

THE SUN OF GOD

"The heavens declare the glory of God; And 'the firmament showeth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech,

And night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language,

Where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it;

And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlighenting the

eyes."





























ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Good bye 1907.

*** Welcome to 1908.

*** As long as we have to mark time.

*** Let us mark it with years instead of hours.

*** This closes the fourteenth year of Christian.

*** The next number will begin the fifteenth year.

*** I mean Christian as an independent organ of Spirit.

*** It was in existence many years before it was started as an independent periodical.

 $\mbox{**}\mbox{**}\mbox{*}$ In these fourteen years at least seven thousand Christians have stayed right with me all the time.

*** The most wonderful part in this unfoldment is the long time that the readers of Christian have followed my thought.

*** There was a great circulation of fifty thousand copies a month when everybody was running hither and thither in the excitement.

*** Out of that fifty thousand there came about seven thousand who were really in the Circle of Truth and we have marched along together for these fourteen years.

*** If all the men and women who have been with Christian for ten years were standing side by side, it would make a pretty good sized congregation, a mighty church.

*** But we are not a church or a sect or a party or even a company of religionists. But simply Christians seeking the way of life. It has been a glorious time in spite of the storms.

*** What have we gained? Much every way. We didn't get things as fast as we thought we were going to, but they are coming. We have gained freedom of thought and don't have to join organizations or subscribe to creeds.

*** There is a great advantage in our unfoldment. For if I had to say things in order to be consistent with my party or sect, I would never advance beyond the stakes driven down at the start. We would all have to stay just where we were when we started, and that means stagnation.

*** I was going to apply for second class postage when my adversary went out of office, but my wife said, "Don't do it." She said that penny postage was a small price to pay for freedom. She told me that I would unconsciously be bound in my writing and never quite free to express myself.

*** There is much in that word freedom, more than we have ever thought. The world is just now getting at the place where we appreciate personal liberty. The anarchist who talks about personal liberty means only liberty to destroy. Genuine liberty is in the Spirit, and it grants liberty to all other individuals.

*** Some of these days unions and trusts and lodges and churches and sects and parties will have run their course. The individual will rise up and be himself. He will grant every other individual in the universe the same liberty. Then he will look back at

our present time as a day of childishness. The day when men thought they couldn't stand without leaning up against each other.

*** I have belonged to nearly everything, and men are continually giving me signs and grips as if I could ever think more of one man than another. All men belong to my lodge, and all women to my church. I am the brother of all the men who ever lived or ever will live, and I am in fellowship with all the women that ever lived or ever will live. What foolishness to be slipping around with secrets as if you had something that the other fellow couldn't get.

*** Some of my sisters are weak, and some of them are silly, and some of them are wicked, but they are my sisters all the same. Some of my brothers are a bad lot. Many of them are very foolish. Thousands of them are silly and sinful. But they are my brothers all the same. We are all in the same boat. There is a resurrection and a redemption for the Whole Family. But it can never come by us getting off into little bunches and whispering secrets to each other.

*** This is what the movement of the Christians means in the world. We are moving along as individuals towards a high vibration and the glorious liberty of the Spirit of God. You know the word Glory comes from the word bright. Something that shines with light. The glorious liberty of the sons of God is full of brightness. This liberty comes by electric vibrations. It is the great light shining in the mind. What a mighty company of people! Each one in conjunction with the sun center, and all vibrating with the light. It is worth dying to gain, but we don't have to die to get it. All hail to the Christians!

*** Let us be practical. I don't think we will ever live any other than a practical life. no matter where we are. All we can do with life is to live it. I still offer all the back numbers of Christian on hand for this year. and credit for the whole of next year for one dollar. I depend on you for new names, for we need a constant influx of new people. The numbers of Christian this year are too good to waste. I can supply back numbers as far as June, and this whole half of this year is given free with next year. This includes one month of daily treatments. I also keep up the offer of two copies of my book for every dollar sent for treatments. Or course the two copies of the book are given where you do not ask for subscriptions.

*** So much for the practical part of my business. Now for your own affairs. Get money! Get hold of property! Settle yourself down into a home of your own! Keep adding a little every year to your holdings! I don't mean for you to be close and stingy, but sensible and practical. You have a right to the earth and all that is on it. It is time for real genuine Christians to take possession of the planet. The devil has had possession of it. He has no right to it. It belongs to us. Don't misunderstand me, for I would not have money get hold of you. I want you always to be larger than your environment. If you let business and money get hold of you there will be a fading away of yourself.

Get in command of yourself and this will give you command of your environment.

*** There is a middle ground. The man who gives way to his imagination and lives in the air is going to one extreme. The man who has his feet on the earth and his eves on the ground and lives in the dust is at the other extreme. Plant your feet on the earth. Hold your head in the air. Live an independent life. Get hold of your own home, be it ever so humble. Then keep on adding a little to your holdings until you are independent of circumstances. You can do all of this without going money mad. When a man knows that he is above poverty and does not have to beg, borrow or steal, his soul is at rest. You can have this rest, and at the same time keep unfolding your own mind. This is what I mean by treatments for prosperity. I have helped hundreds of people to homes of their own. I am treating men to be sober, wide awake and practical. Treatments for health, happiness and prosperity cover the whole ground. Happiness means entering into the life that now is, and enjoying days of the present. Let the future unfold in its own way. Live and act in the present. This is good common sense and it is also scientific.

*** "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal." I also affirm this statement of Jesus Christ. You ask me how I am going to reconcile this commandment with my commendation of thrift and my treatments for business success. It does not need any reconciliation. The truth is always a paradox. I am not telling you to lay up treasures on earth for the moths and as a temptation for the thieves. I don't want any of your holdings to rust. I want you to use everything right along every day. It is for use that I want you to gather together money and property. You want a home in which to live and rear your children. You must buy clothing and food and books for the children. You have bills to pay for all kinds of things that you need for your comfort and health. You do not want to be dependent upon other people. There is no danger of your dollars getting rusty. The moths will not eat your garments, for they are on your bodies and in daily use The thief is not seeking for your hoard, for you haven't anything hoarded. You are using this world and not abusing it.

*** Let us look at another saying of Jesus and we will find that he offers his disciples a hundredfold more of this present life. He says, in so many words, that if a man will in his mind give up everything that he shall receive back again a hundredfold more of everything. Can you see the balance wheel of mentality in these statements? The man who hangs on like grim death to every dollar will not gain very many dollars. If he does he will lose both himself and his dollars. The trouble with people is that they do not look upon the words of Jesus on both sides and all sides of his statements. He is careful to offer you everything and give you a catalogue of earthly riches. He offers houses, lands, wives, husbands, children and everything that will add to the joy of living. He is also very clear to say that all these things are to be received here in this present life. And vet you are not to lay up these things in your mind. You are to lay up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not corrupt and thieves can not break through and steal. The word heaven means rest. The place of rest is in the mind. Fill your mind full of the riches of thought. Don't put dollars and real estate deeds, bonds and mortgages, trade and business in your mind. Put these things where they belong, Fill your mind with peace and love and truth. Let all of your property be outside of your own self. Keep your mind free and you are the better able to do business.

*** "Some six or seven years ago, when I was about fourteen, I wrote to you for a poverty treatment and have never forgotten the answer as I put the letter in the box. My faith is still strong."

This is the way Circle of Christians has been growing. The ones who begin seldom stop. This fourteen-year-old girl has grown up into a splendid woman. There are many babies in the Circle of Christians, and I expect them to grow up in the vibrations of health and the joy of living.

*** "People seem to be drawn to me for help. I would like your thought about healing. Is it necessary to use suggestions, or is it better to be passive to the higher vibrations without any suggestions?"

Speak the Word! Keep on speaking the Word, for there is nothing else in the universe that can create or heal. All things were made by the Word, and all things are to be sustained by the same Word. Suggestion is all in the moonshine. Speak the Word with authority and cast out sickness and all other disorders.

*** "I want you to treat my mother. I tried to get her to write to you, but she thinks she does not have time to study the Bible enough and that you would do her no good."

You see how sensitive sick people are. They get the idea that I want them to read the Bible over and over because I commended the Temple Bible to Bible readers. I don't care whether she ever looks at a Bible or not. The reading of the Bible or any other book, unless you are moved by the Spirit, is a waste of time. Leave your mind free to do or not, as it pleases you.

*** "You are helping my mother. For nine years you have kept her in good condition since a stroke of apoplexy."

This is good work for the Word of truth as we understand it to-day. To keep an aged woman in good condition for nine solid years, and still going ahead with the good work, is the very best that can be done with our present knowledge. This daughter did not give up, but kept sending her dollar regularly every month for nine years, and she will go right ahead keeping her mother in the Circle of Christians and so keeping her in good condition.

*** "I have sold the farm and will not have to work so hard as I do now. I milk cows, turn a separator, feed hogs, chop wood, and all kinds of hard work."

This is from a woman who writes a good hand and shows signs of education and refinement. She has been holding on to that farm and working herself to death for several years. It has come to a pretty pass when men refuse to farm and till the soil. It is almost impossible for farmers to get help to gather their crops or to attend to their stock. Men had rather loaf around cities, swill beer, go to the free lunch counter, and talk about the down trodden laboring men. Such men are filling the whole earth while such women as the above are doing the hard work and trying to make a living. The men are sowing wild oats and the crop will be anarchy or the penitentiary.

*** "You are the only one I ever met who fills the bill. I have followed so many writers and then dropped them, but I can't drop Christian. I am full of joy, love and peace. I send you the name of a man who heard you preach in Arcola, Illinois, and was a member of the church at that time."

It seems to me that my old church members never die. I preached in Arcola, Illinois, in 1871, and that is thirty-six years ago. Well, I am a much younger man than I was then. I know that time is not an element of being. It is counted by the shadows of the earth. It is only a question of getting out of the habit of looking at the clock and the calendar.

*** "I realize my spirit is mascuifne, and the outward element of my expression, and the spirit of the man is woman, his opposite; therefore, all we have to do is to love ourselves, or spirit, and then we are being prepared for the eternal marriage. Well, how clear!"

So writes a very wise woman. When you recognize the man in you, and the woman in you, there will be no sex war. The alternate sex is a principle in science which is yet to be developed. Every man who writes, speaks, thinks, or does any work of that kind requiring inspiration, knows that a woman is inside of him pushing him forward and urging him onward. But how glorious it is to have the woman inside and outside! The song of this typewriter is made by the fingers of the woman who inspires the writing.

*** "I am really learning to be quiet, mentally, and what a blessing not to be pulled a hundred ways at once. Every Christian seems written for me, and I feel braced and so brave after reading each number. Individual freedom for all."

I have quoted the whole of a letter from a woman who has been splashing around in the whirlpools of mortal mentality for many years. She has finally got there, and has settled down to real life and the full joy of living. Every number of Christian is written for the individual. The vibration and keynote of Christian is individuality. The most of it is talked to me. It is told to me in the Silence for my own unfoldment, and therefore it becomes individual to every other person who reads it.

*** "Shall I abandon my heart's desires and devote my time and energy to the understanding and application of homeopathy, like ordinary mortals, and die when I get worn out, or what shall I do? Other mental teachers and healers tell us to take a positive relation as to what we desire in life, and concentrate our minds on it, to desire it, to want it, to affirm it, to hold the mental desire before the mind, etc. You,

on the other hand, if I understand you correctly, tell us to drop everything, to give up and have no positive desire at all, but leave all to the Spirit."

This man is a practicing physician. He wants to quit his job and go into mental healing. He is a graduate in medicine, and has built up a good practice. He is now full of restlessness, and wants to quit his job. He will leave the bird in the hand in order to catch some imaginary bird in the bush. I have been all along the road. A man can unfold his own mind and come into the kingdom of truth in any occupation. Homeopathy was the very beginning of mental healing. Hahneman was the founder of modern mental healing. I know of no place where a man is better prepared to study mind and practice mental healing than as a homeopathic physician. Just as I told my telegraph operator to hold his job, so I tell all others. Better your condition if you can, of course, but don't go chasing

*** "I want to experience the joy of living. When I first became a subscriber I was poor, both in thought and pocket. Now I am in much better circumstances. I have been a subscriber for just about ten years, and have been generally happier during those ten years than any other period of my life. I know you don't want long letters, and yet I know it must do you good to hear occasionally how some of us are getting along."

Go ahead! You bet it does me good, and it does good to the whole Circle of Christians, for what comes in here I give out again. All the joy and life and love coming in here must be sent out to each individual. The writer of the above is a business man of New York City. He has been with me ten years, and takes time to write this letter of commendation. We are just beginning to grow as a movement. It took so long to get it through the heads of the people that we didn't have to have an organization. Since I have started Christian there have been at least a dozen efforts made towards organizing this metaphysical movement. You can't do it. So the Christians have begun to operate as individuals. and, as I say, the movement has just begun. I want an even twenty-four thousand paid up subscribers to Christian, and then you will hear something drop. They are on the way. I can feel them coming.

*** "I am eighty-eight years old. My nearest and dearest friends, with just a few exceptions, have gone over to the other side, and I have a feeling that I ought to go and be with them. I have this feeling in spite of myself."

It is a perfectly natural feeling. I don't blame you for wanting to go. If I can't stay here right I don't want to stay here at all. If I can't get rid of this old body without throwing it into the grave, then in it will go with pleasure. I believe I have been called and chosen to work out regeneration on this plane of being. I shall succeed. If at any time, however, I find I have been mistaken, and this body begins to fail me, I shall let it go. Why should we fear death? It is just as natural as birth. In fact, death is birth and birth is death. Here is a man with a young spirit in an

old body. Why shouldn't he want to throw the whole thing into the bone yard? There is nothing in life to hold him on the earth. His friends are all gone. The new ones around If im look upon him as a derelict. He is floating as a useless hulk. He feels himself in the way of other people. Therefore, I say unto him and all others in like position, don't hold on to the ragged edge of existence. Let go! From everlasting to everlasting are you. There isn't anything in the shape of death or disease that can destroy you

*** "It occurred to me the other day that perhaps if I went to a specialist and had my ears washed out that it might relieve the present extremity. It struck me funny one day in this wise that maybe it would be as much to the point to take treatments to keep clean without a bath as it would to have my ears clear up without having them washed out."

Don't you see that it is silly to expect mental treatments to do everything? Mental treatments are for the mind. Of course the mind is out of order and needs doctoring all the time. This is the reason why l urge you to leave all doors for healing open. I send out the word that you may be led to do the right thing at the right time and in the right way. I had a patient who was led to a specialist and had an obstruction removed from the inner ear. Her deafness disappeared at once. I also make the word reach both ways and prevent operations where they are not needed. I have prevented many and many an operation for appendicitis. On the other hand, I have led many persons to have operations performed. Let us use good common sense. All through the Bible you will find healers using material means when necessary. Often these means are of the simplest sort. God chooses the weak things to confound the mighty. What you want is to get well, no matter how you get there. It is unscientific and unscriptural to close any doors against the Spirit.

*** "Thanks for answer about teeth. It strikes me that if I have mine filled new substance can't grow, and yet I hate to have them drawn when I could save them. In the cases where new teeth grow I think it was where old ones were taken out. I have grown new eyes. Took off glasses six years ago and never had to use them since. Had worn them for years, and I read and write more now than ever in my life. My grandfather, at ninety, had second sight, and read without glasses a long time before he died."

This second sight and the cutting of the third set of teeth are only signs pointing to regeneration. The resurrection is a permanent condition of thought. It will not be a patching up of an old body. You go right on and have your teeth filled and preserve them for use. For you may not be in the resurrection. You do not know your own destiny, and therefore should live this life here to the very best advantage. If you are in the regeneration, the coming of the new teeth will push the old ones out, as in childhood. It is hinted in the Scriptures that the change may be made in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. I am sure that the mental change will be made

in a moment. Every new truth that has come to be has come in a flash. Of course the mind had been in training for a long time. But the kingdom of God comes suddenly as a woman in travail. Jesus is the authority for this statement. My experience confirms it.

*** "I must have strength. I am cool and philosophical in mind, but hypersensitive in body. Do help me this once, my dear friend."

This is one of the overworked school teachers. A woman of fine mind and capable in every respect as far as mentality is concerned. But the whole body and nervous system worn to a frazzle. Isn't it a pity that the power is going to waste all around us, and yet we are weak and wobbly, and unfit for the joys of life? There is hardly anything in the universe but power. The great dynamo in the sky is sending forth the vibrations of power night and day. It is all around us. Every day some one is struck down by this power. And yet, here are sensitive men and women who are doing the thinking for the world and have hardly strength enough to put one foot before the other. There is something wrong in our way of thinking. There must be some way to get this power and utilize it. We have found out how to use it in mechanics. We can run our street cars with it, and do many other wonderful things with it. But what little we get out of it comes through the stomach. Isn't that a shame? That you get your electricity the same way as a cow. The cow has the advantage of you in that she has better teeth and stronger digestive organs. Let us keep thinking until we can get into conjunction with mental electricity. Thought can lift us above the clouds-when we know how to use it.

*** "I am usually quite contented and without many wants or wishes, but just at present the greatest desire of my life is to have a home. We have a lot in a very desirable location, and if I could only see a home (Oh, just a cosy cottage, no matter how simple) on this lot, where I could be with my husband without any sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces-in-law, etc., etc., being there, I think I would be the happiest woman in the world. It may be selfish to want to take him away from relatives who feel they have the first claim on him, but then I am heathen enough to do that."

There is no one on this earth who can step in between the wife and her husband and have a first claim on him. She has the first claim. And the reason marriages are failures is because people can not understand that a new home has been opened and a new life begun. No man wants to divide his wife with any one, no matter how dear they are or how near they are to her. No woman can divide her husband up with other people if he is really her husband. There never was love without jealousy. The greater the love the more poignant the jealousy. I understand exactly what Spirit means when he says, "I AM a jealous God." Love wants its own. You have a perfect right and your whole spiritual being goes out in search of a home of your Own. Circumstances sometimes prevent this, but you will never be satisfied until you are in your own home, no matter if it is one room. Goethe says: "Beware of what thou strongly desirest, for that thou shalt surely have!" Keep on feeding your desire for a home of your own.

*** "If you have gotten hold of the principle by which cures were made in the time which we have account of in this old book, that so much has been said about, what is to prevent making the great change that must be made in this case to arrive at health and a sound, healthy body? The one who performed cures in those times said others should do greater things than he did."

There is nothing to be gained by looking backward or forward. What has been is and what is to be is, and principle is ever present. If I tried to imitate Jesus of Nazareth it would be only an echo or an imitation of an echo. There would be nothing in it. Spirit always speaks in an original way to each individual. You can't find two prophets in the Old Testament who are alike in their utterances. Each man speaks with his own individuality, and God recognizes even the eccentricities of the individual. I do not try to do greater things than Jesus did or to do anything that he did. I let Spirit speak in me in his own way. When the word is spoken it seems like my own word, but I know it isn't. Jesus did not heal everybody by a long shot. I don't pretend to heal everybody, for I never know what can be done in any given case. There is something which we call fate and destiny. but I call it election and predestination. Some people are healed with a week of treatments and others almost instantly. It is destiny. The word has taken effect in you and you are set free. It is by the foreknowledge of God. Now, don't get out of heart and wait on destiny, for you don't know your own destiny. I speak the word to you every day not knowing what the effect will be. When you are healed I rejoice with you. Get into the vibrations of Spirit and leave all results to this unknown and almost unknowable power that we call God. It is all around us. It is us. There is more power than is needed for the movements of the world. There is always a greater supply than is demanded. Get into

*** "You speak of a personal devil, or satan, which is the same thing. I deny a thing called devil. It looks too much like a mighty ruler empowering some one in his kingdom to have as much power as the king himself."

God is absolute being. And the Word of God is absolute personality. All the individuality and personality of the universe is expressed by the Word of God. Get out of your mind the idea that there are persons, finite persons, who have a personality within themselves. We live and move and have our being in God. God is the principle of all being. He expresses himself by the Word. And this Word was in the beginning with God, and it was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him there was not anything made that was made. Now that "Him" is absolute personality. Moses asked the Voice in the bush for a name. The answer was, I AM THAT I AM! Or, I WILL BE

THAT I WILL TO BE. Do you catch the idea? If so, you are free from any errors. There is no devil outside of the personality of God, and no angel or man or mouse or blade of grass outside of the personality of God. I will be that I will to be! If it is an atom or an angel or a man or a monkey. "It is I, be not afraid." No one can approach you that is not a representative of the Word of God. And you will attract to yourself the kind of words that you need. An angel or a devil are one and the same thing, when sent forth by the Word of God. There is no one in this universe that has power, individuality, or authority outside of the Word of God. "I AM he who was, and is, and is to be, the Almighty!" Get this in your mind, for it is essential to your unfoldment. This is a universe, my beloved, and not a diverse. If you want to live in peace and harmony you want to come into the universe. The diverse is of mortal mind and is full of damnation, disease and death. The universe is the mind of the Spirit where God is the only One. Angels and devils and men are all subject to the will of God. It is the mission of the messenger and not his character that determines whether he is an angel or a devil. If the messenger is your adversary he is called the devil. If he is your advocate he is an angel. Unity of thought is essential in our unfoldment into the light of life. "I AM the Lord thy God and beside me there is none else." In other words, there is no one else. Absolute being and absolute personality is the foundation of all substance. Our minds are confused with the diversity of things.

*** "I am free from the slavery and bondage of religion. Near relatives and Catholic clergy are after me. What must I do? Will I stick to my inner voice and Spirit? I will. No matter what the consequences may be. How much of Revelation has already been fulfilled?"

If you stick to the inner voice you will find your mouth closed in the presence of relatives and the clergy, and you will go on your way rejoicing in your own freedom. This battle of the vibrations is a still hunt. It is a campaign in the Silence. All over this earth are men and women coming up from the dead, and they know. The ones who know have very little to say about it. The chosen ones will advocate the truth in public print, on the platform, but the great majority will only think. They will not speak. It is said of the Holy Spirit that He would take the truth and make it known in the Silence. He is now making it known. The Christians are not joining anything in their minds. Some of them are members of the churches. Some of them belong to the unions. Some of them belong to the trusts. But mentally they belong to themselves. Don't make war in the objective on anybody or anything. It is a battle of the vibrations, and not a battle with bullets. The book of Revelation is now being unfolded, and we are in the very last book of the Bible. The men and women who spoke and suffered for three hundred years in the early movement of Christianity are being born on the earth and they are beginning to speak once more. Keep still. You can see what clergymen and relatives, and other blind people, can not see. You can hear what persons who are dull of hearing can not hear. Therefore, don't shout into deaf ears, or try to show things to blind eyes. Keep still! The whole company of men and angels who are coming up into manifestation are coming out of the Silence. If you talk too much it is a sure sign that you are not in that company. The yeast that has been put into three measures of meal is at work. You know yeast does not make noise. It does its work in the Silence. You really haven't any relatives of any kind. In individualization we come out from all of the old life. The coming out is a mental process. You hate father, mother, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives under the old mortal relationship. Now you don't hate the persons, the individuals, but you hate mortality. You declare yourself a son of God, and your heredity is in Spirit. This makes you look with loathing upon the old mortal worms and dust, diseased and distressed conditions.

*** "October Christian just read and enjoyed. The central thought of yours is great. I am also "getting there," and am grasping eagerly every hint that will help me to come into conjunction with the All Spirit in perfect awareness. Do not want to get entangled in the psychic wilderness, which to some has such attractions (and really many wonders), but, my dear Tom, are you really, truly sure of the difference at all times? Now, I could match your reading the unwritten page of your wife's by a psychic, who made no claims to spirituality, in fact, was serving sentence in prison for crimes at that time."

Certainly, my dear woman, the psychic plane is the penitentiary plane. The thief and burglar are experts in psychic science. On this plane we are mortal, and mortality means sin, sickness, disease, death. The psychic plane is the middle ground between the animal and the spiritual. It is the great gulf. It is the wilderness between the Red Sea and the Jordan. But you must remember that all sin is ignorance. To sin is to miss the mark. The man who sins follows suggestions from without. He is not governed from within by his Spirit. But you must remember that a baby does the same thing. The only mind the baby has is the objective mind. It creeps over the floor and picks up anything that comes to its hand. The only thing it knows to do with the thing it picks up is to put it in its mouth. It has the feeding mind which is instinct. The thief and the burglar and the gambler are governed by the same mind. This subjective self will steal and lie and cheat until it is taught better. We pride ourselves on being saints, and on a higher plane than thieves. This may all be on account of our environment. It is certainly not on account of any inherent difference in individuals. I admit also that there is certain kind of heredity. A man's environment is not only what is around him when he is awake and alive, but the tendencies which he has brought with him from his parents. All this proves that Jesus Christ is right when he said that the New Birth is absolutely essential to spiritual sight. We are born into the animal life, and we begin to develop a mind or rather to unfold the mind. The psychic plane is the very first place where the mind halts. When we cross this gulf we are in the spiritual. This means that we are in the mind of the Spirit, which is life and peace. Don't condemn anybody. Forgive your own sins. And then forgive the sins of all other people. To sin is a sign of sanity. It is the action of your own mind. The mind must act in order to unfold. You learn obedience by the things you suffer. Righteousness is harmony, and sin is inharmony. Discord brings disease, and disease brings death.

*** "My health is better since I joined the Circle of Christians and my spiritual perception is clearer, and I do my work up ith more ease and harmony. And that awful demon of fear is leaving me. My dreams are so much in accord with Christian that I believe I will mention them. Do you think that the moon will fall back to the earth and fill up the ocean and seas? I dreamed I saw the moon drop and fall and go with a crash somewhere, and as it did the words rang out clear with the exclamation: 'Mortality is dead!' And you spoke of the regulation of And you spoke of the regulation of the price of food, and I dreamed I saw a great black horse come charging through the earth with large balances weighing in his mouth. The balances were so bright they reflected the rays up in the skies. How long do you think we have to eat meat and vegetables like worms and bugs in order to live? I hardly ever get interested in anything except the onward march of the Christians.

Well, the onward march of the Christians is about all there is upon the earth at present that is interesting. You are in the procession and the gaining of health and the clear spirit of perception puts you in the fellowship of the Spirit, and your dreams are all in accordance with the truth of Revelation. In the sixth chapter of Revelation you will find your black horse and the man who rides him has the balances in his hand. He is Justice, and demands that the food of the people shall be sold at a reasonable price. It is a marvelous picture of the present time. I wouldn't be surprised that the moon fell back into its place, for there is to be no more sea. As to eating meat and vegetables like so many worms and bugs, all of that will go and we will learn to live on electricity. All the food does in the stomach is to generate electricity. It has been proved by experiments that a glass of whiskey put into the stomach will increase the electric vibrations a hundred per cent. But, then, there is a corresponding fall when the reaction comes. It all goes to show that we live on electricity. This is why people are deceived by stimulants and intoxicants. They are seeking for electricity. People are willing to burn out their whole stomach in order to have a brief feeling of strength and power through the electric vibrations. There isn't a sin in the world but what has its basis in the truth. Death itself points directly to life. All of our mistakes are made in an effort to regain our lost Godhood. We are getting there slowly and surely and the electric life will soon be the only kind of life. It is really the only kind of life now, for in the sun we live and move and have our being. Electricity is the modern name for Spirit. It is all right. The Word of God speaking in the past has told the whole story of man's unfoldment. This is a glorious time in which to live. That which has been is, and that which is to be is, so we are awakening into Immortality!

THE SUN CREATES COSMIC CONDITIONS.

Cosmic conditions.

This must mean all created conditions.

Conditions merely temporary and artificial may be created by art. This is mortal man and his self-made environment. He makes houses and roads, he makes maps and books, he makes cradles and coffins. He creates conditions in a certain kind of way and improves on conditions left by his predecessors. He does much in mind and environment,

But real conditions are created by the Light. Out of the wilderness of mortality we are led by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of light by night. The radiating center is the sun. It is the light of our part of the cosmos.

You know the word cosmos is from the Greek kosmos, harmony.

Humboldt gives this definition of the cosmos:

"1: The universe or universality of created things; so-called from the order and harmony displayed in it.

2: The theory or description of the universe, as a system displaying order and harmony."

Cosmic conditions, then, are created in harmony, health, happiness, life, light, the very opposite of disease, disorder, dissolution, and death.

Why all this disorder in an orderly universe? Why all this discord in a world of harmony?

Ignorance.

What is ignorance? It is darkness, the absence of light. The man who is enlightened comes into order and harmony. He is in tune with the universe. He knows. Just so far as he knows he is, and no further. He can't take a step in the dark without stumbling. To stumble is to disturb, to hurt, to hinder. Therefore, man must unfold into the light.

How can he get the light? It is shining all the time. All the darkness is in the shadows. Come out of the shadows and you are in the light. God is light, and in Him there is no darkness. The shadows are made by obstructions between you and the light. Raise the window blinds. The shades over the eyes of the mind must be removed.

The sun is the center of intelligence.

You are also a center of intelligence. If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness? If you think that error is the truth, how blind are you? Therefore, leave your mind open to the light. Be ready to throw away your little lamp for a better one.

The science of seeing.

Is there such a science? There ought to be. If there isn't we ought to make it. How do you make science? You gather all the facts and put them into a system. All the facts about bees and honey is the science of beekeeping. All the facts about plants and flowers is the science of botany. And so on with all sciences. And yet here are men and women looking in all directions for the truth. They think they see it. Let us gather all the facts about seeing and make a science. I have given you many of the facts. Let us review the whole matter.

Clairvoyance is a fact that is demonstrated every day of the world. Men and women have been using it for many long years. It is used to find lost articles, to discover gold mines, to tell fortunes, to predict coming events, and it is sold every day for paltry sums of money. Is the clairvoyant a fraud? Yes, and no. She does see a certain distance. She can discover many things. It has just been reported in the newspapers that a fourteen-year-old boy somewhere in Europe has developed a most wonderful power in clairvoyance. He found a gold ring in a hay field. He went from a house and traveled through a forest following a lost man until he came to a river. He took a boat, and when he was over the dead man, told them to stop, and they found the man right under the boat. Many other wonderful things are reported from this fourteen-year-old boy. It would take many volumes to write up all that has been seen by clairvoyance.

The same is true of clairaudience and telepathy. After all, it is telepathy. For the one who is clairvoyant does his seeing and hearing by telepathy. It is the spirit of sight and sound. In other words, it is the mind. But it is that mind which is down beneath the mortal mind. The mortal mind is only that outside power of attraction and suggestion. We begin to use this mind along with the instinct in early infancy. It is nothing more than instinct. It is the animal mind. What we call the sense of smell. sight, sound, feeling. There is a great world of thought inside of this shell. This external mind is the shell, while the spirit ual mind is the kernel. Shall we stop with the objective mind? Shall we devote this spiritual mind to the finding of a gold ring. the telling of fortunes, and the giving of love charms? Shall the witches and wizards use this mind, and the wise ones discard it?

Let us make a science of seeing?

Seeing is being. It is the same as the science of thinking. If we think in a circle and go over the ground traversed by our predecessors, we can never get into the light. We will stop at clairvoyance and clairaudience and telepathy. I will not be contented to even stop at healing. I think mental healing is far in advance of common mediumship. But what is the use in stopping at this litle tallow dip? The real seeing is as far above ordinary clairvoyance as the electric light is above the lightning bug. The lightning bug is all right in its place. Clairvoyance is a good thing. But if I can't see any further than the little environment around my mortal mind, then I want the light turned out. It is no improvement upon the ordinary sight.

Where is the center of sight?

It is somewhere in the brain. In clair-voyance there is a little circle of light in which all pictures appear. This little center of light is my sun. It may be a moon. If it is, then I am no further advanced than mortal mind. But if there is a moon in me, then there must also be a sun. I could not have moonlight without a sun. Therefore, our moon mediumship is a reflected light from the sun. It proves that there is a

sun in us. There is not a poor medium, telling fortunes for twenty-five cents, but what proves that the sunlight is in her. She could not have the moonlight mediumship unless there was a sun within her giving the light. And right here, my friend, is the key to the situation. When we get hold of this wonderful but natural truth we will begin to see the real light. I have begun to experiment along this line. I want to see, not by reflected light, but by the real. geniune light of the sun. This is to be a sunlight medium. It is to be enlightened. It is to get out of the shadows and the flitting, uncertain light of the moon into daylight. But on these little things that we have already discovered must be built our science of seeing. All of this tabletipping, slatewriting, spiritphotography, and, in fact, the whole of psychic phenomena, are the beginnings of a great science of thinking. The wonderful unfoldment of the thought power within us. The time is ripe for advanced movement. I am making this advanced movement. I call your attention awey from the earth and its satellite, the moon. Get away from the vibrations of the earth, and get into conjunction with the sun. Cosmic conditions, when ruled by the sun. are perfect for both mind and body.

I AM the light of the world.

Is it not better to locate the light than to forever float in mental moonshine? It is high time that our word God should mean something definite and certain. The mind needs an anchor as well as a sail. When we set sail in the ocean of thought we want to know where we are going and when we can rest. In the childish days of thought we could say God after our teachers and think of a good old grandfather in the skies or somewhere in the upper regions of the air. But that time is gone forever.

Neither can we be satisfied with an Eternal Spirit that can not be located or focused anywhere in our universal environment. In such a mental atmosphere we are like Noah's dove flying hither and thither, and finding no place for our weary mental feet to rest. Such a mental conception of Eternal Nothing drives the mind mad. We want a name and a place for our Mind Center, and we must have it.

This place is the sun.

I am not talking theory when I tell you that the order and harmony of the cosmos is governed from the sun centers. Life is real. It is not moonshine. It is not made from the cobwebs of fancy. Life here and hereafter is the same life forevermore. It is everlasting existence and the center is the sun. The few men who are the mental monarchs of this planet were inspired by the sun. And when these few intellectual sovereigns lose their hold on mankind new men with sun-kissed souls must rise up to take their places. The world can't live without the sungods, those mighty prophets whose minds are illumined by the Father of Lights.

How can we make conjunction with the

By enlarging our present conjunction, for we now get all our light, mental and ma-

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terial, from the sun. There is no other source of sanity. The world of humanity is going mad because science has taken away the old religion without putting anything in its place. The mind must rest somewhere. Then we must make a science of light. The clairvoyant can see without external light. This is a fact. I see with my eyes shut, but hitherto in an uncertain way. I must see with my eyes open, and yet see clairvoyantly. It has been done. It can be done. I have seen clairvoyantly with my eyes wide open; therefore, there is a light that never was on sea or land.

That light is the sun.

It shines subjectively and objectively. within and without, and is the same light all the time. The mystic pictures of the medium are seen in the light of her moon, but as I have said this proves that she is also a sun. There is somewhere in us all a sun that gives the true light. The moon of mortal mind may give a very poor reflection of the sunlight of our souls, but it proves that the light is there. Isn't it better to get located and to know where we are? In this solar light we will have our being forever, and from it we will be enlightened. Let us get down to practical thought and so make connection with our center. We are already in conjunction with this sun center, else we could not exist. What is needed is an intelligent and conscious conjunction.

Climb the mental ladder.

It is the only way. Of course, when the mental way has been opened it will be easy to lift the physical into its place. But the mind must go before and prepare the way for the body. Jacob, weary with the walk, laid down in the open plain, with a stone for his pillow. In the visions of the night he saw a ladder set upon earth and the top of it reached to heaven, and, behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And Jehovah stood above it and repeated the promise made to the young man's grandfather: "And Jacob awaked out of his sleep and said, Surely the I AM is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The gate of heaven.

Why should the opening of this gate make us afraid? The sun shines down on us all the time, and we feel more at home, more courageous, in daylight. But when the inner sun lets in a ray of light we get excited and do all kinds of foolish things. Why should the inner light cause alarm? Why should clairvoyant light cause us to lose our heads? Because we do not know its source, and so we think it supernatural. The supernatural makes us superstitious, and we leave the plane of science and enter the realm of darkness.

Science is not supernatural.

The light of clairvoyance is the same as any other kind of light. Its source is the sun, and the sun is the center of sanity. There is nothing for you to be afraid of in the light of the sun. Approach any light that you see in the objective or subjective and ask questions. "It is I, be not afraid." Moses was keeping sheep for his father-in-law, when one day he saw a Great Light in a bush. It attracted his attention because

the bush was not consumed. He turned aside and found that the Great Light had intelligence and voice. He received orders and instructions concerning the past and the future. He was not satisfied, and so asked for the name of the Light, and the Voice said I AM that 1 AM; that is, I will be that I will to be. In other words, I AM the Great Light.

Saul of Tarsus saw the same Great Light at midday and it shone above the brightness of the noonday sun of Palestine. And he was astonished beyond measure to hear the Voice saying I AM Jesus of Nazareth whom thou persecutest. From that hour Saul was a sunlit sou'. His name was changed from Saul of Tarsus to Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ. He had seen the Great Light.

On the Mount of Transfiguration the sun in Jesus shone above the brightness of the objective sun. Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, the prophet of fire, came into this circle of light and talked with Jesus about his death which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah, as John the Baptist, had been beheaded only a few years before this transfiguration. Surely man is mind and the putting on and off of bodies is like the changing of garments.

These men had seen the Great Light.

And what is this Great Light? It is the sun of the sun, the inner light of the sun. And has the sun intelligence and the power to speak and command? It has. Where else will you locate intelligence? Will you turn evolutionist and locate it in the brain? Will you declare that the brain generates thought the same as the liver secretes bile? Then we have a wild universe and not a cosmos. The cosmos means order and harmony. Order and harmony is a matter of intelligence. Blind chance could never produce order and harmony. Thus the cosmos must be endowed with intelligence. It must be enlightened, else it would be crushed in its own mighty movements. The light of the cosmos is in its suns.

What are you?

You are a sun. Did you think of yourself as blood and bones? Do you think of your personality as so many pounds of flesh, blood, bones and nerves? Then you should think only of so many gallons of water as being you, for you know three-fourths of your body is water. The other fourth is made up of a little sugar, lime, and other ingredients. Is that you? Then you are not much, for you are liable to spill yourself and be absorbed into the atmosphere by the rays of your Father, the sun.

You can't call that material combination yourself, for there was a time when you did not have bones, flesh or blood. This we know. It is science. You began as a point of life and grew yourself a body of bones and flesh. It is now established on good scientific authority that the whole body is changed every ten or twelve months. Every year you grow a new body. Not an atom of your last year's body is in you now. Every bone, every drop of blood, every nerve, every muscle, has been changed.

This body has to be made new all the time, else broken bones would never knit and wounded flesh never heal. A man is shot through the body and slowly but surely healing begins and he is made whole. Bones are broken and the sun keeps on shining until

the new bones grow into place. You can't mend a man by putting the old pieces together like the leg of a table. He grows new bones and new flesh and the old is sloughed off to go back into the elements.

If you are all the time growing new bones. new flesh, a new body, and you do this every year, who and what are you? Now get out of your mind legs and arms, stomach and brains, for all of these are only a year old and you know yourself to be twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy years old, at least. You don't know how old you are, for you don't know when your point of life began to be. But you do know that you are older than this one-year-old body which you grew last year by eating food. This much is certain. Therefore, in looking for yourself you need not look at this new creature called the body, for it must be renewed day by day, else it would soon perish with hunger and thirst.

You are a sun.

Your sun is visible in clairvoyance and it is a circle of light. It is all the way from the size of a pinhead to the dimensions of a silver dollar. At first my sun was a tiny point of light like a pinhead and I thought it was caused by my nerves being on edge. Then it grew to the size of a dime, and I thought illumination had come indeed and I would never more be in darkness. At this time, while writing this, my sun is the size of a silver dollar and sometimes it shines down on this page above the light of day. I write these sketches with pencil and my wife copies them on typewriter.

So this I, this you, that has been growing new bones every year is a circle of light, the intelligence within you, in conjunction with the sun. This center of sanity in you is in conjunction with the sun and gets its light, life and being from solar light. It is not supernatural. It is not an awful Someone in the sky to whom you go begging. It is a natural connection between your sun and the sun of sanity. No power on earth or in hell can lose you. You can't get lost, for your light is in you, it is you. They may put your old house in a coffin and erect a tombstone over your discarded bones. But you, as a circle of light, are free as the air and independent in your being.

If you then are a sun, a circle of light, what is to hinder you from coming into direct conjunction with the center of sanity? Nothing in this wide world except your want of intelligence. We have been looking on the material side of life and neglecting the mental. Telepathy will put us in conjunction with the sun. The transference of thought from the sun to us will give us an area of sanity unknown to mortal mind. It will enlarge our sphere of mental activity. There is nothing to hinder us from doing it. I have already formed the conjunction with this center of sanity and am practicing this telepathy. What I can do others can do. Just while writing this I picked up the daily paper which announces the reception of a wireless message sent four thousand miles. It was caught in mid-ocean by the armored cruiser Pennsylvania. Distance is being destroyed every day and we are coming into conjunction with the whole. You are a center of intelligence in yourself and your horizon should be constantly enlarged.

I will continue this theme for the whole of next year.

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