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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind

HEALING

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.” Matt. IV:23

MENTAL healing is an exact science.
There is no uncertainty about it.
It is as exact in its action as mathematics.
As harmonious in its movements as music.

Mind is the molder of matter.

Unconscious action of mind formed the mortal body.

Conscious action of mind creates new conditions.

Unconscious action is mortal mind.

Conscious action is the mind of the Spirit.

It is the knowing of self as separate from body.

Cosmic consciousness is the recognition of your own divinity.

Jesus Christ spoke to the cosmic mind of the sick and the dead.

I AM talking to you in the Silence.

Do you hear Me?

I AM the Word of God.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** I'm there!

*** It doesn't make any difference how I got there.

*** I will help you to get there if you will quit looking backward.

*** There is nothing behind you that you didn't bring with you, that is, nothing worth while.

*** Perhaps there are many things that you have brought along with you which it would be well to unload.

*** When your mind goes over and over the road that you have been traveling, you may know that you are going around a ring.

*** This will make you dizzy, and you will never make any progress by going around in the same old circle, the same well worn rut.

*** Unfoldment means growth, and to grow is to change conditions and environment. The baby is new every morning; during the night she has been growing.

*** The same law will fit the new birth and the new growth in regeneration. I AM telling you in the Silence every day to keep a-going, get away from the has-beens and even the is-to-bes, and rejoice in the present hour.

*** Did you attend the great Elks convention in Denver last month? It was equal, if not greater, than the G. A. R. and the Eagles. No, I'm not an Elk or an Eagle or any other kind of a beast or a bird. I'm a peach!

*** This is what mental healing means. I AM not only healing myself, but AM sending the Word to all who come to me for healing. It is not an experiment. It is a science. Truth is scientific. And it is the truth that will make you free.

*** This grunting and fussing about the has-beens and what you might have been is unscientific. If you come into conjunction with the Word, given you in the Silence, you will laugh at the has-beens and all of your troubles will roll off your back like the burden of a burro when we have reached camp.

*** This is no theory, for I AM putting it into practice every day of the world. I am younger and healthier and happier than ever before in my life. The mind does control matter. And Time, my friend, is a record of matter. The absolute life is dateless. *My Word*, of Chicago, will please sit up and take notice.

*** This number of *CHRISTIAN* ought to be a dandy, for that wife of mine threw out about one-third of my copy. She said it didn't sound right. She knows. You know the rule about trying it on the dog. If my wife can't take my mental medicine there is no use for me to give it to any of you people. Two minds are better than one.

*** *My Word* (formerly *The Higher Thought*), 459 LaSalle avenue, Chicago, has not only changed its name, but since 1906 they have added to the date line "Absolute

Life I." It is all right for Elbert Hubbard to date from the founding of the Roycrofters, but the absolute Life knows nothing of time. In the absolute life time shall be no more.

*** *Now* came out of the earthquake all right, and their house, 105 Steiner street, was saved from the fire. But before the earthquake and fire they went into debt for their mountain home at Glenwood. Debt is the devil, and going into debt is unscientific. I will give treatments for the *Now* folk to get out of debt if they promise not to do it anymore.

*** Mrs. Cramer, editor of *Harmony*, San Francisco, lost everything in the earthquake and fire, and they only escaped with their lives. She is asking help from her readers to reissue her books and rebuild her home College. I have not heard from my other exchanges, but suppose that nearly all publications in San Francisco suffered in the fire.

*** Denver can beat the band when it comes to entertaining. The G. A. R. convention made us famous. Last month we did a big thing in entertaining the Elks. Next year we will have our auditorium. Then all the conventions will be held in Denver. There is a movement on foot to see that the hotel and boarding houses do not overcharge, and that everywhere the rates will be moderate.

*** Keep your own dates for treatments. I AM with you in the Silence and pay no attention to the clock or the calendar. File my first letter to you as the first day of the treatment. And by all means bear in your mind the fact that the treatments are given every day, and that they are in your own mind. The treatments are not going on in Denver; they are going on in you. The Word of healing is omnipresent, else there would be no sense in giving treatments. Don't sit and wait for a letter. I AM with you every day. I AM with you and in you, and I don't come by mail, but in the Silence of the mind. No matter where you are, whether in the United States or in Europe, the mental treatments meet you daily for health, happiness and prosperity. Get the idea of correspondence out of your head. I AM not healing by correspondence.

*** "So you want me to give notice to those to whom I wish *CHRISTIAN* sent, but I am just independent enough not to do it. It is this way: *CHRISTIAN* came to me first, I know not how. It just came and I was glad it did. I would rather have it go to my friends in the same way without any individual behind it. To me it came as by the Spirit, and I wish it to be the same in the extension of the circle."

You may bet your bottom dollar that an individual was back of it. You never would have been introduced to the Circle of Christians if it had not been for the work of many individuals. The very best way of circulating *CHRISTIAN* is the way we are now doing it. Each one in the Circle of Christians sends out at least ten papers during the year. If they call the attention of their friends to the fact that they have sent

the paper it will be received more cordially than if it came by accident. So many sample copies of publications are being forced on people that it is necessary to introduce *CHRISTIAN* with a word from you.

*** Get out of the notion that climate is going to work wonders with your health. People are running to and fro on the face of the earth seeking a climate that will prove an elixir for all their ills. The elixir of life is mind. It is an expression of thought force from the Spirit that will bring health, wealth and happiness. I don't mean the carnal mind which can only repeat words like a parrot and think by pictures and suggestions. The mind of Spirit is life and peace. It is that mind overflowing from within and filling you full of joy and health. Speaking of climate, Colorado is considered the best on earth; and yet this year has been full of rains, clouds and cold, instead of the white sunshine that we usually enjoy. It is now the middle of July, and our furnace is still going day and night. Think of burning coal in a big furnace over ten months in the year! That is what we do year in and year out. We have only three seasons—summer, fall and winter. There is no spring for us, and yet every year we make-believe it is spring, while the overcoat is kept handy and the fires are aglow. Climate! Make it in your mind and you will always have it.

*** In taking my treatments you need not be foolish about anything. If you are taking drugs and have a doctor you need not break off suddenly, but leave results to the Spirit. All is mind, but mind may make use of medicine in certain cases and under peculiar conditions. There must be no attack on anything in the patient's mind. The law of non-resistance applies here as elsewhere. Antagonism in the mentality of the patient will do more harm than drugs. Spirit is a peacemaker. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." I treat for health, no matter how you get it. The good Word comes into the mind in gentleness and sweetness. I do not care who gets the credit for your healing, just so you are made whole. Let us have no competition, no rivalry, in Christianity. At the same time tell the truth without any equivocation or mental reservation. Openness and frankness about your own condition need not take the form of grunting and complaining. Out with it! You can't keep any secrets from Spirit. The light of truth opens the door of healing to the body. You can affirm health without lying about your sickness. Be honest about it. The young paralytic was helpless and he acknowledged it. Jesus told him to take up his bed and walk. He did it. I know he did it. Mind is all powerful.

*** "Lead us not into temptation," in the Lord's prayer, seems to puzzle some people. Why stop at a comma? "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." The question is asked if the good heavenly Father leads his children into temptation. He certainly does if they will not learn in

any other way. You must remember that the good heavenly Father is not a goody-goody heavenly Father. That kind of a father is not heavenly. The goody-goody parents are always making boobies out of their children. They would carry them in their arms until every muscle was atrophied and the helpless ones became hopeless cripples. God-with-us puts us down and makes us walk whether we want to or not. He knows that legs were made for use, and the joy of using your own legs is your joy. He would be anything but a heavenly Father if he robbed you of your own. He would be a robber. Not only a highwayman holding you up, but a sneak stealing from innocent children. There are spiritual faculties and moral principles which you must learn in order to enter into the joy of living. Pray God that you may learn without being led into temptation where you must gain your knowledge in tears and suffering. I could not learn or would not learn until Spirit plunged me into temptation. You say, "He didn't." I know He did, and that He delivered me from evil. Freedom from temptation and deliverance from evil came to me by the hell flames of experience. God was good. It was in my case the only way. I Am all in all. "I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I Am Jehovah, that doeth all these things."—Isaiah 45, 7.

*** The other day one of our San Francisco Christians, who lost all in the earthquake, wrote saying that he would have written sooner, but did not have the dollar. Great Scott! What are we, anyway? Are we Christians or merely religionists? A Christian is in fellowship with other Christians. Fellowship does not mean religious bigotry and buncombe. *Fellowship is friendship.* I say over and over that the Circle of Christians is not an organization, not a sect, not an institution, but a fellowship; that is, a friendship. All the San Francisco Christians from whom we could hear were given credit on CHRISTIAN, and in the Circle of Christians away ahead. The suggestion was made by my wife, and met with a hearty second from me. Good Lord! I would quit my job in disgust if I had no more than a money interest in you people. I want no religious fellowship, a feeling of kinship in creed only. I care nothing for your belief one way or the other, but I do care for you. Religion binds people together on the basis of belief. Christianity brings us into the fellowship of the Spirit. Didn't we all, without regard to creed, rise up and pour out our blessings on San Francisco? Didn't flour from the Jew make just as good bread as flour from the Gentile? And was not the money from sinners as welcome as money from saints? In the midst of hunger and nakedness there was no tainted money. That cry of tainted money is from hypocrites or the self-hypnotized. Fellowship is friendship, and friendship was never founded on beliefs and creeds. Human friendship and fellowship is built on humanity and that means Christianity.

*** "Have you read 'A New Religion,' by Elbert Hubbard, in June *Cosmopolitan*? 'A religion of just being kind would be a pretty good religion, etc.' I've had that kind of rot tied onto me all my life, and you see it's landed me in this kind of an institution. When other people were kind to me it meant minding my business for me. But mostly it was expected I should be kind and have no wishes of my own, but do as other people wished. I have just had a lot taken out of me by one of Hubbard's followers who was always lauding unselfishness, while never once being truly unselfish or recognizing the genuine article in another person. Hubbard is worse than a driveling old maid who spends her time making flannel petticoats for the missionaries who live in hot climates, and she thinks all the world will be damned because they don't follow her pious example. What people want, big and little, old and young, is the right and freedom to work out their individuality—the deep-seated, hidden desires of their own natures, without hindrance, criticism or blame."

Good for you! The writer of the above has been worn to a frazzle by the religion of kindness. She has worked herself down to nervous prostration and is an inmate of a sanitarium, all on account of the foolishness of duty and kindness. She has been unkind to herself. Her individuality was smothered by others. The juice of her own life was squeezed out of her. It is the old story that is forever new. It is repeated day by day. The greatest kindness that you can show to others is to make them wait on themselves. The greatest kindness that you can show to yourself is to develop your own mind and preserve your own body. It is said that the streets of Jerusalem were kept clean by every man sweeping in front of his own door. Freedom to work out your own salvation in your own way. Cultivate selfishness in the strict and scientific sense of the word. What good are you to the world after you have worn yourself out? I serve others only in the joy of my own being.

*** "The other day I was reading the Bible, 6th chapter of Hebrews, where it says, 'If they fall away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance. Seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh and put him to open shame.' Well, a great fear crept over me and I began to wonder if that meant I did that, for I did many things I was not quite sure God would be pleased with. Now, perhaps that is why I am a great sufferer. It took hold of my mind. I was nearly frantic."

The Bible is as full of truth as an egg is of meat. But when people go to chewing up the egg shells and think they are getting meat they are silly. When you take everything literally and apply it to yourself you are foolish. The passage quoted was written about the Jews as a nation. And the warning was given to them, but it does not apply to you. It is just like that passage about the sin against the Holy Spirit. Jesus was speaking to the rulers and teachers among the Jews. It was a scathing criticism of their methods. But many people make personal application and get wild over the idea that they have sinned against the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Truth is the only interpreter of the Bible. The God within you is the only God that you should appeal to, and the scarecrow outside should be put away from your mind. Shake

yourself loose from all of this objective religion. It is founded in superstition and suggestion. God can no more damn you than you can damn God. Your interests are mutual. The Institution is founded on this literal interpretation of the Bible. The individual unfolds and grows into the truth by the revelation of the Spirit. Letters and sayings that were written for other people centuries ago are only to be taken in their spiritual application. You must remember "the letter killeth, it is the Spirit that giveth life." Spirit will tear down, rebuild and sometimes utterly erase the letter. By all means do not set the Lord God up as an objective God. He is within you.

*** There are all kinds of schemes, colonies, companies and so forth and so on, asking your money. Let 'em alone! I have watched such movements for twenty or thirty years and never have known a single success. A reader of CHRISTIAN was parted from ninety dollars of hard earned money a few days ago, and I saved him from a loss of three hundred dollars more by opening his eyes to the swindle. This is not an isolated case. They come every day. The other day a woman called, and after a few minutes' talk I found she had given thirty-five dollars to a clairvoyant to do something for her which no man on earth can do. She wanted to pay me for the same kind of guessing, but she got her answer and saved her money. Let me say right here that the Circle of Christians is rich. It is one of the wealthiest movements on this planet. But I want each individual to keep control of his own cash. Be your own manager. Hold on to your own pocket-book. It is a movement of individuals, and must not be caught by the suggestions of organizations and corporations. See the point and stick to the principle. Beloved brothers and sisters, especially sisters, we can be a big success as individuals without surrendering to a boss. Keep your cash and accumulate property as individuals without merging into an institution. This is what we are doing. It is no longer an experiment. The Circle of Christians, as individuals, are growing into a beautiful fellowship without creed, constitution or any kind of organization. As individuals we are spreading our influence all over the world. It is only in its infancy as a movement. At the start it was said that we could not accomplish anything without an organization. Well, we are doing it all the same. You will find the yeast at work everywhere. We could organize and we could build and we could incorporate, *but we will not.* And yet, as individuals, we will be a power on earth.

*** "Your thoughts, or the way you express them, always excite thought. The item about women and their freedom in last CHRISTIAN has excited a little protest in my mind. The subject seems about as serious and far reaching as half of the human race can make it. It seems to me that the lesson of individual independence has to come before the true sense of the interdependence of all is learned. * * * The question of suffrage for woman seems so intricately interjoined with others that it is easily confused with them; for instance, I do not be-

lieve that the men of the West are indifferent to their privilege of being considerate to women, on cars and elsewhere, because women have the vote in Colorado. You believe that government and law is needed even towards the small individual in your own family, and you are glad to have your wife take part, in fact, take the larger part, of the administrative department in her own hands. But I do not imagine that you think on that account that she should 'support' her husband."

Certainly she should support her husband. She is my principle support. So far as the objective world is concerned, she is about my only support. I believe in law and government for all persons who are not mentally capable of governing themselves. Children need discipline and just government else they would go to ruin. The great majority of men and women need to be governed, and some of them have to be governed by the policeman's club and the soldier's rifle. The Man on the White Horse was followed by the man bearing the Sword. Jesus Christ said he came not to bring peace, but a sword. He brought it. The end is peace. When you know how to govern yourself you need not be governed by others. I said that the women would have their freedom, and they will not like it at the start. Some of them are getting to be drunkards and murderers. They are raising hell. But there must be a hell before there can be a heaven. Peace follows the sword. Women are claiming their own, and will get it all—suffrage and individual independence. This will also mean enlistment in the army and navy.

*** "I am under the impression that you do not approve of 'suggestions' or 'holding the thought,' etc., for you said one place there was only one way to get healed, and that is by finding yourself. Now, if there is anything I should love to do, it is to find myself, for I do feel that I am in a jungle. But I don't know how to proceed, don't even know how to take the first step. I read everything I can get hold of, but when I sit in the Silence I haven't one bit of patience."

My dear, you do not sit in the Silence. Patience presides over the Silence. You will find that "patience will have her perfect work" in the Silence. There is a lot of humbug in this so-called sitting in the Silence. People go through the performance the same as they say prayers. You can't get into the Silence in that way. You must let the Silence sit in you before you know anything about the Silence. I have no hours, time, seasons or days for sitting in the Silence. When the Silence begins to come into me I know it. I recognize the presence of this peculiar power. At such a time it would make no difference if my physical body were in a boiler factory. I would still be in the Silence. You go at this thing as if you could swallow it like a pill. You approach God as you would a ticket agent. You want to get the whole thing over with and be done with it. You wouldn't think of going to any other kind of teacher in such an attitude of mind. Even if you wanted to take dancing lessons you would not expect grace and correct movement in a few lessons. In learning the piano you have to keep pounding away

day after day and year after year. Even in making a gown you take time to sew up all the seams and even put on some extra flounces. And yet here you come clamoring at the door of God asking for admission in a minute. You want me to heal the chronic condition under which you have been laboring years and years in one month of treatments. Mental medicine is effective and will heal all kinds of diseases, but you can't gobble it up like you would quinine or calomel. The medical doctor expects his medicines to act upon your body. The mental doctor knows that his mind will act on your mind and lead you to the truth. In taking the medical doctor's medicine, the only question is to open your mouth and swallow it down. In mental healing the only question is to open your mind and let the Word of Truth reach your thought. This will take time and attention. In this way you will hold the right kind of thought and find yourself.

*** "I believe the Spirit has prompted me to send you the enclosed leaflets which you will kindly read. Some of your statements about the church are very sweeping in criticism, and while I believe they are true of the Orthodox Church, they are rather severe on the liberal ones."

I only try to bring out the principle. I glory in all the work that men are doing, but you can't liberalize the institution. God recognizes the individual. Christianity is the illumination of the individual. As soon as you herd people you will have bosses and drivers, and so only the leaders will unfold, while the followers will remain in ignorance. The individual must carry the Gospel of Christianity to other individuals. It must be in you. The center of power must be in the individual. The power, of course, is in the universal Spirit, but the speaker of the Word must recognize this power as coming directly to his own mind. The religious institutions are living in direct violation of the principles of Christianity. They receive honor one from another, and, therefore, can not gain the true honor of God. The titles and authority of the institutions feed the vanity of carnal minds. They not only take oaths, but teach that vows and oaths are right. This is in direct violation of the plain teaching of Jesus Christ. Your little liberal society called a church is all right for social purposes, but it is not Christianity. There is a vast difference between being a minister of Jesus Christ and the minister of a church or a society. Spirit had to force me away from the idea of building up a great mother church and making myself a leader of a local society. I now see the depths and heights of Christianity. It is the kingdom and power and glory of God in the individual. But all of these things have been brought about by unfoldment. Christianity inspired men with new thoughts and new motives, and so set their minds to work. The sixth chapter of Revelations gives the whole procession from start to finish. Christianity goes ahead, but is followed by the activity of the human mind, in war, in art, in justice, and in the unfolding of the human mind over the whole area of mentality. All the problems will be settled by the Spirit of Truth. The Word of God has been in war, in revolution and in all the movements of mind. We are now

coming around to the place where Christianity will be made the leading power in the minds of men. But it will be presented as a science. It fits every demand of the social and national life. It brings us to the very fullness of individual life. It settles all of the social problems. It heals all of the devils. It casts out all of the devils. It brings immortality to light! It is the Light of Science in the mind of the individual.

*** "You profess to be a follower of and a believer in Jesus Christ and his teachings, yet you ridicule the work of the missionary and call it an impertinence. Do you forget the last words of Jesus to his disciples, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?' You say that the world needs only the printing press and the school teacher. Without the work of the early missionaries, who brought Christianity to pagan nations, do you think we should have had the printing press and the school teacher doing the work they are at the present time?"

Why do you, like all the others, leave out one-half when you quote Jesus Christ? He did say preach the gospel. The word "gospel" means good news. What good news were they to preach? The other half of the commission will tell you. "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses. Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat." That was the good news! The gift was within the preacher. He was not building an institution. Paul built an institution. Jesus Christ created a condition. Christianity is to create a condition of health, happiness and immortality in the individual. For three hundred years the disciples of Jesus carried out this commission to the letter. They did preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils. Then the Institution took charge of matters. This is all part of the unfoldment. We are now to learn that mental healing is an exact science, and so we will put it on a permanent basis. Christianity will once more take possession of the hearts and the minds of the people. They will learn mental healing just as they now learn mathematics. I spent twenty years preaching for the institution. I have now spent about sixteen years learning how to practice mental healing. I shall go back to the platform and pulpit able to fulfill the whole commission. There will be no trouble in converting the heathen to Christianity as soon as we have the real thing. There will be no need of churches or missionary societies, for each preacher will carry his support within his own mind. The man who can heal their diseases and cure their morals by casting out the devils will get his support from the people without having any institution back of him. The Spirit of truth will support its own work. They are even now accusing the Salvation Army of graft. And it is a well known fact that it takes over \$10,000 for each heathen that is converted. There will be no need of anything of that kind when the immortal principle is within the preacher. I was ordained a preacher of the gospel by the institution. I am now being educated for the ministry by the Spirit of Truth.

GO SLOW, BUT KEEP A-GOING.

There is an incoming vibration here at my desk that is like the white light of transfiguration. I know it, and I know that you know it. Let us go slowly, but keep going. I want you to find rest to your souls, and this repose of mind will bring the new body of immortality. The movement of Christians is individualistic and will honeycomb all the institutions. Walk on the waves of psychic thought, but don't get excited when the lightning strikes close to you. Be fire-proof. Because I sit here calm and serene some of you get excited and think I don't know what is going on. I AM what is going on, my beloved, and, therefore, I know. Some of you are now in the place I left ten years ago. It is all right, honey, the Spirit knew what was wanted when CHRISTIAN was made to stand for the illumination of the individual. Let the leaven of truth work in you, it will not work you. There is no graft in God.

Here is a sample letter from a business man who is just beginning to use his wings:

"I AM he whom men call teller of the things that none may see,
Tongue of speech of the Unspoken, I AM
he that holds the key
Of the treasures of vision and the mines
of mystery.

"Leave your striving never-ending; let the
weary world go by;
Let its bondmen hug their fetters, let its
traders sell and buy;
With the roses in the garden we will so-
journ, you and I."

"A direct realization of the Truth of being is at this very moment impending over the greater portion of the races. This POWER at once in action in all men, but in varying degrees of intensity, will in the present century awaken the thousands of money-chasing members of humanity to a quest after God, the only REAL SATISFACTION in the universe.

"Perhaps in a few years when a few of the Great-Vision Brothers function on immortal body in their midst, without taking earth food for days, and working shoulder-to-shoulder with the rest of humanity, maintaining a strength and health that will permit the most trying exertions, maybe THEN they will sit up and take notice.

"This POWER that I am talking about will allow the exercise of the faculties twenty hours out of the twenty-four, and will illustrate what some of the illumined have called 'LIFE PLUS.'

"This POWER allowed Ramakrishna, Vivekananda's Master, to talk twenty hours out of the twenty-four without any regard to loss of sleep, lack of physical food or any of the strength-givers necessary to self-conscious man. How did he do it? By the POWER OF THE MIND, if that will mean anything to you.

"Ah! Burnell is right: 'IT IS something stunning to know that ALL IS MIND.' That is one thing that makes the COSMIC-VISION so slow IN COMING TO SOME: they simply can not stand the 'stunning' part of it.

"But I must say that most awakenings would be exceedingly slow did the SPIRIT not force sometimes.

"We learn best by the law of vibrations; by rise and fall; by hard and soft; by light and shadow—i. e., a shadow or darkness; all darkness is a shadow, like our so-called

night, for instance, which is caused by the earth's shadow. 'A shadow (darkness) is when something CROSSES the light.' So, my dear Christian, if you are in darkness, there is something wrong, and it is one of two things—either there is something between you and the light, or you are in the light and perceive it not, which is also darkness.

"Put aside; cross OUT; get around; penetrate through; any way to get the LIGHT, you must have it; it is your Life and Saviour. You must have IT for 'KNOWLEDGE (light) is POWER.' POWER! DO YOU HEAR! POWER!! POWER!!!

"Don't doubt, DON'T DOUBT!! If you want the highest, you MUST believe, and when He comes, pour out love, and you will find that which never dies, NEVER DIES; ponder well those words, for all ETERNITY lies in them.

"Those who follow 'CHRISTIAN'S' onward march for the next twenty years will see wonders, WONDERS! The 'men and women of wonder' are right here in your midst NOW. OH! how surprised you would be did you know their brotherhood names. NAMES! names that you are familiar with. NAMES THAT YOU ALL KNOW WELL! Perhaps you are one of them and do not know it; perhaps you have faint glimpses of a beautiful something indescribable and sweet; perhaps you know now what the onward march of just ONE century will mean.

"Go on, dear brothers and sisters, go on; plough through the clew-givers, the key-givers; wade through Spiritualism, Theosophy, Mental Science, Christian Science, Magi, Brotherhoods, Mystic Circles; you will meet love and hate, life and death in them all; but go on and on and on! The TRUTH will stand more buffeting than all the sects, societies and churches in Christendom can give, and don't forget it.

"Bright are the days that lie in wait for this beautiful republic, brighter than the world has ever seen. 'The Truth of the matter is that there has been appearing at intervals among ordinary men the first faint far beginnings of another race, walking the same earth with us, breathing the same air with us, and yet at the same time walking another earth and breathing another air of which we know little or nothing.'

"If Shelton had the nerve to print them, I could get articles SIGNED by the illumined which would SHOW the Truth in an unmistakable way; not only that, but by those illumined who have stood the tests of a thousand centuries. I'll do it some day, and don't you forget that, either.

"We will start currents flowing in people's brains that will end in what has been called, and rightly called, 'the HEALING OF THE WHOLE WORLD.'

"You will not believe it; I know many well-meaning men who deny the existence of the hand that feeds them simply because they can not see it. See it or no, you are going to feel it, and feel it through your whole being; I mean exactly what I say.

"And so Annie Rix Miltz, in this very same connection, has told you: 'IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE ALL THE JOYS THAT YOU HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEREAFTER WHILE YOU DWELL ON EARTH. JESUS COMMUNED WITH ANGELS CONTINUALLY; SO ALSO MAY YOU. As he talked with Moses and Elijah, so also can you talk with those whom the world called departed, but who really have not left this earth only as they choose. You can go on developing new senses by which you can see through all things. You can hear sounds inaudible to the mortal ear. YOU CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN. You can enjoy all the bliss of the eternal spheres, and yet retain your body of flesh.'

"And Mrs. Miltz again: 'Where are those who have attained the immortal life here

on the earth? They are the associates of all the blissful in all the spheres and THEY KNOW EACH OTHER. THEY LIVE AND WALK IN OUR MIDST AND REVEAL THEMSELVES TO THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO SEE THEM.'

"Can any words be clearer than those? That is exactly what I am working for, to give the immortals an acknowledged expression on the earth plane; I am going to do it in spite of your doubts, prejudices and denials.

"Many women will agree with me that the great, bright brothers ought to have a speaking voice on this plane; the men will doubt, for men are the champion doubters in this world, and I am one of them, although I dare not doubt now that the revelations have come.

"Women are one of the necessary eyes to pure seeing, and if it were not for one I would not now be writing these lines. Walt Whitman said one time that many a woman working quietly on a lonesome farm or in the busy haunts of men, knew more about the Cosmic-Vision than he did. That is absolutely true, and, rightly understood, will show many men an excellent way home to the fountain-head of Truth.

"And right here you will have to listen to a remarkable pair of prophecies, I think written by Wm. E. Towne: 'During the Twentieth Century all the people of the earth are to be civilized and Christianized. The real Christian is a holy man or woman of God, who is pure, chaste, refined and in PERFECT HEALTH. MILLIONS OF SUCH SOULS WILL INCARNATE HERE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. IN THE EARLY PART OF THE CENTURY SOME GREAT AND WONDERFUL WRITINGS ABOUT THE REAL CHRIST WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD!' And here is the second one: 'ALL of the two Americas—North and South America—within this century will be under one government—the United States of North and South America. Of course, this includes every inch of land from the northernmost part of Canada to Cape Horn.'

"Haven't I given clues enough? Can you not feel the presence of the Mighty Masters in the revolutions of to-day?

"Sleepers, AWAKE!! Why drift continually with the tide?

"Thomas J. Shelton will immortalize the human body; he will retain his identity and lecture throughout the land; but this functioning of a transparent body in the midst of the money-loving humanity will not be, as many suppose, without trouble or care. A new movement has been started by and with the editor of CHRISTIAN whereby he is to obtain a correct knowledge of the Spiritual World; this will be one of the last lessons in the transmutation of the human body. Jesus received his instruction from his Father in the spiritual world and received almost continuously the necessary Vision to make the resurrection possible. Shelton MUST do the same; although his insight into the Bible truths will help him immensely. 'Of myself I can do nothing.' Those words show the reliance he had in his Father, HIS FATHER WAS AND IS HIS ALL. The references to his Father, rightly understood, are the foundation and key-note of this movement.

"Let no man think that he can attain the great splendor without the LOVE OF ALL. LOVE OF ALL—SEEN AND UNSEEN.

"But in silence, in dreams' projections, While the world of gain and appearance goes on,
So soon what is ever forgotten, and waves wash the imprints off the sand,
With hinged knees returning I enter the doors (while for you up there,
Whoever you are, follow without noise and be of strong heart)."

WHAT IS IT?

What is psychic phenomena?

It is up to science to answer the question. They are going at it in a scientific way. For all these centuries they have avoided the question or sneered at the phenomena. But the time has come for a scientific investigation and we will eventually get at the truth.

The Society for Psychical Research has been gathering data from all ages, all times, and all places. They are alert and active agents in the matter of putting on record every case that they can run down. The society ought to be endowed with many millions of dollars. It would result in more good than libraries or expeditions to the North pole.

Why all this gathering of data? It is the only scientific way to get at facts. Science must hear all of the testimony and compare and analyze until the whole matter is sifted and the chaff separated from the wheat. It is a big job. Heretofore investigations have been hampered by religious and other prejudices. The men who are at it now are seeking to know only the facts in regard to all kinds of abnormal and supernormal manifestations. They have gone at it in a scientific spirit. It is the only way to get at the truth.

So far there are three ways of accounting for the facts.

1. Telepathy or the transference of thought.
2. Secondary personality.
3. Discarnate spirits.

The preponderance of proof is in favor of discarnate spirits. All, or nearly all, of the investigators have come out in favor of spirits. Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, comes out in favor of spirits, clairvoyance and telepathy. He has written a book on the subject which will no doubt soon be translated into English. A review, quoted from *Public Opinion*, says:

"In Dr. Lapponi's book we find an immense array of facts and experiments, the man of science after a dispassionate examination concluding that it would be absurd either to deny or question spiritualism. And where others have feared to tread Dr. Lapponi marches fearlessly, declaring that today we have the proof, not of the 'probability,' but of the 'certainty' of communication between terrestrial beings and the intellectual and supernatural forces which once had an existence on earth, but which now belong to other worlds unknown to us. According to Dr. Lapponi, telepathy, spiritualism and hypnotism are manifestations, equally mysterious, sometimes appearing separately, at others fused together in a phenomenon which is unique and inexplicable. The learned scientist then turns his attention to the persons who do not believe that these phenomena indicate a spiritual world, and in a careful argument he answers his opponents.

"Dr. Lapponi declares it is no longer possible to doubt the reality of the relations between beings of a higher order and man, nor can we question the facility with which these beings respond to man's prayers, nor the reality of the phenomena which at man's demand may take place. Unlike most spiritualists, Dr. Lapponi is a devout Catholic and is strictly observant of the discipline and dogma of the church."

That is pretty strong language, but reaction from materialism has set in and all the alert intellects on the planet are eagerly and earnestly seeking the truth. It is no longer unpopular. The truth is really becoming quite respectable. It is the work of scepticism quite as much as that of faith. There was need for the sceptic. He served as a buffer to our credulity. The trying of your faith worketh patience. Patience is essential to science. We couldn't advance without it.

See what patience and perseverance have accomplished in the working out of electricity. These men in the electric world are missionaries, evangelists of truth. God bless our Tom Edison and all of the other electric saints. They are worth more than all the other saints in the calendar.

Then here are these other workers in the psychic. Many of them have gone over to the other side after promising to keep up their work over there. Soon there will be more members of the Society for Psychical Research on the other side than there are on this side. Nearly all of the original investigators have gone over. Many of them are mighty men. It seems to me that such men as F. W. H. Meyers ought to make themselves heard on this side, and perhaps they will.

When we get at the facts in the case, communications will not depend upon some woman in a trance, a cabinet, table-tipping, and slate writing. All these methods are necessary at the beginning of any science. They are like the first sail boats and the primary efforts at navigation. Now we have the mighty steel steamships, and we are learning to navigate the air. Men are right now able to navigate the air. It is only a question of completing and perfecting their instruments. It is no longer a question as to whether we can operate ships in the air. About the time croakers said that we couldn't do it, a man just went and gone and did it. Eh? He sailed all over Washington, circled the great Washington monument, lit in the White House yard, and sailed over the Capitol grounds. Doing it! That is science. Look out for an aerial telephone to Mars!

The only thing for us Christians to do is to be patient and wait for the wagon. We already know Spirit, and if the spirits can hold communications with us, we will learn the way and open the door. There is a time close at hand when mind will know mind wherever it is in the universe. Hold to the scientific attitude. Keep out of the propaganda vibration. This trying to make converts is not a good way to come into the truth. I preached so long trying to add numbers to my own little sect that I know how narrow such an attitude can become. Let the old world wag as it will. You are not responsible for the salvation of souls. The only way is by individual illumination. Seek the Light and then let it shine. There is no call for you to go out proselyting. If the truth is in you others will find it out, and if it is not in you it is no use in you tinkling your cymbal.

There is one thing certain, and that is that Christianity must prove its position by healing the sick. There is no other way.

Life can make itself known by its power to give life. Healing was the original proof of Spirit presence, and we must insist on it at the present hour. Spirit must come before the spirits can have a highway for their communications. Not a spirit, but the Spirit is to guide us into all truth. There must not only be a recognition of the Spirit, but an understanding of the carnate spirit. Better get acquainted with your own spirit while yet in the body. You might fail to recognize yourself on the other side. Then you would be in a fix. Why seek discarnate spirits so feverishly when there are so many carnate spirits on this side of the Great Divide? And above all there is one spirit looking out of your eyes with whom you should be at least on speaking terms.

Men are just now called on for an account of their own divinity. There is a great universe to open up within yourself. And that is the way to other spirits, carnate and discarnate. I AM the door, any one who enters in by me shall go in and out and find pasture. You will find that finding yourself is the only pathway to an understanding of the universe. It is the key to all knowledge. In you must be the light of your world.

As to the other spirits being active and operative in this universe there is no doubt. It is absurd to think that the flesh and blood beings of this planet are the only intelligent individuals in existence. That would be cutting it down to a fine point. I not only know there are others, but also know there are millions and billions of others. Why, we can read the record on this star called earth. It is not anything so very great in dimensions or intelligence. There is nothing to make us so stuck up. If we are to believe some of our great thinkers, our ancestors were common monkeys. According to them it has not been so very long since we were hanging by tails in the trees of the jungle.

But even if you take the other tack and say we are descended from gods, it isn't anything to cause us to swell up with vanity. The gods also have a record for morals that would make a Mormon blush with shame. Let us investigate and call to our aid the intelligent men and women on other stars. Maybe we can outgrow our ancestry, whether gods or monkeys, and rise to a higher plane.

What may be the outcome of our investigations you may rest assured that we are not isolated intelligences in an uninhabited universe. There are others. Let us hope to find them and thus extend the area of our acquaintance. Our lives here are pent up in a small planet. It will do us good to expand and enlarge our sphere of social knowledge. In the short space of an average lifetime we scan history and get acquainted with all our race, past and present. That is we get to know all the men and women worth while, and are forced to know many who are not worth knowing. So it will do us good to get acquainted and come into direct conjunction with the inhabitants of the universe. This is our destiny anyway, and we had as well be up and at it.

I have an idea that we will find some glorious beings inside the circle of our sun, to say nothing of the mighty ones in the circle of the greater suns. It is a wonderful thing to be an immortal intelligence.

"LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

Jesus was telling the truth. The people didn't understand and so they began to leave. The crowds were not so enthusiastic. There was a falling off in the attendance. Men began to say all kinds of things about the prophet. Some said he had a devil. Others said that he was a winebibber and a glutton. While still others said that the man was all right but they couldn't stand his teaching.

When all began to leave, Jesus turned to his disciples and asked, "Will ye also go away?" It was a direct question. They had been thinking about it, and he read their thoughts. Finally one spoke up and said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." The prophet speaks no matter whether people hear him or not. It is his business to say things and leave results to the Spirit. After a while Jesus told these men that instead of their going away, he would go. His audience could leave him and criticise and he would still go on speaking, but when the time came to go away he would go, and yet he would not go. There is the crucial test of your discipleship. Lord, to whom shall we go? Don't go anywhere. Don't go to anyone. I will go away and yet I will come again and receive you unto myself. It is expedient for you that I go away. If I stay here you will keep looking at me as your leader. If I go not away the Spirit will not come unto you. Why? Because you can't see or receive the Spirit so long as you are looking at the physical man. Therefore I will go away and send a comforter, the Holy Spirit, unto you. When the Spirit of Truth comes he will guide you into all the truth.

Do you see the point?

The institution wouldn't let him go away. They made a crucifix and put it up before the people as an idol. They said, "we will keep this before your eyes and will not let the objective man go away." But he did go away. There was no power in the institution to hold the free spirit in bondage. The institution has had an empty form, a mere picture, an idol, with no more power than the ikons of the Russian church or the images in the Joss house of the Chinese. The religious institutions of the so-called civilized world are as full of idolatry as those of the heathen. It is paganism under a new name. The only way that the Spirit of Truth can come unto you is in the absence of the image. Just as long as there is an image of something in your mind there is no room for Spirit. I don't care what you call the image. It may be a church, a lodge, a sect or a mere set of words, that you have put together to conjure with, but whatever it is, it fills the space and there is no room for the Spirit.

It is expedient for you that I go away.

It is absolutely essential. If a woman kept right on playing with dolls you would say she was idiotic or insane. If you saw a full grown woman on the streets carrying a doll in her arms, taking it with her to church and in the shops and everywhere,

you would look on her as having an unbalanced mind. So, when you see a church worshipping idols, looking to images, rituals, public prayers, and the forms of religion, you may know that they are still in swaddling clothes. Jesus Christ never organized a church, and never authorized anyone else to organize one. He declared that the Spirit of Truth must come and teach each individual as the sovereign of the soul. It is the only ruler.

Now, where are you?

Let us leave the institutions out of this argument. We all know that religion as practiced to-day is childish. How about your own thought? Who is issuing commands to you? What kind of an image have you in your mind? Shake yourself. Deny even your own name. Your name is not your individuality. It may be Susan Jane, Mary Ann, Tom, Dick or Harry. But it doesn't amount to anything. It is something that was fixed on you by your parents. Just in the Silence try naming yourself over again. I am giving you a hard task, and some of you may lose your balance, but it is worth trying. Just try writing another name for yourself. See how it works. Oh, the name you have is arbitrary, but you can also be arbitrary and say you are named for the time being something else. You can't think it! Yes, you can, for I have just now called myself George. Can I make myself believe that my name is George instead of Thomas? It is a good mental exercise.

You know this is not original with me. It is a habit of the Spirit. The father of the Hebrews was named Abram. But the Spirit changed his name to Abraham. There was only a slight difference in the meaning of the two names. Abram means father of elevation, and Abraham the father of a multitude. Saul, of Tarsus, was called Paul. There are many such changes of names on record. Spirit had the habit of changing names to suit the changing character. Jacob, the supplanter, was changed to Israel, the Prince of God. I only asked you to try the mental exercise of changing your name so as to get acquainted with yourself.

Shake yourself loose from everything and everybody every once in a while. Deny that you have any father or mother, brothers or sisters, wife, husband, or children, and stand out by yourself. Of course you haven't any of these things. You are ready to declare at once that you have, but you haven't. It is a temporary association. If I should die to-morrow my wife would be a widow. A widow is a woman who hasn't any husband. So her hold on a husband depends upon the hold he has on life. So with all human relationships. The falling of a limb. The blowing of the wind. The stroke of lightning, an earthquake, a railroad accident, a little fever, a sudden chill, and these relationships are severed. Suppose you try it without waiting for an accident. Get into conjunction with yourself. Call yourself out from the crowd and form your own acquaintance. It makes you stand out as a distinct individual. At first your mind is confused. You are like the baby the other Sunday at the park. She and I

had been having a big time at the City Park all by ourselves. Late in the evening we started home and passed through a part of the woods, where everything was silent. She had a pebble in her shoe. We sat down to take off the shoe and she looked up into my face and said: "Dad, aint you lonesome for Mamma?" Yes, I was lonesome for Mamma.

In this separation of yourself from yourself, and so identifying yourself with yourself, you will get lonesome. Nevertheless, it is a good mental exercise. It will do you good to pass down through the valley of death all alone. Take just such journeys by yourself and you will learn the way. It is the key of the Spirit, in telling you to leave father and mother, brothers and sisters, house and lands, and even your own life. It is a birth of yourself. We are so used to looking upon ourselves as being related to others, that we never come into direct conjunction with our own thought. These affirmations and denials are worth something if you practice them in the right way. How many of you are running to and fro seeking for a leader? Just the other day a man and his wife wrote in here telling me how they were seeking for truth from the spirits. They had called up Walt Whitman and some Hindoo with a great long name. They were talking to the supposed dead, or supposed they were talking to the dead. It was all supposition except that these thoughts are in their own brains. The mind known as Walt Whitman has spoken into the phonograph of this world's thought. You get the phonograph of your own brain agoing and you will hear whatever has been spoken into it. But the mind of Walt Whitman is no longer Walt Whitman but has a new name which no man knoweth save he who receiveth it.

Where can you find the truth? In your own mind. How can I find my mind? Get acquainted with yourself, Shake yourself! Get out of the wilderness of human voices and thoughts and listen to yourself. Come out of the noise. And let me tell you my beloved friend, there is as much noise in the mental world as there is in the objective. In fact, the very Babylon of confusion is found in the psychic world. You open your ears to that world of thought and you will hear all kinds of voices. It is the noisiest place in the universe. It is as though the whole of human thought was in one phonograph and turned loose into your ears. You can't get out of the noise by going into the psychic. I have been all along there and I never did get into such a noisy crowd. The Silence is deeper than all of this thought. The Silence is the place where you live. It is the Holy place of your own soul. When you come into that place you must shut the door.

When you go into the closet and shut the door, you may pray in secret to yourself. You will find that self a radiant being. At first you will think it is some angel or mighty spirit from the unseen, but it isn't. It is your own soul. You can't meet your own soul in the presence of any other soul. The only chance for you to see yourself is when you are absolutely alone with yourself.

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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

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