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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind

YOURSELF

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"



These are leading questions.

Your soul is yourself.

How can you sell yourself?

What can you exchange for yourself?

You can't get away from yourself.

And yet, you may not know yourself.

The only key to knowledge is yourself.

The Kingdom of God is yourself.

The only light for you is yourself.

Truth for you is within yourself.

I AM the way, the truth, and the life.

I AM the light of the world.

I AM the resurrection.

I AM the Alpha and Omega.

I AM alive forevermore.

I AM the was, and is, and is to be.

That means you.

Get acquainted with yourself.

And then, you will know Everybody.

I AM the Giver and the Gift.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** July.

*** Hurrah for the almanac!

*** That mistake in May cost me trouble.

*** The calendar is a great thing, isn't it, if Julius Caesar did make it?

*** I am glad that Julius found time, while butchering men, to make a calendar.

*** It helped the astrologers to fix their twelve signs of the zodiac, and set other wheels agoing.

*** Thanks to all of you who have sent names and addresses, and more thanks to those who have sent the money for new subscriptions

*** I will let the offer of one copy of my book for every new subscription or renewal stand for another month. Call for the book when you want it.

*** My dear foreigners, four shillings are ninety-six cents, and a Canadian dollar is ninety-five cents. And a personal check, after paying for collection, is eighty-five cents. A postal or express order doesn't cost me anything.

*** A good Boston Christian writes in here and sends two names with two dollars saying that he hasn't time to bother about getting subscribers. May a thousand others get just as busy. Only be sure to notify them by postal card that you have paid their subscriptions.

*** It is time you had a mental house-cleaning. While we were down in the South, my mother-in-law had the whole house cleaned from top to bottom. She repapered some of the rooms, and did everything up spic and span, so when we came home we stepped into a clean house. I have been enjoying it ever since. Is there anything pleasanter than a sweet-smelling, clean and well-ordered house? Yes, there is something much pleasanter. It is a clean mind!

*** There will always be a controversy going on in your mind so long as you have two minds. This old mind is a kind of gift from the past. It came to you a little at a time until it was full grown and took possession of you. You don't know just where and when you got it. It was a growth. Some of it was born with you. Other parts of it came from your parents, your teachers, and your constant associates. You didn't take time to analyze it. It has become second nature. And yet in the very first signs of illumination you repudiate it. You declare that it is not you. You don't even endorse the statements of this secondary personality. You look back over your life and are heartily ashamed of many things this old man made you do. There is scarcely a thing in the history of your thought that is not biased or embittered by this secondary personality. When you begin to analyze and separate yourself from this other fellow you are on the road to Kingdom Come. It is the first symptoms of an awakening.

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*** My book, "I Am Sermons," will not be republished. But as long as this edition lasts I will send two copies for every dollar sent for treatments, unless you ask for a subscription. It will also be sent this month, with every new subscriber, or a renewal. Call for it when you write.

*** What is mental healing? It is a healing of the mind. The changing of diseased thought to healthy thinking. You keep asking for the healing of your diseases, and you think they are located in your physical body. That is only the expression of the diseased condition of the mind, the illness of your thought.

*** Invalid thoughts! Did you ever stop to think how many poor, crippled, maimed, and bruised thoughts were hobbling around in your mind? Some of them are old veterans who have been with you for a long, long time. They are bald-headed thoughts. Old wrinkled and careworn thoughts. Bleareyed and hollowcheeked thoughts. You have been nursing and coddling these old codgers day after day and year after year.

*** Old things shall pass away and behold all things are made new. It is a kind of San Francisco fire and earthquake. It reveals the underground Chinatown. It consumes all the old dens and dives and makes way for a new city. This is the reason why I have told you in another place to get acquainted with yourself. Have a regular mental housecleaning and put away the thoughts that you do not wish to entertain. It is hard work but worth while. Periodicity is one of the leeches of mortality. It hangs onto you month after month and year after year, this periodicity. The coming up again and again of the same old thoughts. They are like weeds growing in the garden. No good thing can grow as long as the weeds occupy the ground.

*** It is not the getting of new thought, living thought, vibrant thought into the mind. That is not the difficult part of our unfoldment. It is the getting rid of the old rusty, moldy, miserable things that were put into our minds before we were capable of doing our own thinking. You know that I am the third preacher in the family. My father and grandfather were preachers. I not only had the whole business ground into my mind but I spent twenty years grinding it into other people. I had to unload. For there was no room in the garden of my soul for truth so long as all the fables of religion were growing there. If I found it difficult to unload the simple religion of Protestantism, what kind of a load do you suppose the Roman Catholic has on his mind? Then step into the place of the heathen with all of his burden of error. But all things must be made new, and they can't be made new until the old things have passed away. There is a call for a mental housecleaning, and the sooner you get at it, the sooner you will have it over. Then you will live in a clean, sweet thought that is not filled with fear, groveling and condemnation. It is the place of peace.

*** I have been reading all the up-to-date books on psychic research. I notice that one writer mentions a "secondary personality" as one of the causes of psychic phenomena. There is no doubt about there being two thinkers in all of us. Paul calls one the old man, and the other the new man. He had as well say old mind, and new mind. He tells us that the old man must be put off and the new man put on in regeneration. It means that the old mind is destroyed and the new mind is established. You know all about this in your own experience. That old man who claims to be me is not fit to be called a man. He has done me many a dirty trick. I must bear the blame for people think it is me. You know how many things you have done that you did not want to do. It was that secondary personality who did it.

*** A professional man in Denver told me the other day that he was talking to a bright little girl who happened to be in his office. He asked her if she believed in heaven and hell. She said that she believed in a heaven where all was bright and pure and good. He then asked her what kind of a hell she believed in and she said in a lake of fire and brimstone where all the bad people were thrown and kept there forever and forever. He said that he would bet her a box of candy that her pastor didn't believe in any such a hell. She was to go to him and ask him privately if he believed in a literal lake of fire where souls were punished forever. She took the bet. In a few days the doctor had to buy the candy. The pastor stuck to his colors, and the doctor had to pay for the sweets. His comment to me was, "Isn't it a shame that pure innocent girls have to be taught such nonsense?" He thought that the orthodox religion had advanced, but it hasn't. The creeds of religion were made centuries ago and can't me unmade. They are stuck in the mud of the past.

*** This old man is found in all of the institutions. Men wonder how such and such a thought came to be stereotyped in the minds of men. It has come down the ages. It is part of the flotsam and jetsam of human thought. Religion especially is filled with the thoughts of dead men. It would be all right to have the thoughts of dead men if they were living thoughts. But when they are embodied in the letter that killeth, and are forced into our minds at a tender age, they become an incubus hard to unload. Such diseases are found in our minds, not of our own making but from the old secondary thoughts of past ages. How hard to get rid of that which was spoken into the phonograph of the mind while we were children! And yet every day the priest and preacher, the physician and politician, are repeating dead words in the ears of our children. I will not let my baby go to any kind of a Sunday school. She shall know the Bible as she knows any other book, and find her own conclusions in regard to truth. The hardest work that I have had in this unfoldment is to unload.

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*** How many of us think of a mental housecleaning? The test of a good housekeeper is to sweep under the beds, behind dressers, and in the darkest corners. But we think that because our thoughts are invisible they can abide in all their ugliness. We get to a place where we are afraid to turn the old thoughts out. They have been with us so long that they tyrannize over our mind. A mental housecleaning would put us in bed with a fever. Such a dusting and scrubbing it would take to put the mind in order. I understand what the prophet said about making all things new.

*** It is because of this old thought that you must come out from among the institutions. You cannot afford to join anything or anybody. You will have your hands full in taking care of your own soul. It will keep you busy mending your own mind. This is the reason why you employ a mental healer. I practice mental healing because it is needed more than any other thing on earth. Men and women are coming to me every day with broken minds. They think they have all the other kinds of diseases, but in the last analysis it is always a mental disease. Now you know that I am not foolish enough to say that certain expressions of the diseases of the body are caused by certain kinds of thought. The man who tries to fit a certain kind of thought to such and such a disease is fooling away his time. It is a general condition of diseased thought. It is more of a dry rot than anything else. The mind being filled with unproductive thought. Like so many dead trees in a field. They are in the ground but they do not bear any kind of fruits. These old thoughts which stand in the mind without any sign of life. The man has been thinking in a circle. And the circle is around and around an old stump. He is doing things and saying things and thinking things because he found himself doing these things and saying these things and thinking these things. He doesn't know how he got at it. He thinks his father said these things, and his grandfather, and so on as far as the family history goes. He finds himself walking around and around the stump. If he will sit down on the stump and think awhile, his head will stop whirling.

*** It will take the newspapers to enlighten the world in regard to Christianity. You could never find it in pulpits. The so-called infidels have done more towards revealing Christianity than any other class of teachers. It took a man like Emerson to see the truth in Christianity. It will take business men, with wide-awake and practical minds, to accept Christianity. There isn't a single thing in human thought that needs mending but what Christianity can mend. It fits every form of human unfoldment. It stands as the one Great Light in the world. What is it? It is the Sermon on the Mount. What is the Sermon on the Mount? A homily on goodness? Certainly not. It is a statement of the Truth. A prophetic statement of what is to be. A statement of a prophet whose testimony is the spirit of pro-

phecy. Christianity has always gone before every movement in the minds of men. For Christianity, my beloved, is older than the New Testament. It is as old as the Voice of God in the individual. Where the Spirit of Truth has spoken in men, Christianity is found. It is the illumination of the individual. It is the only God that you can hear. The Voice of your own soul. You may think you hear other Gods in the noise, but you don't. The only God you can hear and obey is the voice of your own Spirit. Christianity claims to be a revelation of your own spiritual light. It doesn't claim any authority outside you. It says emphatically that you are to be your own light. In fact you are called the Light of the World. You are the light of your own world. The light that is in you is the everlasting light. This is Christianity.

*** When the Spirit of Truth is come he will guide you into all truth. How easy it is for the Spirit to come when everything is ready. The wave starts in the publicity of the newspapers and it spreads over the whole earth. At present we have a cleaning up wave. It is the leaven of righteousness working in the minds of men. It is the Holy Ghost coming down from heaven. Men have been looking for the Holy Spirit to come in some miraculous way. And yet Jesus Christ said that he must come by the Silent Word. The Kingdom of Heaven is like the leaven a woman hid in three measures of meal. This Word of Truth, in spite of the institutions, has been the leavening thought of humanity. It has been steadily creeping into the minds of men. It has been like wheat sown in the ground. Silently while men slept the seed sprouted and grew until we are ready for the harvest. The very best sign of righteousness is our present wickedness. You couldn't call for a cleaning up until the people were ready to be clean. Let all the reformers clamor about the great work that they are doing. Let this one and that one claim that he killed Cock Robin. The wave of thought which is going over the earth will brush them aside. It was not this one or that one. It was the great Spirit of Truth breathing over human life. There was darkness on the face of the waters and suddenly God said: "Let there be light," and there was light. A mental movement of goodness and truth can spread over the earth as quickly as this movement of the muckrakers. They both use the same road.

*** The same medium of publicity will be used for the call to righteousness that has been used for the exploding of unrighteousness. After the flood of fraud and corruption has passed away, there will come a time when the newspapers will be filled with the very opposite. The Spirit of God needs no other medium of communication than publicity. You know we preachers used to think that God had no other mouthpiece than the pulpiteers. We were going to spread the truth over the earth. Didn't we play the very devil? *Life*, that bright, satirical weekly, says that any kind of a

missionary is an impertinence. His readers came back at him with hot words of condemnation. He stuck to his colors, and called attention to the American Indian. Certainly we had our chance at the Indian without having to cross the ocean. We had him surrounded. And bullet and bayonet were ready in the hands of the white man to make the red man listen to the words of our missionaries. We had generation after generation of red men to practice on, and what a mess we made of it. This satirical editor says we would make the same kind of mess if we turned ourselves loose on the Chinese. I am almost ready to endorse the statement of the editor of *Life*. Any kind of a missionary is an impertinence. God doesn't need us. He can get along without a single preacher. He has invented the printing press. He has evolved the school teacher. He is going right along with the work of enlightening the world, while the religionists remain in the dark. Everything in this world has advanced, moved forward, except religion. It is the same old story, nothing new. Christianity is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, for it is always new. But Christianity is not religion.

*** Well, you will not have any more sense on the other side than you have on this side unless you wake up and get acquainted with yourself. Why scatter your thought all over creation? I AM the beginning and the end, the first and the last. It is all in me. If I am going to be a spirit I am one now. Why wait for the undertaker to make me one. What has the grave digger to do with me? He may have been digging graves for my cast off clothing for lo! these many millions of years. I AM the resurrection and the life. Suppose I come into consciousness of the resurrection and life. I would change this mortal into an immortal without losing my breath or my identity. It is a question of knowing myself. Not the thing that was born of woman, but the mind that has been me from everlasting. I have been confused by the mortal. I have been saying that I was born at such and such an hour in a certain place. That a man by the name of Shelton was my father, and that a young woman by the name of Christine Holman was my mother. If that is so, then farewell to all of my greatness. I am a worm of the dust. Why, when I come to think of it, I know that I AM a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. I AM without father or mother, the beginning of days, or the end of life. For the time being the lariat of mortality has kept me tied to the stake of time, but I AM beginning to awaken. I will get wide awake some of these days and know the truth. The knowledge of the Truth will set me free. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is the glory of God. I do not care, at present, about communicating with other spirits. I AM a spirit. I am getting into communication with myself. I am intensely interested in my own divinity. It is the only way for the giant in me to awake and get his bearings.

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*** See here, my beloved Christians, you are at liberty to think as you please and take me down whenever you feel like it. This is a fellowship of free spirits. You bet! There is no other way to advance. You think you know all about spirits in and out of the body. Well, I don't, but I am seeking knowledge. My wife and I have laid aside our novels and have gone into a new investigation of psychic phenomena. I bought all of the up-to-date books on that subject and am reading them to her. We are going through the latest reports of the Society of Psychical Research, besides reading the freshest scientific data on psychic phenomena. I am clairvoyant, clairaudient, and telepathic. She is a clear and impartial critic and is sometimes clairvoyant. So if there are any ghosts walking around we are ready to walk with them. If there are any spirits talking we are alert to catch their conversation. It is a scientific investigation on our part and we go at it with a clean slate. We have both passed through the first and second stages. I have talked with voices claiming to be spirits. I have seen visions, dreamed dreams, and in fact wandered around in the wilderness of the psychic for many years. If any one rings up our telephone we are ready to listen as calmly and serenely as we would to our own doorbell. The ones who come must bring credentials. It must be a clear and unmistakable voice from the other side. I don't say we will not hear from discarnate spirits. I hope we will, if it is possible, and so open up a telepathic office, a spiritual telephone to the other side. From time to time I will report our progress.

*** Objections are raised to reincarnation by persons who can not see any good in being a washwoman, a clerk, a stenographer and an heiress unless there is a knowledge of the different steps in unfoldment. You are confusing the mind with the calling. It is not what you do but what you are that makes for righteousness. Theosophy tells you that you must be all things, even to the changing of your sex, in order to fulfill your experience. This is not true. Sex is inherent in spirit and is unchangeable. It matters not what your calling, so you get acquainted with yourself. The greatest minds known in history were unfolded and uncovered in very humble callings. In this connection, let me add a thought to another item in this issue. When I say for a young woman or a young man to stick to what they know to do, I do not mean to say that you are not to take something better if it comes in your way. But don't give up a bird in the hand for two in the bush. Your real unfoldment is where victory and success belong, and not in a temporary triumph in mortality. You are not your work. The carrying of a hod, the cleaning of floors, the washing of dishes, the humblest of callings can not hinder your unfoldment. The more obscure the work the more time you have for talking to yourself. Many millions are kept in bondage to outside influence. They are all the time on parade before a lot of baldheaded and

painted idols called the leaders of society. Get into a confidential conjunction with yourself and you won't care a d-dime for the leaders or their followers. When you really know yourself you will stop being born. You won't need it.

*** Let me whisper in your ear a great truth. Man is a mental machine. It is hard on us, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that mortal man is a creature of habit. What's the moral? Stick to your job. Many of you are induced to give up that which you have been trained to do. You get a little smattering of new thought and you want to quit your job and branch out into something new. Don't do it. There are wrecks all along the road. A woman physician, who is supporting herself and her children by practicing medicine, wrote in here saying her friends wanted her to give it up. I told her to stick to her office, be Johnny-on-the-spot, and build up a larger practice. Of course she is to use her mind as well as her medicine, but stick right to business and use her knowledge for the good of her patients. Young men who are clerks, telegraph operators, engineers, conductors, motormen, linemen, etc., should stick to what they know rather than undertake what they do not know. Lawyers, doctors, druggists, dentists, and even preachers had better do what they know how to do. I know how this new movement makes you want to break away, and I can count hundreds who have done so and failed. I was a preacher and editor, and I am still preaching and editing. I only broke away from a sect. I could have built me a splendid church (with my own money) and captured the better part of my old congregation. Like a fool I swung off into foolish dissipation and discouragement. The fault was all in me. Now that I am once more a Christian in principle and practice I am getting ready to go back to public speaking. I have gained physical, financial and spiritual freedom.

*** Some people, in fact the majority, act as though man, as we know him, was the highest point in individual intelligence. They quote our great men, past and present, as the mighty ones of the universe. Now, the Bible gives us glimpses of a much higher order of men and women. Gods of mythology are superior in the way of personality, not to speak of angels and archangels as revealed in the Bible. When it comes to morality the gods were a little off color, but the illuminated ones in the Bible are pure and holy as well as splendid in their majesty. Certainly as we unfold we will ascend to a higher plane of being. Several of my readers have complained bitterly of having to give up the old thought that death brings perfection of person and the fullness of knowledge. The grave was the door leading to an education without effort, an entrance into everlasting joy, no matter how stupid and sinful you were at the hour of death. In the very nature of knowledge the intellect can not get it except by experience. It is true that it is brought out of you, but the unfoldment is necessary. I can see how, step by step, I am unfolding now. It is a

gradual growth in grace and truth. I am not the man I was ten years ago, aye, even one year ago, and I am going on until I catch the vibration of seraphic beings far above the mortal man. I don't think our solons and sages are to be compared with the "spirits of just men made perfect" on the higher planes of thought. The two young men in bright apparel at the tomb of Jesus are more to my liking than the bearded bards of mortality.

*** Of course all writers get off the trolley occasionally, but the *Philistine* for June is the worst case of the kind I ever saw. Elbert Hubbard is running wild in that number. He commands a lot of "mental science" bosh of Dr. Tilden, of the *Stuffed Club*, and says that cancer is the result of wrong thinking; and, in the same editorial, he declares that "eczema, gout, headache, pimples, boils, bad breath are all symptoms of food poisoning." Cancer and hernia are caused by wrong thinking, but all other diseases are the result of wrong eating! Again he says, "A religion of just being kind would be a pretty good religion, don't you think so?" How could kindness be a religion? Religion is a system of worship. Is kindness worship? I haven't any sort of religion, because I do not worship anything. If you are going to be religious you must set up some sort of worship. You must have an altar of some kind. If you are a Christian you do not worship anything or anybody. You have no altar for you are temple, priest and offering within yourself. Why should you pray when you are the very gift you are seeking? I Am the gift and the giver. Let us be scientific and cease pandering to the dead images of a by-gone thought. You are kindness. It is inherent. It is your being. Religion teaches you to do things and say things in the objective. Christianity leads you to be yourself, whatever that self may be. The only thing Christianity asks you to escape is hypocrisy. Follow your own Spirit even if it leads you into the wilderness. It will lead you out again, and then you will forever afterwards know the wilderness. It is an unfoldment of your own being.

*** Is there such a thing as diseased thoughts? You bet. There are festering thoughts, and thoughts that smell to heaven. Have you been reading the newspapers? Take up your daily newspaper and see how many diseased thoughts you can find in one number. Then think how many are sent out in a whole year of such daily output. Did you read about the packing houses? Have you quit eating meat? My mother-in-law is laughing in her sleeves. She is the vegetarian and fruitarian of the household. You had just finished reading of the insurance scandals. Then came the land fraud scandals. We have had the post-office scandals, and the thieves are still stealing my mail. Oh, we are getting into a dreadful mess. The air is full of diseased thoughts. It is wrong thinking. Then you will hear someone saying that the world is getting better—simply because we have automobiles! The prophets of the New Testament tell us plainly that the world will get

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worse until it goes to pieces. Just take up your New Testament and read the last book in it. Why, the daily newspapers, the yellow ones even, can't come up to that description of filth. We haven't reached the limit yet. The lid is not off yet, but it will come off. And then you will see the fowls of the heavens gathering themselves together for the great feast of putrefaction. What is the remedy? Publicity! Even the yellow press is helping matters. Publicity! Thank God for the spirit of publicity. Turn on the light. Let in the fresh air. Take the lid off and let us see what is in the pot. It is showing up the diseased thoughts of the world. It is making way for new thoughts. It is opening the door for the good and the true. Evil can not grow in the light.

*** Who killed Cock Robin? "I," said Teddy Roosevelt, "I killed Cock Robin." "I," said Upton Sinclair, "I killed Cock Robin." And so with all the clamoring crowd of reformers. Yes, yes, I did it with my little hatchet. The fact of the business is that publicity did it. There is not a man on the earth to-day who is fit to reform the world. It is a time for individual reformation. Publicity is turning on the light, and the light is causing all of the rats and mice, cockroaches and bats to scamper and flutter. It is not a time for reformers. It is a time for reformation. You know in the time of the reformers we hardly ever have any reformation. Just after a revival the neighborhood is generally worse than ever. When the reformers occupy the center of the stage, they take up all of the room and there isn't any space for a reformation. This is a glorious time when the reformers are in the background and the reformation comes to the front. The howling dervishes of religion are not listened to by the people. The great mass of men are honest and good and true. When the lid is taken off and they see what is in the pot they will rise up and turn the whole thing into the fire. A real reformation is a very quiet affair. The noise of an empty wagon is always greater than when the wagon is full. When the reformers are screeching and screaming there is generally very little reformation. You know Christianity is to make this world sweet and clean by the Silent Word. It is not so much a speech as a vibration. It is a mental movement. It comes like a thief in the night. Men who have been going about their own affairs and attending to their own business, when once aroused, work a reformation in quick order.

*** One wants to know why, if the air is the substance of things, it is not a good idea to practice the breathing exercises as suggested by the new thoughters. It is, if you feel like it. The only trouble is getting into an unnatural and artificial attitude. The doing of things by rule is not good for the soul. Deep breathing as a physical exercise is unnatural. Physical culture by rule is a positive injury to the body and mind. All athletes break down early in life. The natural life is the one of health. Doing what you like to do, and when you are

pleased to do it, is the way of health. The men who pound drills in the mines are not as healthy as I am—and I never do anything if I can help it. I take a bath because I like it and enjoy feeling clean. I eat what tastes good to me and quit when my taste is satisfied. I go to bed promptly at nine o'clock, and never get down to breakfast until everybody is done eating and the table is cleared. As for exercise, if I took it by rule I would never take it. If I had to breathe by order I would quit and skidoo. There, that reminds me that my language is not made to order. A schoolma'am was shocked because I said "I feel like." She said the proper thing would have been "I feel as though." To be sure! But how could that bright poet who wrote, "I feel like a big sunflower," have written, "I feel as though a big sunflower?" Get thee gone Satan! Tie no stones to the tail of my kite. Give your soul a chance to grow in grace. You can't be healthy, happy and alive in a straight-jacket of rules and regulations. Free spirits live in freedom, not in a treadmill.

*** In answer to those who have asked about eye sight and electric light let me say that preparations are being made for the ushering in of the electric age, or immortality. Not only are we making new light, but speed is calling our attention. We do not move fast enough to suit us. We are asking the air to cease opposition to our desires. Navigation of the air is assured and new and better motors will come into use. All this will demand new embodiment. There is something in us that is immortal. The Jews say it is the spinal cord. Whatever it is must be discovered and utilized. I know there is a new body with new organs inside this mortal body. I say, I know, and I mean it. It is not faith. It is actual experience. Great Scott! are my eyes dependent on these lamps in my head? If so, I may lose my vision by the merest accident. Suddenly find myself in darkness by the flipping of the wind. It is absurd. I have eyes that see clearly when the lids of these lamps are closed. I see in the dead of night with my eyes closed. It is not a flitting moonlight vision. Often the sun is shining as at noonday and everything is as clear before my vision, and even clearer than it is in objective vision. Well, a man can't see without eyes. It follows then that I have eyes within my eyes. The same is true of hearing and speech. I hear without sound and see without vision. I also speak when my own volition does not control the organs of speech. I am convinced beyond question that my eyes, ears, all the organs, the real organs of my being are immortal. The time is at hand for these organs to be born into objective use. They should control matter and determine environment.

*** I will answer your questions in this number, in a general way, without quoting from letters. There has been a general dissent to the item about spirits being asleep. I did not mean exactly that, but asleep so far as the objective world is concerned. They may be very wide awake in the subjective.

So far as I can get a revelation, spirits are actively engaged in an effort at reincarnation. Their activity is in seeking a new body of flesh. This is the prime cause for real attraction between man and woman. If we could only realize that the attraction is caused by these individual points of intelligence seeking reincarnation it would lift the ideal married life to the highest plane of human thought. Even as it is there is no other redemption for the race. Men are elevated and redeemed in proportion to their reverence, respect and love for women. A great love is a fire of purification, and the coming of children to this union adds fuel to the flame. I am as sure of our babies coming to us, from a long wandering in the wilderness, as I can be of anything so full of mystery. Their sub-conscious mind often reveals itself to our surprise and amazement. Oh, mothers, you do not know the majesty and glory of your motherhood! A soul has been seeking you! A mighty being came to you for embodiment. The poor wanderer whose head is on your bosom is seeking rest. No wonder you wash your cheeks with tears, and lavish caresses and kisses on the lips of the little ones! They are only little ones in the flesh. In spirit, they are lost souls seeking salvation. The saviors of humanity are mothers. It is the real blood of the cross.

*** A friend writes in here to tell me that her sister was receiving treatments from the headquarters of a certain man, and that he had given her case to twelve healers and that they were all treating her at the same hour. I do not wish to appear as a critic, but as my opinion is asked I will give it. Spirit always and forever works through the individual. They tried the communistic plan with the early Christians and the result was that they all landed in jail. As soon as they could get out of jail "the disciples were scattered abroad and went everywhere preaching the Word." They sometimes traveled in pairs, as Paul and Silas, John and James; but no where did they treat as a group or heal by united effort. One man was always the spokesman for Spirit. In my own experience the individual word is always the way of truth. I have tried this joining of one or more and found it powerless. I know it is said that where two or three are gathered I AM in the midst. I know all the other quotations used for the socialistic side of the question. Nevertheless it is a failure. We have had it for about seventeen hundred years, or since the council of Nice in A. D. 305, and there has followed the loss of healing power. I will not treat a case even with my wife. Sometimes she takes a case right out of my hands, but I let go the minute she takes hold. Spirit may use her in any way, but I will not interfere with her work nor she with mine. I often give way when she takes an interest in a case, but we never join our forces. Why? Because we know that the power to heal is in the Principle and not in the person. Spirit speaks through the individual and for the individual. This is the Way. I AM; not we.

*** "If you are not good the boogaman will get you!" That was the way they used to talk to the children when I was a child. Then as years went on they talked to grown folks about the devil and hell, and what God would do to us if we were not good. Now comes black magic and hypnotism. One of my own good Christians writes, "But what annoys and worries me very much is we have a woman living over us who is a very powerful hypnotist, and I can't begin to tell you what suffering she has caused me. She hypnotizes all my friends to turn against me, and through the power she makes me all kinds of trouble." This good woman is not alone. Her name is legion. Men and women of good sense and average intelligence write asking me to rid them of bad people who are casting "spells" over them and destroying health and happiness. Mortal mind never gets out of the rut. They change the name but the same old thing is present under the new name. This woman hypnotizer is an old acquaintance. Don't you recognize her? She is a witch. The same old witch who was burned at the stake. She sails under a new name, but the old superstition is there in witch and bewitched. Get it out of your mind! No one can cast a "spell" over you. There is no one who can injure you or your business by black magic. It is all in your own thought. Drive out all such thoughts and refuse to resist evil. Evil thrives on resistance. Just as long as you entertain such thought-devils they will create havoc in your mind. The devil of fear goes out and gets seven other devils worse than himself and returns to fill the space in your empty mind. Fear, hate, anger, jealousy, envy, spite, all the brood will flock together and make a hell for you. Cast them out and affirm the good and the true. Scat!

*** In the mail comes a "marked" editorial in a Spiritualistic paper purporting to have been written and signed by the discarnate spirit of James Russell Lowell. How can such testimony have any weight with the scientific mind? I do not take any stock in such stuff. Any clever writer could imitate the style of James Russell Lowell. Besides, I do not believe that the spirit known, for a few years, as James Russell Lowell would continue to bear that name, even if he remained discarnate. What is a spirit anyway? It is certainly not the flesh and bones we call man. Mind is the man, and if mind forever lives, it has forever lived. The few years of mortal life can never fix the name and personal identity of the eternal man. And yet we are ready to call this immortal being James Russell Lowell for a.. eternity simply because he was known by that name in one brief incarnation! We want to make him interested in this short space of his experience to the exclusion of an eternity preceding and an eternity following that period. What are you giving us? Do you think that one little scrap of history is all there is to the unfolding of an individual? Get up higher and you will see a wider horizon and heights and depths

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worthy of an immortal. Your little mortal space named Milton, Shakespeare, Newton, Lowell, et al., is as fleeting as shadows cast by the sun. Jesus said emphatically that John, the baptizer, was the prophet Elijah, but he did not go any farther back or forward. John did not assume his former name, and I doubt if he knew of his former life. Jesus knew, but Jesus was a discerner of spirits.

*** The transference of thought in treatments is not the transference of words. Get that statement and you will advance a step in Spirit Science. The thought I give to you in the Silence is taken to you by Spirit in any way that is best suited to your case. In one instance, if not in many, the Spirit transferred the thought to the mind of the patient in the form of Mrs. Shelton coming and talking to a fever stricken woman. It was the very best way for that particular case. The mind of the patient was treated as a little child and soothed by Mrs. Shelton coming as a good fairy. The Spirit made the good fairy say "I must leave you now and go to a sick child in New York," and with other soothing words she went away. It was the Word of God taking that form and transferring my thought in that way. Ah, my good friends, the Word of God is that invisible ether in which we live and move and have our being. It is that in which worlds and suns and systems float. All things are upheld by the Word of God. It is the seed of the kingdom. Telepathy is not a telephone where you send words from one mind to another. It is the power by which you send thought vibrations from mind to mind. I do not expect you to receive the thought vibrations in my words, but Spirit will give them to you in your own language. Bless you, I am treating in all languages. I have Christians in Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico, Finland, Sweden, Norway, not to speak of all Europe. I do not speak these languages, but Spirit does and so the Word is given to each one in his own tongue and in the way best adapted to his own way of thinking. I give the treatments and leave results to Spirit. It is not for me to judge the Way of your soul. Spirit is the only potentate and Lord of mind.

*** It is certain that woman will get her freedom, but will she like it after she gets it? It will be rough on the first two or three generations, but after that the real new woman will appear. The old way was for men to care for their wives, mothers, daughters, but the new way will put them to hustling for themselves. It is freedom for the individual without regard to sex or previous conditions. In the South men are still gallant and give up their places in street cars to women. Not so in the West. Here in Colorado women can vote, hold office, and do nearly everything that a man does except buy drinks in a saloon. Last month while serving on the jury in the criminal division of our district we had a case of a saloon keeper who sold a glass of beer to a woman. When it comes to tippling, a

woman in Colorado is a minor. She is a kid. A saloon keeper must not keep a wine room in connection with his saloon or sell liquors to a woman. I was foreman of this jury so took the liberty to question the men as to the rights of women in the premises. It was an average jury of business men with a sprinkling of church members. When it came right down to the scratch every one of us declared that a woman had just as much right to tipple as a man. If it is any fun to go to the devil let the woman have her share of it. We cleared the saloon keeper. Sweethearts, you are going to get your freedom. There is no going back to the old way. The movement for the emancipation of woman has a good start and all hell can't stop it. It will not be pleasant or profitable at the start. Already women are getting tired of it, and are longing for husband, home and children of their own. We can't stop the onward movement, my dears, so you had just as well adjust yourselves to the new conditions. Learn to support a husband.

*** That little item about spirits being asleep seems to have awakened all the other sleepers. The pigeon hole is so full that I must answer all in a general way. I did not mean asleep, in the sense that the soul sleeps, but as not being active agents in the affairs of men. One reader wants to know if Moses and Elijah were asleep when they appeared to Jesus. No, but Elijah had been beheaded as John, the baptizer, a few years before the transfiguration of Jesus. Moses had long since ascended into the higher spheres of being. It is also a fact that Moses as Moses did not die, neither did Elijah as Elijah. They were both translated. It seems that spirits waiting here for reincarnation are in lower spheres of being. The triumph over the grave is also victory over birth. Elijah could not come as the forerunner of Jesus except by miracle. The body known as John the baptizer, and which held the spirit of Elijah, was prepared in the womb of an aged woman, the wife of Zacharias, the priest. It is said she was barren, "and they both were well stricken in years." We don't know it all, but we do know that the Scripture cannot be broken. The same miracle of regeneration was wrought at the birth of Isaac. When one of the mighty ones descends from the heavens, to be born of woman, there is a miraculous preparation for his reception. The coming of such a one is not like the demon driven Joan of Arc. Jesus came to Paul, by telepathy. Jesus was not a discarnate spirit but the Son of Man risen from the dead. I will take back the word asleep, in fact, I qualified it in my statement, and we will go over the whole ground once more. You can all say your say as it will help us to talk it over among ourselves. And if we get a wire from the other side, all the better. Our lightning rod is in the psychic atmosphere.

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INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE.

The battle of the vibrations!
It is the last great battle for individual liberty.

Man has been struggling to set himself free from his fellows. The bondage of the elements, the environment of wild beasts, the clearing of the wilderness, all these things have been as nothing to man's bondage to his fellows.

Of course this bondage to his fellows was based on his ignorance of himself. When a man became acquainted with himself and felt the powers of his own soul, he immediately set himself free. Instead of enjoying his personal freedom for himself, he felt the power of sovereignty and immediately enslaved his fellows. This, of course, put him back in bondage. No man can be free unless he grants the same privilege to all his fellows. The leader is in bondage to his followers. The master is in worse bondage than his slaves. To own another man is to sell yourself.

This, men are learning by sad experience. That freedom is a personal matter. It is something within you. It is for you and you can't exercise it if you do not grant emancipation to every other individual in the universe.

The call of the Spirit is always to the individual. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. God has never called a group of individuals, a sect or a party. He always calls the individual. He may make promises to the individual for the coming of the kingdom. He may tell the individual that in his seed all the nations of the earth are to be blessed. But the original call is always to the individual and he is told to get out from his father's house, leave his kindred and all of the old associations and go into a strange country.

This call to Abraham was the beginning of civilization as we understand it. Now, where was that God located? He was not found in any of the institutions of the earth. It was a Voice within the man himself. It is said that he went out not knowing whither he went. He followed the voice of the Spirit without knowing the destination. Yet there stands to-day in this world the seed of Abraham and from them has grown the law and the prophets and all we know of higher thought. The promise is still being fulfilled. It was individual initiative.

In the early history of the Jews the voice of God always spoke through the prophets. They had no king, no rulers, only the voice of the Lord God speaking in the prophets. Every resurrection of thought has come in the same way. God has raised up men and spoken in them to the masses of men. The prophet is never a leader, never an organizer, never a builder of an institution. The voice of the prophet is for the individual and the revelation is for the individual mind. It cannot be otherwise. The individual unit is the image and likeness of God.

No institution ever represented the Almighty. And yet we are hypnotized by names and institutions. We think the truth can be put into laws. That life can be written in a book. A friend wants to know how

Napoleon could be ashamed of his Legion of Honor. She only can see the name "Napoleon." Now, the name Napoleon was of very short duration. It lasted from his christening until he was buried. The name of Napoleon was simply the name of the physical expression born of woman. We keep calling dead men by the names they bore while living. He may not even know that he was ever named Napoleon. The mind that was in his body has gone on unfolding, and that mind is now ashamed of what was done in the darkness of mortality. He may now be one of the wisest philosophers of our age. His mind has gone on unfolding until he now sees the truth clearly. He may not even know that he ever was Napoleon. And yet here you are hanging your thought on that peg called a name. Bless your heart, do you suppose that I began to be June 13, 1849? If so, then I will cease to be when I drop this mortal body. It is a law that a beginning must have an ending. I tell you that I have always been, but how many plunges I have made in my effort to discover myself is at present unknown to me. Then you must understand that the individual known as Napoleon is still going forward in mental unfoldment. He may have been known by a hundred different names.

Just as soon as we leave names and the notches we have cut in our little sticks we get lost. This is the reason we build temples, organize societies and try to perpetuate ourselves in the objective. We are afraid that we will get lost. We want an anchor. We drive a stake down and lariat ourselves to it. We men are very anxious to perpetuate our names. The woman who becomes the mother of our children, must take our names. Then we are very proud of our sons because they bear our names. The family tree is a great thing in our life. The man who can trace his lineage back to some thingumbob in the past gloats over it with great glee. He is a descendant of some illustrious nobody, and he counts that as a personal gain to himself. This is mortality, my friends, and has nothing to do with individual initiative in the kingdom of truth.

Here we are unionizing the world. Government ownership of public utilities! Municipal ownership! If you want to get a good dose of this kind of stuff, read "The Scarlet Empire" by David M. Parry. The world is being fooled once more by words. Government ownership would be all right if the individual owned the government. The "government" is a mere empty name for a political party. In fact, government means, in the last analysis, soldiers and policemen. It means force, and force means violence. Who is going to own the municipality? I have been on the jury last month trying to settle questions in our criminal court. It was just like the people in the Scarlet Empire. I happened to be reading the book aloud to my wife during my jury service. I told her that Parry's book was not fiction. It was a reality right here in Denver. The men who own the municipality are generally unfit to govern. Of course I don't believe that any man is fit to govern

his fellow men. But in a city government it is generally those who are least fitted for the job that do the governing.

Men are being herded. They are not being led. It is not a time of leadership. It is a time of herding. Men are moving in great masses without any leaders. Unionizing means that men are like flocks of sheep. They are jostled one against the other and made to move because others are moving. You don't know just what direction they are going to take. There is not an individual among them who knows. I know of no man on the earth to-day who is large enough to lead his fellows. It is because of the leveling process of thought. Individual units are not rising to such large dimensions. They are not as tall as they used to be. It is because the average height of the individual is greater. There are more tall men among us. The average man is able to read and to think a little on his own account. For this very reason we are getting into herds. There is none so small, none so large, as they used to be. There has been a great cry for a leader to appear large enough to command the masses of men. He will never appear. The time for leadership is no more. God is going to take a hand in the game. God always calls to the individual. Therefore the leader will be invisible. The kingdom of God will be within each individual.

Don't be alarmed about this unionizing. It is because we have been so used to following the captain. We have been listening to commands. Soon we will see that this herding is an injury to the individual. Then you will see the individual initiative everywhere. Not in one individual commanding all the others. But the kingdom of God is in each man and woman and they will speak their own thought and act on their own initiative. Unionism is the forerunner of individualism. A thing has to go to seed before it stops growing. Organization has gone to seed. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to remember the names of all the organizations. Many new ones are born every year. Each occupation, trade, profession is organized into a separate and distinct organization. Then the effort is being made for a federation of all these organizations. They are running the thing into the ground, where it belongs. Out of all of this wilderness will come the individual with his own mind, his own heart and his own personal illumination. It is simply the fulfillment of an old prophecy. Here is the prophecy and it is as old as Jeremiah. Come to think of it you had better turn and read the 21st chapter of Jeremiah yourself. He says emphatically that the time must come when God will reign in the individual. Every man and every woman will be their own governor, priest, king, law unto themselves. The world is getting ripe for it. Leadership is a failure. Every man who tries it goes to the wall. Even Jesus refused to be a leader. He saw that each man must have the Spirit of Truth within himself. It is the only road to freedom. There is no one in the universe who is superior to any other one. This is true equality. Not an artificial leveling, but a spiritual elevation.

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THE Circle of Christians is not a sect, party, church, lodge, or any other kind of institution. You do not join anything or anybody. You do not confess a creed or formulate a faith. Christianity is the inspiration of the individual. It is the Spirit of Truth unfolding in your own mind. The Circle of Christians is a company of individuals seeking for the full realization of regeneration and the resurrection.

Christianity stands for the healing of all kinds of disease, including poverty. It IS a regeneration of the body by the resurrection of the mind. Healing is absolutely essential to Christianity. The healing of the physical body is the only credential offered by Christianity. Jesus did not ask humanity to accept of any other witness. It is folly to talk of Christianity without mental healing.

I AM devoting my whole time to mental healing. I teach Christianity by the Silent Word. Teaching by telepathy is the way of the Spirit. My lessons are not in letters, or in print, but are spoken in the Silence to your own spirit. In this way the Spoken Word comes up into your own mind as a part of your own thinking. It is a mental growth. The unfolding of your own individuality.

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