

## REDEMPTION

*"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body."—Romans viii: 22, 23.*

There is no doubt about the groans.  
They are heard on every hand.  
The rich and the poor, the high and low.  
Innocent infants and tottering age.  
All are groaning and travailing in pain.  
And there is no doubt about the waiting.  
For thousands of years we have been waiting.  
Hope has been the only anchor of the soul.  
Waiting for the redemption of the body.  
Can there be any doubt about the redemption?  
Not if there is any truth in the universe.  
The promises of the prophets will be fulfilled.  
The sun would fall out of the sky.  
Darkness would overcome the light.  
The body must be redeemed, made glorious.  
"Glorious liberty of the children of God!"

## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* Silly sayings!

\*\*\* How we do keep on repeating them like so many parrots.

\*\*\* All is mind, mind is the master of matter, as you think so you are.

\*\*\* All nonsense, for the mind is not the master of anything, but is the servant of sense or spirit.

\*\*\* Men do things every day of their lives contrary to the mind, and often excuse themselves by saying they didn't think, or hadn't time to think what they were doing.

\*\*\* Moved by spirit or sense, men do all kinds of cruel things which poison the mind and cause years of mental misery. The world is full of crime, and it all comes from a power which controls the mind.

\*\*\* "Labor produces all wealth." That is another one of the fool sayings that hasn't a semblance of truth in it. Mind being moved from desire creates wealth. This pencil came in that way. Look around your room, look out into the streets, and see how wealth came into existence. Labor simply did what mind, moved by sense, told it to do.

\*\*\* If mind is not the master, who is on the throne? God! Did you ever hear the name before? It seems that I heard it once when I was in the pulpit. God Almighty is the Master of mind and matter. And who is God? Spirit is God and Spirit is the Sense of Things, the Desire of the Universe. If your desire is perverted your God is perverted. If you want a pure God you must have pure desires. All desire in its essence is pure. Impurity gets into the mind, that frail thing that some of you say is all.

\*\*\* You have been thinking that your God was somewhere on the outside, and that if you could only make him hear and heed you would be all right. Foolish notion! The Kingdom of God is within you. The man who said that knew, for the reign of God kept vibrating from his person so that even his garments were charged with it. Any one whom he touched was healed and his words were spirit and life. He called this universal Sense of Things his Father. This is what we call Cosmic Consciousness, the consciousness of the Whole. It lifts you out of the narrow confines of time and space and gives you repose, the poise of the universe.

\*\*\* Study that quotation on the first page. It is a wonderful declaration. I understand Paul to mean that the whole creation is to be redeemed from the blight of disease and death. Often when under the trees in the forest I have heard what seemed like a moan. It was as if the trees were sighing over something. I can see how death is a curse to the whole creation. If it is to be destroyed in men it will be cast out of everything. Life will be dominant everywhere. Now, don't enter into an argument with me about the matter. It is a vibration of the Spirit, a movement of life. I want to live where everything lives. If

the whole creation groans and travails in pain there is something wrong with the planet. I want to see a resurrection of the whole world. It is promised by all the prophets.

\*\*\* "What terms did you make with Hubbard and the four hundred Roycrofters?"

I made the same terms with Hubbard and his wife that I make with you and your wife. I give his business treatments, but to treat the 400 Roycrofters would have cost \$400 a month at the lowest rates in the Circle of Christians. If I treat a preacher for success with his congregation, it does not mean that I am going to treat each member of his church.

\*\*\* "I send \$1 in this letter to pay for January CHRISTIAN. The papers are so full of love they ought to heal everybody."

I am satisfied that January, February and March numbers of CHRISTIAN are worth a dollar each. Some people send a dollar for a dozen copies; this lady sends a dollar for one copy. I want the time to come when CHRISTIAN will carry healing to everybody without any further expense.

\*\*\* "I would like to tell you how I appreciate CHRISTIAN. I read January number eight times and am reading February number every day. I get more and more all the time. It grows on me."

This is the way to get at it. I used to edit a daily paper and thought I was doing hard work. It takes more of my time to edit CHRISTIAN in its present vibrations than it used to take me to edit a daily four times as large. It isn't exactly what is said, but the treatments that go with it.

\*\*\* "You will find \$1 enclosed, which will pay for CHRISTIAN to May; after that cut it out. My reason for this is your plutocratic fling at the *Appeal to Reason*."

All right! I had much rather cut your name out of my subscription list than to cut out my common sense. Gather up a few more fool expressions like plutocratic and shout them at the top of your voice. The same kind of rot brought on the Civil War and I was fool enough to shoulder a gun and go out to shoot white men to set negroes free. You can't hypnotize me the second time.

\*\*\* "As soon as I decided to appeal to you for help, there was such a decided change in me that I am a standing surprise to my friends. They don't understand it, neither do I, but facts remain the same."

Neither do I understand it. I have an idea that it is beyond the understanding of the individual mind. I have ceased to try to understand it. Results are what we are after. Let us walk by faith and wait for the coming of sight. There may be a time when we will be in the truth so we will thoroughly understand the principle of mental healing. In the meantime let us get the healing.

\*\*\* "Last night when I went to bed I felt the sick headache coming. I laid CHRISTIAN on my head and it soon left. Have had the same result before. I send you all of my burdens every morning. I do not even save out 'sorrows, for joy.'"

There we go again for results. No matter how you get it so you get it. I repeat

that CHRISTIAN will be sent out this year in groups of three. January, February and March are now ready and full of healing. I only give a few quotations, but I could fill the whole paper full of reports of good results.

\*\*\* "I am so delighted over the results of your treatments that I must tell you about it. I arrived in California two years ago, no money or work, deep in debt. To-day I am almost free from debt, have good, well-paying position, have recently got married, and have a nice little home of my own. How is that for results of your labor?"

I think that is splendid. It is only one case out of hundreds of young men and women who are coming into the joy of living by being just common Christians. You know a common Christian is one who does not belong to anything or anybody, and goes it alone. He may indirectly come to me for help, but that is just like one helping another. It is an individual movement, and I am just as much of an individual as any one of us. I wouldn't carry on this work if I couldn't do it in freedom.

\*\*\* "Strange to say, my eyes have not permitted me to read for three years, but I have read every CHRISTIAN through as soon as it was received. For the past three months I have read half an hour a day."

Glory to the light! February CHRISTIAN was a treatment for eyesight. March CHRISTIAN is a treatment for whole head. January, February and March take in the whole body from the tips of the fingers to the tips of the toes. Let us get into the light and make it permanent. Some days I read any kind of print without glasses and the next day I have to put on the glasses. I am trying to make the seeing mind permanent. It is the only way. The whole of regeneration must begin in the head. The other parts of the head will respond to vision. The throne of being is in the brain, but the brain is not being. Being is light.

\*\*\* "Lady Blanche seems to have dropped out of existence. Somehow it seems she should appear as a factor in every issue. Hope she is well."

I wouldn't mind if the women felt that way, but it is the men who are inquiring about Lady Blanche. Just as soon as she turns her attention to something else, even if it is a big Boy Baby like Beverly, these men begin to inquire if she is well and want to know why she has dropped out. For the benefit of these brothers let me say that she is well and opens and reads all of the letters and then turns them over to me.

\*\*\* "You have cured the gall stones. Now, I want to unload another burden. You say to give you everything we do not want, then give you everything we desire. That seems all right, for I know you can take care of them."

That was a great proposition I made in December CHRISTIAN to take all your diseases and troubles. It resulted in more marvelous cures than I could record in these columns, and the good work goes right on every day. I AM still ready to receive your burdens and send you the healing vibrations. People like to unload and that scape-

goat of the Bible was scientific. Make me your scapegoat.

\*\*\* "You will be gratified to know that in a month from the time I asked you to treat my husband for a position he secured just what he wanted (law and collections) here in Chicago. He says what he needs now is about thirty days of good, hard pushing."

That is the way the vibrations work, and all you have to do is to get into the movement. Everything that Spirit does is done easily and naturally. How could it be otherwise? God is not on a strain, else the universe would explode. Take the hint and quit your strenuous efforts—your nerve-destroying struggle. Sleep o' nights. Eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow you live.

\*\*\* "I am much better and made two good arguments in the Supreme Court this month, and 'feel as happy as a big sunflower.' There is something in it surely. It is a bully thing to have an adviser occasionally to cast your burdens upon, and I heap all my troubles upon you now."

Who do you suppose is writing me in such a strain? A lawyer who is just getting into the vibrations of CHRISTIAN. He doesn't know just what to make of it, but as he gets results he thinks there must be something in it. The doctors have been with me a long time and the lawyers are slowly coming into the fold.

\*\*\* "What shall I say first? Long life to the Boy, good health to the Mother, more power to the Father, and a Happy New Year to the whole family. I think you have been at your best during the latter part of the past year, and I have no doubt that much of your inspiration was due to the subtle influence of the little stranger. But, say, Shelton, cut that all out about 'not knowing where he comes from or where he is going.' Intelligence in you knows, Intelligence in him knows, and if you prefer to play blind man's bluff you may. But you know all this."

Well, I don't know, and it is blind man's bluff. I wonder if any man, save Jesus Christ, ever did know? Jesus spoke as if he knew, and I think he did, for in him was the fullness of the manhead and Godhead bodily and spiritually. But I confess to you that I do not know. I know from the records that I was born in Kentucky June 13, 1849, of certain parents, but that is not me, for I came out of the unseen from Somewhere and I was Somebody before I arrived in that mother's arms. If my immortality does not reach backwards it can't possibly reach forwards. But from whence and to where? I look at this boy and wonder who he is, for I know he had a name and a place before we gave him a name and a place. The mystery of motherhood is the mystery of the immortal individual.

\*\*\* "I think it is a good thing you do all your own writing for CHRISTIAN. I used to enjoy the little *Nautilus* when Elizabeth Towne was the only writer, but since it is aspiring magazinewards it is hard to wade through it all. It is the individuality that counts; yes, and let me say it, the much cursed personality also. The average New Thoughter has made personality the devil."

I like these frank expressions of opinion. Yes, since doing all my own writing CHRISTIAN has taken on more power and is unique

in its individuality. The person who knows the truth is a universal personality, if I may be allowed such an expression, and therefore one with all other persons who know. The secret Word of the Universal Brotherhood and Sisterhood is: I know that you know that I know and you know that I know that you know. Now, it isn't a word at all, for if you know that I know and I know that you know we don't have to say so; we have already said so. A man came into my private office and talked about one thing and another and finally we both became silent. He arose to leave and said, "It is all right. I didn't know at first that you knew." He went his way. Another man came and bored me with his theories and finally went away firmly convinced that I didn't know. Why? Because he didn't know, and therefore couldn't know that I knew, and no amount of words could make him know. The wind blows where it listeth.

\*\*\* "I shall be 75 years young this year, and am enjoying health, happiness and prosperity, but you may give me a month's treatments for a continuance of the same."

I wish you would all drop that expression. You can't be 75 years young, for time has to do with age. The man who is in the regeneration does not count time backward or forward. He knows that time shall be no more, and in his mind it has no place. He is neither old nor young. He is—yes—terday, to-day, and forever.

\*\*\* "Well, Tommy, I took you at your word. After the earthquake you stated that all San Franciscans were paid up to the first of the year. I grasped the opportunity, but I know you were with me just the same as if my dollar had been coming every month, for I have been having excellent success ever since the quake."

That was the best contribution I ever made in a business way. It was given in a free and off-hand way, and has borne fruit a hundredfold. I did not fail to keep up the treatments just the same as though there never had been an earthquake and the Christians are coming out on top.

\*\*\* "Explain Rev. 2:17, 'To him that overcometh will I give of the hidden manna.'"

Why do you ask for an explanation when the meaning is as plain as the nose on the face? The hidden manna is the divinity within you. It is called the quickening of the Spirit. To quicken is to set life in motion. It does not give life, but starts a movement in dormant life. A man begins to overcome when his own divinity is set in motion. He may go on in this mortal life and never know that he has any divinity. He lives in the objective. But when the Spirit begins awakening the sleeping God all the power of his divinity asserts itself. Such a man is promised the morning star, a new name, the hidden manna, and all the other good things of the Kingdom.

\*\*\* "Is it wrong for me to be a trained nurse and be with and around sick people all the time?"

It certainly is not wrong. If ever there were angels incarnate on this earth they come in the form of trained nurses. This great work of trained nurses had its birth

in the Red Cross Society. I see these women on the street cars often and have had them in my house. I always feel like lifting my hat and saying, God bless you. It is a calling higher than any other calling known to me.

\*\*\* "I have been going it so severely alone for so long, and my struggles are getting fiercer (though not, of course, without gaining ground), that I feel I must positively take the stand of directly allying myself with the Circle of Christians. We certainly are aided, even if we may not absolutely need another's help; still I believe that in a sense co-operation is a law of life."

I hear something like this so often that it makes me tired. It gives me that tired feeling spoken of in the patent medicine advertisement. It is about all we can do to stand together, and when we undertake to stand alone we totter. To be an individualist is not to stand alone. It is to stand with everybody who is standing and to sit down with everybody who is sitting and rise up with everybody who is rising. It is to be one with every other individual in the universe. Come along, boys and girls, and let's get a move on us, is the way the individualist talks. If you organize yourselves into an institution you immediately sit down or are sat down on in quick order. None of us are standing alone if we are moving as individualists. The help I give is to help you to help yourself. You are also helping me to help myself and to keep the beacon light burning.

\*\*\* "The first year we received your valued paper I was about to embark in a new business and our friend asked you to send me vibrations of success. I was not aware at the time that such was being done, but my success with my proposed business was phenomenal, and I was later informed of the cause of my great success. More wonderful skill it seems to me because of the fact that I was not aware of it and that my mind was not directed to you—at least through any personal knowledge of mine."

I print the above as a sample of letters which answer the oft repeated question as to whether I can give treatments to persons without their knowledge. In this case the friend was a messenger of Spirit and so brought this man into the vibrations of success. Then his wife and himself were readers of CHRISTIAN every month, and so got into its thought. Hereafter each number of CHRISTIAN will receive treatments, so that the reader will have a chance to get into the vibrations of health, happiness and prosperity, even though the paper read may be a sample copy. Christians are sowing this periodical broadcast. They will send me money for treatments and claim their right to subscriptions. If you get a paper with your name printed on it, you may know that someone has paid your subscription in advance. This is a glorious work from the fact that it benefits the giver as well as the receiver. Every day I receive letters blessing the people for sending CHRISTIAN. Of course, once in a while a paper is rejected because the recipient has not been informed that it is complimentary. But, as a general thing, when you send CHRISTIAN it means a blessing.

\*\*\* "I must tell you that I like your old dragon—always have. Don't change him; also the motto 'Regeneration of the body by the resurrection of the mind,' has always pleased me extremely. It expresses the whole thing in a nutshell. Nothing could say it better. Even if we know we are very slow in getting our minds filled with the truth, it is a satisfaction to feel that we, at last, have a working basis, and we have a right to believe that in time we shall find ourselves thoroughly regenerated—mind and body. A very different feeling from the uncertainty."

I think all readers, especially the old ones, like my Snake. He has given me much trouble, but it is the only way he could bring me into wisdom. A wise, old devil is absolutely essential to get us out of mortal foolishness. The only trouble with the religionists is that they have never given the devil his dues. I also agree with you in regard to the motto under the heading of CHRISTIAN. You older readers will remember how I used to change that motto and try to get something to suit me. This one stuck. The resurrection of the mind! This means that there is a buried mind. A mind that is down beneath all of this mortal rubbish. It is a kind of resurrection from the dead, and awakening from slumber. This mortal life is a nightmare.

\*\*\* "The lump is gone and people say that if Shelton can cure that curvature they will believe. They say the lump might have gone anyway."

Well, you must know that Shelton doesn't care whether people believe or not. They Say is a gossip. If one rose from the dead they would say that he might not have been dead. I was not healing your lump for anyone but yourself. Spirit is absolutely independent of all of us, else the universe would fall to pieces. I will speak the word for the curvature and if Spirit heals it, they will say it was not much of a curvature, anyway.

\*\*\* "You no doubt have heard of the Apostolic Faith movement or the speaking with tongues as it is being carried on here in Los Angeles and in other parts of the country. Being desirous of knowing the truth about the matter and not being able to come to any definite conclusion of ourselves, my husband and I concluded to apply to you for light on the subject, feeling that we would not like to make any mistake either way. We have attended some of the meetings and always (or not always) are impressed that it is all right and God being manifested in a most wonderful way. But when we get home and sit down and think it all over, we wonder where the benefit comes in to be able to speak in tongues, which no person understands, even if it is language. There does not seem to be anything edifying in it, at least to the ones who look on. I do not think you ever spoke on this subject in your paper, of which I am a constant reader. Now, I should like to hear your candid opinion either in a letter to me or in your next publication."

You will hear all kinds of voices in the objective as well as in the subjective. The whole mental world is being moved and the movement is of the Spirit, but manifestations are not always to be accepted as proofs of the Spirit's presence. God never repeats himself. If he heals the sick it is not a repetition, for it is a new person and a new healing. The gift of tongues on the

day of Pentecost was given as a symbol of the spread of Truth among all nations. This sign had never been given before and has never been repeated. But the word of truth has been translated into every language and dialect on the face of the earth. There never will be any more need of the gift of tongues. Let the ones who are jabbering put forth the power of the Spirit and heal the sick. We have knowledge in abundance; what we want is power over all flesh. The word of truth will come to the world through the printing press and not by word of mouth. The orator is no longer in evidence. It is the Silent Word of the printing press. It is being used now to stir up strife. It will be used, and is being used, for the gospel of peace. My friend has answered her own questions by stating that she and her husband after returning home could not find the truth in themselves co-operating with this manifestation on the outside. Jesus warns you to look for the Kingdom of God in yourself and to make that the test of all outside voices.

\*\*\* "CHRISTIAN is worth ten times what any of us pay. Of course, every soul that knows anything speaks up for you in the silence. Only a few days ago the suggestion came to me, 'Shelton will go under like the rest of them in a year or two.' And I flamed back from within me: No, he won't. He will stand for ages and wave the flag over every other soul that has ever stood. And you, dear friend, are the One that is going to Stand. Now listen—I am not making a statement—I know. I was at your heels when you first started out, and have covered the same ground in a way that you have."

This is one more woman of vision who speaks the Word for my regeneration. Well, beloved, if I fail the sun will fall out of the sky. I have hitched my wagon to the sun. Spirit led me to the Great Light who rules the day, and I have never lost the conjunction. Men of vision will yet know how to draw life directly from the great dynamo in the sky. We live by light now, in an indirect way, but the new birth will make us lords of light. That is as sure as the sun. All that we need for new heavens and a new earth is within our reach. The body of mortality will be swallowed up in the body of light; and, yet, men will be men and dwell on the earth incarnate.

\*\*\* "I was so grateful when the treatments caused every organ to keep its place and not an ache or pain since."

Don't you think letters like this are worth more to me than all the money on earth? Well, they are priceless. When every organ is made to function normally, and aches and pains give way to the joy of living, I praise God and keep on seeking the truth. I don't always succeed. While there are wonderful cures there are also big failures. It is impossible to tell what can be done in any given case, as so much depends on the patient. I can only give the treatments and leave results to the Spirit. Multitudes heard Jesus, but all were not healed. Many were never even interested enough to ask for healing. The cry is, even now, only heal us and we will have faith—but faith heals.

\*\*\* "How much do you get for your work when you give a subscription or two copies of a 50-cent, cloth bound, book for every dollar sent for treatments?"

Well, after paying printers and postage it looks like 30 cents. That is all right. I don't want people to think I heal for money. I keep at it for my own sake. Then, there is joy in the work and a good living. I'm not a pauper and you are independent. At least, you ought to be independent. It will do you good to be as liberal with me as I am with you. Keep your own dates and your own accounts and don't squeeze a dollar or a day.

\*\*\* "I must say that last CHRISTIAN is all right. Best thing to get rid of pain ever got hold of. Will you treat people if they do not know it, supposing we want to do some one good and they have not learned the way?"

Many people report that last CHRISTIAN was a pain destroyer, while others report failures. According to your faith be it unto you. There must be a connection between the mind of the patient and the mind of the healer. The conjunction can sometimes be made through the paper. I do treat people through others, provided there is a strong mental conjunction between the applicant and the patient. As in the case of a husband and wife, parent and child, or any case where your mind can act as a medium for the healing word, but it is a very round-about way. I much prefer the applicants to come in their own mind and in their own handwriting.

\*\*\* "Would like to know how you are more than the ordinary Christian, if they can find no place else to go when they quit you? How comes it that you are the teacher, healer, etc., of the movement?"

Why should you go anywhere? If you quit me you need not go to any other person. I teach and heal because that is my business. This does not make me a leader or boss over you. It is a movement of individuals for personal unfoldment. There is no fence around us. There is no reason why we should go anywhere or to anybody. Join yourself. Give yourself the right hand of fellowship. Individualization brings you into the universal fellowship.

\*\*\* "Christians don't need any fence around them to keep them from getting away or getting lost. They are at home anywhere in the world."

Bless your heart, when one gets a taste of real Christianity you can't build a fence high enough to keep them confined. They would scale the walls or invent wings to fly over the battlements. There is a sense of personal freedom which comes to one in regeneration which can not be described. You do not belong to anybody or anything, yet you are in fellowship with every intelligence in the universe. You do not antagonize anybody or anything, and are at peace with yourself and all the world. It is a glorious unfoldment. It is called in the Scriptures the liberty of the sons of God. It also includes power over the laws of gravitation so you will not be confined even to this planet. When the last enemy Death is destroyed you will enjoy absolute

freedom. Christianity is unique, having the promise of this life and that which is to come.

\*\*\* "If Saul could have had February CHRISTIAN he wouldn't have needed David and his harp to heal his troubled spirit. And again Browning's "Saul" is sublime. Especially when the Truth comes to David and he realizes that through Divine Love he can heal Saul. January and February CHRISTIAN have no peer. To-night I feel that never more can I go back to the old dreaming of sin, sickness, death and poverty."

Good for you! January, February and March numbers of CHRISTIAN are whole volumes of healing power. I want you to circulate these three numbers. You can have the three numbers sent together to any address for 25 cents. This year I shall group CHRISTIAN into numbers of three, and the first three are now ready for their work of healing. Keep them in circulation.

\*\*\* "I always know a month, sometimes much longer, ahead, almost to the word, what CHRISTIAN will do and say; yet I am so busy that I do not turn my eyes in your direction. I take CHRISTIAN as a matter of course. I am not in the Circle of Christians and have not received a letter for many years. I write this to make it even a little plainer to you that the movement is general for he that hath ears to hear. It is the Individual now or never—the great strike is on—and the victory will come to the illuminated individual."

Of course, the movement is general, and I have only caught vibrations of the movement. The coming of the Christ is by telepathy. All souls who are ready will hear his voice and recognize his vibrations. This is one reason why I have so vigorously opposed any kind of an organization. Jesus Christ came into the world as an individual, and the Spirit of Truth will manifest to you in your individuality. You can't expect God to bless a sect, or party, or any particular cult. Just as well expect the sun to shine on one spot to the exclusion of others, or that the light shall be only for your particular brand of thought. The only hope for you is to find Christ within your own mind.

\*\*\* "I am getting better. I think I owe it to cod liver oil, good treatment of myself, and faith in Shelton. So I will keep on with the treatments."

It doesn't make any difference to me whether you get well from cod liver oil or Shelton, just so you get well. I am seeking results. The treatments are given for your health, so I leave you to follow your own minds about what you shall eat or what remedies you shall use. Many an old woman's remedy has proved more effectual than the complicated methods of learned men. The mind that is within you can only use what it seeks. As your mind grows stronger you will put away many childish remedies and trust to the truth, but you must creep before you can walk.

\*\*\* "You have not gained everything by being an individualist. It gives a latitude and people seem to need restraining. Many erratic things have been written which have caused several subscribers that I know of to push CHRISTIAN out of sight when company came. I would like to beg of you not to say anything against religion. Religion

means to bind to God, and the more of it we have the better. The Christian religion is the best thing we have in this world, and it is a dreadful thing to undermine it."

If anyone wants to push CHRISTIAN out of sight when they have company, they can do so. Some people would advise you not only to put it out sight, but to burn it. You remember not long ago that one of my good Christians was persuaded to make a bonfire of all of her back numbers of CHRISTIAN. You say that religion means to bind to God. If that is so, the less we have of it the better. You don't want to be bound to God. There is no doubt about religion binding people. It has enslaved and bound mind and body. The concept of religion is the wickedest thing in the world. Christianity is not a religion. It is a protest against all kinds of religion. Jesus Christ was crucified by religion. Christianity is the illumination of the individual. Religion has given its time and attention to the burning and hanging of illuminated individuals. Anyone who can read the sayings of Jesus and then remain a religionist is dull of hearing. Now, stick this copy of CHRISTIAN under the bed and so put out your light.

\*\*\* "I know that I am benefited and each morning at 9 o'clock I feel as though some power were pouring new life into my body, so thrilled is my being with vigor."

It has been many years since I have said anything about hours in CHRISTIAN, and yet this new Christian has found out the hour when I begin my work. She got it by receiving the blessing instead of through suggestion. I begin my work every morning at 9 o'clock and continue until noon. I seldom continue my work longer than three hours in the forenoons. Of course, that means the regular systematic work. The word of healing is being spoken at all times night and day.

\*\*\* "She was very restless at night, so I placed your letter beneath her pillow, and she never moved all night."

This was a grown woman, and you will say it was marvelous or else you will scout the idea. It doesn't make any difference to me how you take it. The worlds were framed by the word of God, but I don't know how that Word did the framing. All things are held together by the word of God, but I don't know how this Word does the holding. I know that when I speak in the Spirit in CHRISTIAN or in letters my word is the Word of God. In spite of this knowledge I am often surprised at results.

\*\*\* "January CHRISTIAN beats them all—No wonder—Congratulations for the parents of such a fine boy as Beverly. Bless the Baby. Am much better mentally and physically. This fellowship of the Christians is great!"

That last sentence expresses the whole thing. "This fellowship of the Christians is great!" It is the greatest thing on earth. Paul said that Jesus Christ broke down the middle wall of partition between the Jews and Gentiles in order to make peace. The Spirit of Truth, through the illumination of the individual, is breaking down the middle wall of partition between individuals so

as to make peace. Here we are a great number of people in perfect fellowship without any creed, formulation of faith, organization, officers or any other fences or walls. Yet this fellowship is growing day by day into a marvelous movement.

\*\*\* "The first is this: I have dabbled in what is called spiritualism or mediumship for several years, and have been friendly in the past month with a gentleman who had a brother killed in a wreck a few years ago and who is earth-bound. Well, you see, I am under development and am naturally sensitive, and more so during this stage, and also sort of negative, and take on conditions which I do not want. This departed spirit seemed to try to get control of my mind, and the raps in my room at night have been such that I could not sleep except a few hours during the past week, and have felt I was losing my mind and had no control of it."

No good has ever come to anyone on the face of the earth from investigations of spiritualism. I say this without fear of successful contradiction, although thousands will rise up in fury to contradict me. It has the same effect on the mind as religion. There is no use in arguing with a religionist. They will not listen to reason. All the wise writers of the Bible warn people against moon-mediums. My correspondent is one of thousands that have been upset by these investigations. The insane asylums are full of such people. What you want is to manifest in the objective. You want to come into control of this life. You want more mind and a better body for the life you have to live. I see and hear in the subjective, but it has never been worth a continental to me. Do you hear what I am saying to you? I have made all kinds of explorations into the unseen universe. I have made visits to the sun, and I can see and hear in the subjective better than I can in the objective. I have changed my course. I now demand a manifestation in the objective. If the ghosts can't give me something better than dreams and visions, they can go to the devil. I will not have my sleep disturbed or my body weakened by the spirits in prison or out of prison. I am myself. I want something more than hearsay or eyesay from the unseen. I want a physical manifestation of the spiritual revelation. If there is any power in the subjective, let them make it known by operating in the objective. I was astonished the other day to find out that I could see in clairvoyance without glasses, but that as soon as I came into my own world I had to stick spectacles onto my nose. I also made the discovery that my hearing in clairvoyance was acute and no sound escaped me, but when I came back to the place where I have to live my hearing is sometimes dull. I put this and that together and began an investigation into the objective. I quit studying psychic phenomena and began studying physical phenomena. I want something to work with on the plane in which I am now operating. What good is vision in the subjective unless it brings you something worth while? Instead of weakening your mind you want something that will make it strong.



## THE ART OF CREATION.

This is an age of art and science.

It is also an age of fads and fancies.

In Germany there is a new sect spreading among the cultured and wealthy classes. They live in caves and wear only one simple shroud-like garment, reaching from head to heels. They live on fruits and vegetables and let the beard and hair grow. The barber and hairdresser are ignored. One beautiful woman of thirty, an opera singer from Berlin, refuses to touch money, declaring it the root of all evil. She will not touch the root. She agrees with Paul on this point, but seems to ignore the apostle's advice in some other matters.

This sect is growing in numbers, and many of the devotees are rolling in wealth. Their time is spent in doing nothing except to contemplate nature in her crudest forms. The body is nude save for this long linen shroud, and their lives are so simple that both mind and body are idle. Their cry is, "Back to nature," and at first sight it seems reasonable and natural. But a quick second thought reveals the common hobo under the thin garment of religion. These people are educated tramps—nothing more.

Why back to nature? Why not forward to nature? Is there any more of nature backward than there is forward? Is there anything more of nature in the animal life than there is in the intellectual and artistic life? Can a man be more natural in a cave than in a castle? Certainly nature is not so poor and beggarly that she cannot build herself a suitable habitation. Is man such a natural born fool that he cannot learn to shave his face and trim his hair? Can he not learn to create out of the raw material a better environment and keep right on improving on his own creations? These people who are forever talking about nature as something crude and childish are idiotic. They do not know the first principles of nature. Why, nature is full of vanity and personal pride. Since the first savage put a feather in his hair nature has led man on and on in his efforts to improve his looks and make himself comely and comfortable. It is naturally in him, and it would be unnatural to suppress it. So, my benighted hobo, it is onward and upward to nature. She is a leader of her children. She ever beckons them on to a higher and higher nature.

Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart to understand the good things prepared for all who love nature and will press onward, under her urging, to greater achievement. Why, bless you, mind is nature just as much as muscle. The unfolding mind is as much a part of nature as the body. Shall the stomach get all the attention while we neglect the mind and go back to dirt? Is a dress suit, after a hot bath and the barber, any the less natural than a linen shroud with unkempt beard and hair? Go to, ye silly asses! Nature is also a gentleman.

The vegetarians and fruitarians also ran. They talk about nature, and yet, about the

first account we have of man he was barbecuing meat to the glory of God. The first murderer was a vegetarian. He may have been perfectly natural. When you go back to nature you will find the killers. What you call natural food may have been used before nature evolved the cook. It is perfectly natural for me to like fried chicken with cream gravy like mother used to make. The red man will stew his chicken, feathers and all, and no doubt it is nature, his nature, but I prefer the higher nature. The modern cook is also a product of nature, and nature is constantly improving her product. She is progressive. Nature is never old, for she is born every day in the year. Truth is forever new, but error is sometimes old and moth eaten. Don't get musty. It is unnatural. Because we still have nature in her raw and rough state is no sign that she is going to remain in the rough. You may like roughing it for a few days, but if you are in the mental vibrations you will soon tire of that kind of nature and seek the comforts of art and the higher nature. Mind is going to explore all the spots in untamed nature and dress them up in modern garments. We are to seek out darkest Africa and the snow-covered mountains of the North Pole.

It is a shame that we haven't fixed this planet up better ere this, but we are learning. Our time has been spent in wars, and that is also natural. But nature is leading us to peace, and then we will have plenty of time and money to improve on the raw material and beautify nature. Think how we can improve on nature when we spend as much for art as we have been spending for war! We will navigate the air and bridge the ocean. The respectable tramps will learn to go forward, with nature. Their protest is a reaction from the use of stimulants and narcotics. To poison yourself is indeed unnatural. But you can use healthful foods and drinks and go to bed at a reasonable hour without living in a cave. The use of intoxicants and narcotics is an outrage against nature, but this can't be cured or excused by a sin in the opposite direction. Put on your pretty gowns, my dears, and tie the ribbons. You may wear a few choice jewels. It is no violence to nature. The natural woman likes adornment. The New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven "adorned as a Bride for her Husband." That is a pretty diamond on your finger! Nature was good and kind to hide it in the earth for you, my darling, and you may wear it with joy. I also like that ruby on your other hand. Don't turn hobo and throw it away. If you do I will go in search of another girl who likes nature in her higher moods. I will not live with you in a cave of the woods. There are bugs and snakes! Give me our own chamber and the bed of a higher civilization. The bath and the barber, the tailor and the laundry, are not unnatural productions. Blessed is the man who is not a fool! I may have been on this planet in its pioneer days, but I am glad I live here now in the sunrise of science and

art. It will even be much better in another decade. Nature is on the alert. She is wide awake and ought to keep duly sober. Then we may expect health, happiness and prosperity.

I understand how people with a ruined stomach, shattered nerves and broken health want to escape to the wilderness. But this condition of misery was not caused by science. It was brought on in defiance of both mental and material science. Nature protested against every step you took in dissipation. Science warned you at every turn in the road. Art was all the time appealing to your higher mentality. It was not natural for you to force on nature the poisons you put into your stomach and the late hours you kept when you ought to have been in bed. No, no, my friend, nature is a glorious teacher. You can't get rid of her onward urging by hiding your light in a cave. The cave men didn't know any better. You do. It is up to you to heed the call of art and to know the good, the true and the beautiful. Extravagance in dress! Bless you, isn't the body worth it? It is the temple of the mind. Can the mind be content to worship in a shroud? My friend, there is nothing too beautiful for the form divine. Costly robes were worn by the priests in temples made by hands. Shall not the body of woman be adorned by costlier garments? She is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and her body is the home of God.

How could people learn to appreciate nature if it were not for science and art? All that we know of God and man and nature has come by that mental unfoldment which we call education. There is no other way. The Bible is a blessing, a natural blessing to the human race. The science of numbers has opened the door of progress. It is by mathematics, by mechanics, by the law of mental unfoldment, that we have made and are making progress. The Bible gave us a literature and a language which is still leading us onward and upward into a higher mentality. This sect of new religionists is known to us by the telegraph and the daily newspapers. Men are now in communication, daily communication, aye, almost hourly communication with each other in all parts of the planet. Science has opened the way for travel and transference of thought. It is all nature and is perfectly natural.

There is a vast unexplored region of mind which is also natural. That mind, in full unfoldment, is the master of matter and the monarch of nature. "Let them have dominion," is the order of Mind to the individual mind. That order is being obeyed and will result in absolute mastery over nature. It is unnatural for man to remain the slave of the elements. The natural order is for nature to submit to the dominion of this Son of God called Man. The earth was given to us. It is our birthright. The universal Mind knew that we could not appreciate it until we conquered it, so with the gift was the command to have dominion. Here it is. Take it and

make the best of it. We are doing it. When we get it properly dressed and kept it will be a very pretty planet and a worthy place for the sons of the sun to dwell. We will improve on nature, and that is also natural.

Who are you, anyway? You are certainly something more than an animal. It is a very comfortable thing to sometimes be an animal—a cat in the sun, a pig in a pool, or even a wild colt kicking up your heels in a meadow. But you don't want to keep it up long at a time. Man is a threefold being, a trinity in unity. He is a body, a mind and a spirit. These must all be satisfied in a true man. You eat, drink, sleep and exercise your animal passions and appetites, and this is all right in a natural way. But if you stop there you will not gain satisfaction. You will degenerate to where the animal in you does not function naturally, and the result is disease and death. You have mental faculties and these must have their natural food, hence the mysteries and unsolved problems in nature. This has called us to the art of creation. Nature furnishes us the raw material and man creates houses, cities and all the wonderful achievements in architecture. God does not care for millions of dollars in temples, but He does care for man. Therefore, all these wonderful buildings help to build that house not made with hands—the human mind.

The spiritual faculties were also called into action, for man's greatest architectural achievements were in answer to the spirit of adoration. He wanted to do something for God and so he built temples. He was expanding and enlarging the area of his own intellect. It was a growth in mentality and spirituality. It is wonderful, for while man was making music, building houses, opening up vast domains in nature, he was a common animal eating and sleeping. This giant of mind was a creeping creature of the earth subject to disease and death. He was only exercising himself in the objective realm of creation. He took up things which he found in nature and made new creations in the image and likeness of his own thought.

That is not all of man. He is more than a builder. He is a creator. The hour has come for man to create out of the raw material a better body for his indwelling mind. This will satisfy the ideal and spiritual. Man is just now beginning to get the idea into his head that he is lord also of his body. He will create a new and living temple for his indwelling soul. All that nature will do is what she has always done—furnish the raw material. Out of the invisible and infinite substance man will call to himself a body beautiful, and, knowing how he did it, he will continue the art of creation and preserve his beautiful body in immortal youth. He will renew the body day by day, transformed by the renewing of the mind.

This is what all of this art of creation is leading to, and it is all promised to hu-

manity. A full and complete dominion. Man must first learn to build houses, pianos, watches, towers, monuments, paint pictures, compose music, make books, advance all along the line of art and science, before he can take a step further and clothe himself with immortality. He must first learn the art of creation before he can create a new body. He is now at work creating a new environment for his mind and when the time comes he will create a new mind and a new body for the new environment. This new environment is not a cave in the woods. It is all that a new mind could desire in the way of artistic development. A most glorious conception of art and the very best work of science. It is not for a coarse hobo, a savage in the wilderness, but for a mind refined and educated to the higher vibrations and loftier songs of nature. It will be a place for such minds as we have seen at the very head of the procession of thinkers.

Man's spiritual nature must not be left out of the count. Music, beauty, all that appeals to the spirit will be given in good measure. Ah! but man is a glorious being! He is much more than nature as you see her in the rough. Man can touch the blue heavens and vibrate with angels. But he must climb up the heights by his own exertions. Then he will know how he got there and appreciate it all the more. There is no other way even if nature wanted any other way.

Do you want a beautiful body free from disease and pain? How strong is your desire? Have you not given way to a kind of racial despair, saying, What's the use? That is not the right kind of mind. When your desire is so intense that you rise up and plan and devise you will learn how to create within you that which you so earnestly desire. Why not? Shall the mind that made the pyramids fail in the construction of so small a thing as the human body? In the pyramids you will find the science of numbers and the very heavens are mapped in regular order. The mind of man has grasped the most intricate problems in geometry, and shall it fail in the construction of an abode for itself? I tell you that man has only been getting ready for his masterpiece. That master of materials will soon make himself an indestructible body. What will nature do for us? Nothing, nothing in the world, except to furnish the raw material. Nature will no more build you a body than she will build you a steamboat. It would be cruel to do so, and nature is not cruel, although she may appear so. Build yourself a new body. The raw material is all around you.

Learn the art of creating out of invisible material, as you have learned now to create out of visible material. It is your destiny, O, son of the sun, and it is high time you were at it. I AM ready to wipe away all tears from your eyes, and there shall be no more death, but you must learn the art of creation.

Is creation an art?

Why, certainly, my dears; certainly creation is an art. Your heavenly Father is Mind and your beloved Mother is Matter. Therefore, creation is the art of molding matter. Doesn't the Bible say that we are as clay in the hands of the Potter? That means that God is the potter and all the sons of God are potters. What the universal potter is doing in the whole universe the individual potters are doing in their small domain. Like begets like, and so the son of Mind is like his Father, and very much like him in his joy of creating. How we did rejoice over our first whistles and gloat over the playhouses we built! It is the joy of doing things.

The children in the kindergarten (blessings on Froebel!) are trained along the lines of creation. They learn to make things. The baby, the other day, was shown some pictures that came in the mail. The drawings were by a little girl, the daughter of one of my correspondents. Our baby didn't say much, but took the pictures and went off to her playthings. In about half an hour she came back with each picture duplicated by her own hand. She was not going to let any other little girl get ahead of her. The joy in creating!

There is a controversy among scientists as to mind and matter. The materialist says that all is matter. The spiritist replies that all is spirit. The dispute has been raging for many years. There is no doubt about all being mind in matter. The proof that God is mind can be found in the art of creation. The origin of man is mind, if he can be said to have an origin. The individual mind came out from universal Mind and is working in and with this invisible mental movement.

The materialist can trace this movement to the wiggle tails in protoplasm, and then, with owl wisdom, say, "Eureka! I have found it! We are matter; all is mud!" Yes, yes, but what caused the wiggles to wiggle? There had to be a quickening. Mind, my friends, mind had to make the first wiggle wiggle and the tadpole to drop its tail. It is the art of creation. Man has been taking a hand in the game. He made the temple in Jerusalem, one of the seven wonders of the world. He built the pyramids long before that, and in them he placed the eternal law of numbers. The great Father Mind has been looking on in Silence and teaching us by telepathy.

Oh, yes, but this is art, you say; not creation. Man is working in dead matter. True, but he is beginning to work in living matter. Hasn't he improved on himself until his mind and body show the work of unfolding mind? Man was never as healthy and happy and beautiful as he is to-day. Has not the horse been trained into a thing of beauty? You also know that Luther Burbank has created the seedless apple and the plumcot. The plum was bred to the apricot, and the result was the plumcot. Man is just beginning to work in living matter, and has only learned the alphabet of mind.

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