream it was themselves. Many have so met their own persons, and told large stories of angels and gods.

The appalling fact that we have never seen our own persons has often been shown by men of science and illumination. The shrinkage of things which we knew in childhood is due to the slower sensations of maturity. Nietzsche says: "Were our eyes a hundred times quicker with regard to our surroundings, human beings would appear enormously tall to us; nay, we might conceive senses by which mortals might be felt to be of immeasurable size. On the other hand, organs could be imagined such as to allow whole solar systems to be viewed as if contracted and closely packed together like a single cell; and to beings of an opposite order, one cell of the human body might present itself as a solar system in motion, construction and harmony. The habits of our senses have plunged us into lies and deceptions of feeling; these, again, are the foundations of all our judgments and "knowledge," there is no escape whatever, no back-way or by-way into the real world. The spiders are caught in our own net, and whatever we may catch in them, we can not catch anything but what allows itself to be caught in our own net."

In spite of the apparent inevitability of our imprisonment in our own sense-world, there yet remains an exodus to those who have spirit. The very perception of the walls of this sense-prison implies the consciousness of an area of mental freedom. But one can enlist this emancipated region of their consciousness to accomplish their escape just as we can excite the abilities of unconscious cerebration in the solution of a difficult or seemingly impossible problem.

We are most creditably informed that the real body and its real world are living, and make us conscious of their presence by the dissatisfaction they persist in arousing in us towards all forms of imprisonment. But the candidate in the hands of the illumined instructor has definite account and command of coercive measures to find exit from all prisons into the universal and the true. The body of man is now equipped with full power and authority from ultra-horizon areas to conduct us into the consciousness of our fleshly promise and claim upon existence for joy and function. The contracts which nature has out in the body of flesh can only be commanded by spirit, which is the one authority nature feels any compulsion to heed. Therefore, see to it that you have spirit and keep exposed the covenant of the natural body of flesh.

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