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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind

GLORY



*"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory
of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for
one star differeth from another star in glory."—1 Cor. 15:41.*



So also is the resurrection of the dead.
It is sown in corruption.
It is raised in incorruption
It is sown in dishonor.
It is raised in glory.
It is sown in weakness.
It is raised in power.
It is sown a psychic body.
It is raised a pneumatic body.
There is psychic body.
And there is a pneumatic body.
The first Adam was a living soul (psyche).
The last Adam was a life-giving spirit (pneuma).
The first man is of the earth, earthy.
The second man is the Lord from heaven.
The second man is the first man glorified.



ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** I do not receive callers.

*** This means you and your sister, your cousin and your aunt.

*** If there were only one of you it would be different, but there are thousands.

*** Denver is both a winter and a summer resort for tourists, and my bell would be ringing all the time.

*** People by the hundreds continue to write me asking to be made an exception to this rule, thinking that they are it.

*** I'm sorry, but all numbers of CHRISTIAN for February, March and April are out of print. The treatments did the work. This number will be gone in a month.

*** The worst thing you can do is to write me long letters about your troubles. It only helps to fasten these thoughts in your mind. I didn't mean for you to do your dumping in writing.

*** A brief, pointed business statement of what you want to get rid of and what you want to get in its place is all that is necessary. Long letters are a weariness to your flesh and to mine.

*** Joyful expectation is all right in some cases, while in others utter indifference is the better attitude of mind. I give the treatments according to your temperament. If you need push I give it without stint; if you need poise I speak peace.

*** Christians, you are getting an individuality of your own. I can tell it by your vibrations when compared to new ones who come into the fold. There is an independent, positive, stand-on-your-own-feet vibration about those who have been reading CHRISTIAN a long time. It means that you are being individualized.

*** In going away for only two or three months in the summer don't change your address. I had rather send you extra papers than to disturb your name on regular list, but you had better have your paper forwarded, as it will only cost you one cent. And don't drop out of the Circle for the summer. It is not good policy and I want something to do, see? Pay up for the summer months, and look pleasant! Let us have a glorious summer.

*** People get what they seek as a general thing. I asked for five dollars a month and am getting it. Christian Science healers ask for five dollars a day and get it. One of my new patients says that she paid out four hundred dollars to her healer. Think of it! Four hundred dollars in one year, and yet some people tie a string to one dollar a month when they send it to me. But not many of them do it now. Five is all right. It is the business half of twelve and stands for success and financial freedom.

*** In April *Nautilus* the editor, Elizabeth Lois Towne, turns preacher. She makes a tiptop sermon. It is a running comment on the Sermon on the Mount. It rings true. You didn't know her middle name was Lois? Well, it is, and Lois is almost the prettiest name in the world. It is not quite, for Blanche is the prettiest

name in all the world. That sermon on *the Sermon* is worth reading and if you don't take the *Nautilus* send ten cents for the April number. There are other good things-in the *Nautilus* that you get for your ten cents.

*** I don't bless handkerchiefs. People have sent me handkerchiefs to bless. I couldn't do it for love or money. The blessing in CHRISTIAN is in the words spoken into it, and not in the material paper. Let us get away from superstition. It is a folly of the heathen. "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." The name of your Savior is The Word of God. Keep away from fads and fancies and let the Spoken Word sink into your mind and lift your body into health and wholeness. There is no virtue in a fetish. Get into mental vibrations.

*** There has been a great excitement among the Christians over my demand for miracles in last CHRISTIAN. All, however, agree with me that the new creation, called regeneration, demands a miracle just as much as the old creation demanded one. God had to speak man into existence. He didn't just happen to start of his own volition. To believe that is indeed a miracle of mind. No mind can believe it. Man is the spoken word of God and to be re-created or re-generated God must speak a new Word. Paul calls it, "begotten by the word of Truth." That's right.

*** A good woman writes: "Your miracles do not cause any disturbance in my mind, for I know of many mental miracles which you have performed right here in my own town." That is true. I could fill a big book with cases where the Spoken Word has worked wonders in men, women and children. But let the Word speak for itself. We do not want hearsay, but life and health in our own minds and bodies. And above all we want the direct touch of the Divine Mind in us, a full and complete unfoldment. The old thought has lasted long enough, for it has served its purpose. "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."

*** Full information is given on last page, but new readers often ask for further explanations. The only book I have in print is "I Am Sermons," a cloth bound book which retails at fifty cents. Two copies of this book will be given for every dollar sent for treatments unless you ask for a subscription to CHRISTIAN for your dollar. The book will soon be out of print and will never be republished. There are now only about one thousand copies left out of ten thousand. When you send in names for subscriptions be sure to get permission to do so and inform the recipient that the year's subscription is given with your compliments. In this way the Christians are circulating CHRISTIAN and making new Christians while receiving treatments.

*** "My attention has been called to a recent editorial in your columns, ostensibly a reply to a question on the part of one of your correspondents, bearing upon the subject of Spiritualism. The similarity of diction in both question and answer would

lead any logician to the conclusion that they were both the products of one and the same highly inspired brain."

This is the beginning of a long article. Of course when a man starts out by calling me a liar and a fraud there is no chance for any good to come out of a controversy. He says my question and my answer were both written by myself. In other words, I made up the question in order to answer it. I quoted from a long letter written by a young lady who is a patient of mine. She has since thanked me for casting out the devils and setting her soul free from the madness of the moonshine. I know as much about Spiritualism, ancient and modern, as any other man on this earth. That may sound like egotism or just common vanity, but it isn't. I have not only read all that has been written, but have explored the moonshine. I still affirm that no good has ever come from the investigations of Spiritualism. It is all in the psychic and the psychic is not the Spiritual. Flammarion in his last book begins to explore the real Spiritual world. He is dealing with mysterious forces instead of trying to talk to persons. The psychic is the intermediate world between the physical and spiritual. All religion is in the psychic. Jesus Christ was speaking from the Spiritual and so ordered the devils to keep their mouths shut. He stopped their chatter with a word of command. Religionists of all schools are ready to crucify any Christ that comes along speaking from the Spirit. Just as long as a man chatters religion and deals in emotion he is safe, but let him speak from that clear realm of Spirit and all the devils in hell set up a howl. It is all right. There isn't anything wrong in the universe. Everything reaches its own level, but your mind must be born again before you can see the Kingdom of God.

*** Abraham Lincoln said: "This war is being fought over our heads." The idea was not original, for Paul had warned the Ephesians to "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The literal translation of that last statement is "against wicked spirits in the regions of the air." Physical scientists tell us that the air is full of living things called microbes. Paul calls them "wicked spirits" and declares they are divided into principalities and powers. In casting them out of mortals Jesus Christ calls them "unclean spirits." After twenty years' investigation of psychic phenomena the New Testament is as clear to me as the sunlight. There are mighty spirits called angels and unclean spirits called devils. It is not imagination, but facts as they exist in the universe. We have shouted "All is Good," "There is no hell," "There are no devils," until we almost believe the lies. This earth is hell and every child born into mortality is born into hell. Just as soon as your eyes and ears

are open to the psychic you are in the battle of the vibrations. Indians, burglars, whoremongers and all the liars in hell are ready to enter your brain and amuse themselves with your fears and hopes. Do you think the psychic is different from the physical? Lions, tigers, wolves, serpents, eagles, hawks, are on the earth and in the air. It is an order or disorder of the universe. Do I not see? Have I not known these things by actual experience? Am I not a mental doctor dealing every day with unclean spirits? You say they are only thoughts. Yes, yes, but you have been saying that "thoughts are things" and if so maybe they are living beings. What is a spirit? A spirit is a point of intelligence projected from the sun. These points of intelligence live in the air waiting on the law of attraction for incarnation. Many of these points are unclean and need washing or purifying by fire. This thing of investigating the science of being is not child's play. It takes power from on High to enable one to walk in the psychic. There is a Holy Spirit ready to help you out of your diseased and dying condition. I AM the resurrection and the life. You need it. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power." The first death is physical and we think it horrible, but the second death is mental and the horror of it is hell, a lake of fire and brimstone in the brain. You will have to call on Jesus Christ or else call on the rocks and mountains to fall on you and hide you from the face of the Lamb. There is no help from an Indian chief or the mutterings and lies of unclean spirits. "Holy! Holy! art thou, Lord God Almighty!" Life is not a mere idle thing, an accident of time and chance. It means something.

*** In this battle of the vibrations you are not to fight as with a gun or a club. Paul puts it in these words, "So fight I, not as one that beatech the air." There are too many air beaters, people who work themselves into a frenzy in their efforts to get out of the wilderness. Truth is poised. Watch Jesus Christ deal with diseases and devils. He is never in a hurry, never excited, never anxious, although exhibiting powerful emotions. You always feel that he has a powerful reserve force, that what he does is done with ease and by almost a passive effort. How else could one deal with devils? The poor devils knew Jesus and called out in fear the name of the Christ. He treated them with tenderness, and sometimes granted their prayers. Jesus Christ recognized diseases and unclean spirits as one in principle and so commanded order to take the place of disorder in mind and body. The point I want you to fix in your mind is the fact that Jesus was not confused or disturbed in the presence of disease, death or the devil. He was in command of the Force which rules the universe, or the Force which rules the universe was in command of Jesus. That is better, for he did not claim it as his own or exercise it by his own authority. He had the authority, but it was given by All Authority.

When that authority was taken away he was surprised and cried out in anguish. God gave him into the hands of men and made a spectacle of the man who had raised the dead. It is the greatest lesson of all. "And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple and buildest it in three days, save thyself, and come down from the cross. Likewise all the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes. He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend from the cross, that we may see and believe." O thou mighty Man on the cross! I have watched you for twenty centuries and still I wonder at your sublime courage. I saw you come up from the grave and I heard your calm words: "All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth," and then I understood the silence of the cross and the matchless courage of that sublime silence. And yet I go and sit for hours at the foot of that cross and listen to the men and devils jeering you and taunting you to do some foolish thing. But you never did it. Not one foolish thing in all your life. You settled that matter with the devil in the wilderness when he suggested all kinds of foolishness in the use of your power, such as turning stones into bread, casting yourself from the pinnacle of the temple, or raising an army to conquer the world. You could never have conquered me with an army, but you have won me forever with your wisdom and love. I surrender! All my opposition is gone! I kiss your feet! I kiss your hands! I kiss the ground that received your blood. I give my free spirit to you, my Father and my Friend, but you could never have won me by the methods of the devil. I would have remained an unchained and unconquered spirit in spite of your soldiers and miracles. But when you refuse to use violence, meekly submit to the mob, holding up your head to pray for your enemies, I can't keep back my heart. It is yours, O thou Son of God and Savior of the world!

*** "There are three kinds of happiness," says Lyman Abbott, "pleasure, joy and blessedness. Pleasure is the happiness of the animal nature; joy, of the social nature; blessedness, of the spiritual nature. Pleasure we share with the animals; joy, with one another; blessedness with God. These three types of happiness are not inconsistent. One may have them all. God does not require us to choose." This is the science of being. Herbert Spencer said that first of all it is essential that we be a good animal. In clairvoyance I saw only cattle, great droves of cattle, while I was in an uncertain state of mind. After finding my wife the cattle went out of my vision and I began to see horses. In symbols—the universal language—cattle are people, just ordinary mortals. Horses are ideas, thoughts, the truth. In trying to crucify the animal nature you not only destroy your pleasure, but you disturb the joy of the mind and hinder the blessedness of the Spirit. The pleasure is gross and sensual unless it is mixed with joy and blessedness. This thought runs all through the

New Testament. Paul exalts the married woman to the highest place in the universe by making her the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Support of the Truth. He exhorts husbands to love their wives even as Christ loved the Church. In speaking of the marriage relation he calls it the great mystery of Christ and the Church. In the last book of the New Testament John pictures the City of God as a Bride adorned for her Husband. I hint at the same thought in last chapter of my "I AM Sermons," and I wrote the chapter before I met my mate. Now I know. The pleasure of the animal nature in us is made ecstatic by the joy of the mind and glorified by the blessedness of the Spirit. And this is life everlasting. The body, mind and spirit will abide forever. The point of intelligence projected from the sun is male and female, the very image and likeness of God Almighty. The mind is separated into a male and a female for experience and unfoldment, but in regeneration mates become one "and the twain shall be one flesh." If there is a literal eating of each other's flesh and drinking of each other's blood, the two are one in electric vibration, one in magnetic attraction, and so become one in feeling, in thought and in blessedness, for they live and move in the one God. Pleasure of the animal nature is attraction and repulsion until it is mixed with the joy of the mind and the blessedness of the Spirit. An ascension into the higher vibrations does away with repulsion. There is no coming and going, ebbing and flowing, but the peace of God which passeth understanding. Understanding is only the middle or mind vibration. The peace of God is in the third place of blessedness. The old thought was that you had to deny one to get the other. Spirit says that "all things shall be added unto you" in the Kingdom of God. What are the all things? All of the animal vibration. You will be alive from the tips of your toes to the tips of your fingers. Alive with all the life of the universe. You will vibrate with every movement of life from the sap in the trees to the glory and majesty of manhood. All of the social life. All of the joy and fellowship of minds. Not the little envy and jealousy of mortals, but that wonderful fellowship of equals. Mind coming in contact with mind. Thought flashing with thought and all the joy of human association. But happiness does not stop here, for it includes the blessedness of spiritual attraction. You hold communion with God. I don't mean worship. I mean fellowship with God. That association which brings you into communication with your higher self. You have no fear of God. Perfect love has cast out all fear. Now, how can you have one of these elements of happiness to the exclusion of the other two? If you give yourself up to animal pleasures you soon find yourself in misery. If you give yourself up to blessedness to the exclusion of animal pleasure and social joy, you will find yourself a fanatic. Your mind is unbalanced. God intended us to have the whole thing. We are bodies with sensations of pleasure. We are minds calling for mental associations. We are Spirits calling for communion with God. The invitation is: "Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

EYE TO EYE.

*** I'm not looking for trouble.

*** The man who goes out hunting trouble is pretty sure to find it.

*** But trouble sometimes comes to a man when he is not looking for it.

*** I mentioned the word socialism not long since and my desk was covered with socialistic literature.

*** The very word socialism is a red rag to a mad bull and the man who makes use of the word will get into a controversy.

*** I shall never use the word any more if I can help it, and I want to tell you I am well posted on ancient and modern Socialism.

*** One of the bombs, exploded in Denver several years ago, shook my house and rattled my desk, and my stenographer stumbled over one of the dead man's legs as she ran out with the crowd to the vacant lot less than two squares from my residence.

*** All that I can say to you Christians is that you had better practice non-resistance in your minds and in every other way. The Socialistic war is at hand and dynamite and other means of destruction will blow a part of this world into smithereens.

*** You can get into the war or stay out of it. It all depends upon your thoughts in regard to matters. "Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh!" It takes two to make a quarrel; don't be one of the two.

*** One of my critics said he didn't want me to introduce politics in CHRISTIAN. There is no danger. I have gone out of politics. I have left the world. Safety comes through sanity and mortal mind is insane. Let them fight it out among themselves. Christians must ascend into higher vibrations.

*** I stumbled onto trouble the other day by using the word Spiritualism while advising a crazy woman to let it alone. A flood of Spiritualistic literature and letters of advice and criticism have come to me. If I had only used the words psychic phenomena there would have been no trouble. It was the unfortunate word that I used, for the fighters on both sides of Spiritualism the same as on both sides of Socialism are cocked and primed ready for battle. This is one reason why you should be yourself and keep out of all isms and parties and sects.

*** I have been investigating Spiritualism and Socialism and all other branches of thought for forty solid years of close study. I ought to know something about that which this world is thinking and has thought on these subjects. Forty years is a long time for a close student to stick to his studies. For two years my wife and I have devoted several hours every day to the investigations of psychic research. I have bought and read aloud to her all of the best books on the subject. She has had

much experience in that line of research. We shut ourselves up in a room where we will not be disturbed while reading ancient and modern literature on this subject.

*** The very last book was "The Psychic Riddle," by Isaac K. Funk, D. D., LL. D. The book can be had for one dollar by addressing Funk and Wagnalls Co., 44 East Twenty-third St., New York City. It was printed in February of this year and everything is brought down to date. I have known Dr. Funk all my life as he is only ten years my senior. He is an honest man and a wise investigator. At the present time I stand exactly where he does in regard to Spiritualism. I know that there is a Spirit and that I am in constant communication with this Universal Intelligence. There is no question in my mind in regard to my own divinity. I know that I am a spirit and that I communicate with the world of Spirit. This is proved to me every day of the world.

*** What, then, is the matter with my mind that hinders me from becoming a spiritualist in the sectarian sense of the word? I am an individualist and will not connect myself with anybody or anything. What is to hinder me from becoming a spiritualist in the scientific sense of the word? Because it has not been scientifically demonstrated that the dead return and communicate with the living. I have had voices to call themselves by the names of my friends, but they didn't furnish sufficient proof of identity. Dr. Funk says that the proof of identity is still lacking. Let us keep calm and serene and weigh everything in the balance of reason. Emotion, fear, family feeling, are not the very best conditions to invoke in a scientific investigation. They are the very worst conditions that you could possibly assume if you want the truth.

*** I will be that I will to be is the name of the Spirit, and if that is the name of the Spirit why can't the spirits assume the same attitude and be whoever they will to be in their communications with you? I know that what I thought was a spirit called itself Florence just to please me. That was years ago and this spirit told me all about the death of Florence's mother. It was to all appearance Florence talking to me about her mother. This was ten years ago, and last year, to my utter astonishment, I got a letter from Florence's mother, and she is now enrolled as one of you Christians. She is not dead by a long shot. I have had years and years of experience with these "spirits" and I know they will lie every time they think it will please you. They are the biggest liars that ever I had anything to do with, and I have tackled a good many big liars in the flesh. There is a psychic science underlying the whole thing, but you can never get it from your dead grandmother.

*** The everlasting Spirit will not lie. God is the truth. Thoughts and words never die, but are forever photographed in the psychic atmosphere. Therefore the sensitive can call up these thoughts and pictures of the past and make it appear as if the

dead had returned, but if you do not want to be deceived and mocked and made a fool of, you had better go to the Spirit for all of your information. The little book called the New Testament is as straight as a string. The devils are just as much in evidence now as they were in the day when Jesus cast them out of people. You may call them spirits or thoughts, but the effects are just the same. Now don't you see you had better not go out into that world of the psychic unarmed and alone? You had just as well go out into a pack of hungry wolves. It takes a man armed and equipped with spiritual weapons to explore the psychic wilderness. I am talking from personal experience and fearful sufferings. If I had not had on some of the armor of God you would not be reading after me. I would have been in, what the printers call, the "hell box." Do you wonder that I tell my little sisters to keep out of this wilderness?

*** The mental world is more dangerous to the untrained mind than the physical wilderness to the unprotected body. I do not say this to excite your fear. It is a statement of facts. You will find enough mental trouble right here in the mortal life without seeking it in the unseen. Men who are strong in mind and sincere in purpose are exploring the psychic. They are making a map of the mental world. After awhile you can look at that map and find all of the rivers and oceans and continents plainly marked. These men are going at this work and have been at it for many years in a scientific way. Such men are not to be turned aside by emotion or religion and they are not to be scared away by ghosts or devils. I am closely watching every move these men are making. I will report to you from time to time, but in the future will be careful not to use the word Spiritualism. I want to excite your interest, but not your criticism. I am just as anxious to get at the truth as you are, but don't you think we had better change our method? So far there has been nothing obtained from the unseen that is worth the trouble. I have no desire to communicate with the dead. I am asking the source of life for the resurrection of the mind and regeneration of the body.

*** In the case of the supposed spirit of Florence, it did look as if proof of personal identity was complete. We talked for years about incidents of school and college, known only to ourselves. She had been my schoolmate and her mother was a mother to me when I needed one. I thought I was holding daily converse with the spirit of my friend. I asked about her mother and she told me all the particulars of her death and gave me the name of the town. I wrote the mother and the letter was returned to me from the dead letter office. I kept on talking to Florence, and, ten years afterwards, received a letter from her aged mother. It proved to me conclusively that Florence was in my own mind. When we got to themes of which I knew nothing, she knew nothing, and the spook in my own mind made up a lie to cover her ignorance. There was no other intelligence outside of my own mind.

Therefore, the mental world and the spirit world are not the same. The mental world is in your own brain and the "spirits" there are your own thoughts. It is a wonderful world, but it is not the spirit world. The realm of spirit is the universe of psychic forces, the great thought world of God. The mind of the Spirit is not the mind of the flesh. I cast out Florence and all other ghosts and began holding converse with the I AM that I AM, the Spirit of Nature, the Word of God. I have not heard the "voices" for many years and the one Voice becomes clearer and dearer as I unfold into my own divinity.

*** I can't make up my mind there are any dead. Jesus Christ says that the dead are not dead, but already stand up. "Stand up" is the literal translation of the Greek word for resurrection. "I AM the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob," means that these men are now standing up in their own personality, for "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him." When God has given a man name and place he is forever recognized by this name. He may be known for a time by some other name as Elijah by the name of John the Baptist, but when out of that incarnation he resumes his older and mightier name of Elijah. As John the Baptist, Elijah was beheaded, but he appears with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration as Elijah. How much do I really know? I know that I am a spirit and have passed through many incarnations. I know that my wife is a spirit and that we have been seeking each other for many generations. I know that, having found each other, we are through with our births and deaths and will prove it by regeneration. The coming of the children is a part of our unfoldment, for they also are pilgrim spirits on their way to perfection. The resurrection comes through births and deaths and there is a place where you will reach perfection. Hebrews, 12:23, reads about right: "To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Spirits of just men made perfect are not operating through moon mediums. God is dealing in perfection. He would not be God if he dealt in anything less than perfection. "Be ye perfect, even as your Heavenly Father is perfect." I'm not aiming for anything less than perfection of mind and body. There is a divinity in humanity that will never be satisfied until the highest unfoldment is reached. A pure mind in a perfect body is destiny.

*** In March, 1903, I made a statement of being, which was read and accepted by my readers as the whole truth. I said that man was a point of intelligence projected from the sun, that this immortal seed was male and female and was left here to unfold into dominion and power. You who have files can turn to it and I suppose all of you remember that I published an endorsement of the statement from George Edwin Burnell. The other day I ran across

this statement from actual experiments in physical science, showing that I got the idea in advance:

"Biologists having failed to prove any case of spontaneous generation, Prof. Svante Arrhenius is attracted by the idea that all life has had a common origin, and has spread from the single source to many worlds. The discovery of the pressure of light has added probability to panspermy, which teaches that life germs are conveyed through interstellar space. At the railway speed of 37 miles an hour a body would occupy 150 years in going from the earth to Mars and 70,000,000,000 years in traversing the distance to the nearest fixed star, but with the pressure of radiation as motive power the journeys might be reduced to 20 days and 9,000 years respectively. Even these seem long intervals for germs and spores to survive the dryness, cold and light. Recent investigations indicate, however, that some germs are proof against any cold, that the action of light is oxidation and is absent in a vacuum, that the loss of vitality in the cold of space would be 1,000,000,000 times less rapid than at 50 degrees F., and that desiccation would be no greater in millions of years than in one day at 50 degrees. Hence it may be that interstellar space is traversed at enormous speed by living germs that develop life on reaching favorable planets."

Man came from manseed and monkey came from monkeyseed. In all creation each seed brings forth after its kind. The idea is in the sun and is carried through space to the planet prepared for it. The thoughts of God are alive.

*** There are wonderful forces at work in the unseen and all of the book of Revelation has not been fulfilled. Spirit is taking care of the business and you may rest assured that all of God's plans are perfected. Here comes the great prophet, Tolstoi, speaking words of wisdom:

"Count Leo Tolstoi has written a letter to Paul Sabatier, apropos of the latter's recent book on the disestablishment of the church in France, in which the famous Russian author predicts the possible reduction of all the Christian countries of the West to a state of vassalage to the Japanese and other Oriental peoples. He bases his prediction upon the ground that it is only in the Orient that religion and patriotism are synonymous. In this letter Count Tolstoi displays all his old-time vigor of style and clearness of ideas. He says, in part:

"Religion is truth and goodness; the church falsehood and evil. I tell you frankly I cannot agree with those who believe the church is an organization indispensable for religion. The church has ever been a cruel and lying institution, which, in seeking for temporal advantages, has perverted and distorted the true Christian doctrine. All the concordats have been for it nothing but compacts with the state whereby the church supported the state in return for specific material advantages.

"Christianity has ever been simply a pretext for the church. I may be told that there have been, and still are, in the Catholic world men and women of holy life; but I answer that these sainted lives are not due to the church, but rather in spite of the church.

"In spite of all the efforts of church and state to unite the two principles, true Christianity (love, humility and kindness) and that of the state (physical force and violence), the contradiction has become in our time so flagrant that a solution is bound to come.

"Several symptoms prove this:

"First, the religious movement is not confined to France, but exists in all Christian countries; second, the revolution in Russia; third, the extraordinary military and industrial progress which is manifesting itself in the Orient, in China, and especially in Japan. The present religious movement which is going on not only in Catholic countries, but in the whole world, is, I believe, nothing but the unrest accompanying the exit from the dilemma."

Yes, yes, that is it. The unrest accompanying the exit from the dilemma. There is an agitation among white men, led by the premier of Great Britain, demanding disarmament and the cessation of war. The white man will not be conquered by the yellow man, but will lead the way to universal peace on earth and good will to men. Christianity will be received and accepted as a science, the science of life.

*** There is a wonderful lesson in the fifteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. I give you part of it on the first page. In the marginal reading of the Revised Version you will find the statement that the Greek word Paul writes is psychic or psychical, when speaking of the body. Our word "natural" does not convey the right meaning. The spiritual or pneumatic body is as natural as the mortal or soul body. He does not say the natural body, but the psychic or psychical body in contrast with the spiritual or pneumatic body. This age is the Age of Air, and, therefore, it is well to get a clear distinction in our minds. The writers of the Bible did not make any mistakes in the right use of pivotal words. The word psyche always means the soul or mind of mortal life. When it says that so many souls perished, it means the ordinary life, the mortal mind of so many individuals perished. So Paul declares that the first man Adam was not an immortal but only a living soul. He had a psychic body, just like all other mortals. But he also declares that the last man Adam was a life-giving spirit, and, therefore, in possession of a pneumatic body that was immortal. The word for spirit is not psyche but pneuma. Psychic is soul, just ordinary life such as animals possess. Pneuma is spirit, the life of God. As we have borne the image of the psychic, we shall also bear the image of the pneumatic. Does your mind run to the pneumatic tire of the automobile? No matter, my beloved, this is the Air Age. What does that mean? It means the Electric Age. It is the hour of the Resurrection from dead matter and mortal mind. It is the time for a pneumatic body free from disease and death. In my unfoldment I have had years of experience with my pneumatic body. I used to be in a recumbent position and was carried through the air. Since this year began I have traveled independently with my body perpendicular and under my own control. I only want to call your attention to the fact that psychic phenomena are not pneumatic or spiritual phenomena. You pass out of the psychical into the spiritual, but both are perfectly natural.

AUTHORITY AND ACTIVITY.

Let us continue the theme of last month.

You may not believe it or perceive it, but the essay last month on "A Man Under Authority" was an investigation of psychic phenomena. When I promised you a review of psychic phenomena I thought it would be in the occult and subjective, but Spirit has led me in another direction.

What is human history but psychic phenomena? The word psychic is from the Greek *psyche*, the soul, the life. Therefore, psychic phenomena are the life of the soul, the manifestations of the individual.

If we would know the whole we must begin with the parts. Material science has been dealing with atoms, germs, electrodes. They are doing a good work by analyzing matter, by dissecting and inspecting material. It has all helped us to know. And knowledge is power. Let material science go on with the scalpel, the probe, the microscope, the retort, until they know every atom of matter. It is all right. Pull down this house of clay and examine the stuff out of which it was erected. The more we know the better for us.

In the meantime let us not forget the inhabitant, the occupant of this dirt-dauber's nest. There is nothing great in the universe but mind. Man is mind, and we can never understand man until we know mind. You can't know mind by studying matter. It takes mind to analyze and master matter. Can the mind which masters turn on itself and come into a knowledge of its own action? I think so. At least it is worth the effort.

What do we see in human history but the action of mind? There is nothing else in action. Life is inherent in Spirit and life is activity. Then the actions and desires of man must spring from spirit, the soul. In watching the surface action only we fail to catch the real meaning. Let us go a little deeper. These ripples and waves on the surface have a foundation in the depths of the ocean of being.

We are forever dealing with surface actions. In our efforts to save souls from sin we lose sight of the soul and the sin.

What is a desire for strong drink? You raise your voice and screech out that it is a disgusting sin. You even take your hatchet and smash saloon furniture. You froth and foam and keep up an agitation century after century without ever stopping to analyze the soul and the sin. What is the cause of it? A depraved appetite, you say. But what is the cause for this depravity? There are no sensations or desires in the flesh. No one ever heard of a dead man being hungry, thirsty or ambitious. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." A living man only has desires and activity, and as the spirit is life all desire must originate in Spirit.

What, then, makes the soul thirst for strong drink? *It is the soul seeking satisfaction.* And let me tell you right now that

you can't head it off by restrictions and prohibitions. The soul will have what it wants in spite of hell and high tariff. The more you browbeat and abuse the soul for sinning the more it will sin. "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine to those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." That is what the soul is seeking, satisfaction or oblivion. Reformers are fools or fanatics, as a general thing. Before you undertake to save a soul you had better find out what it is. A man is not allowed to practice medicine until he knows something about the human body. It seems to me that soul saviours should know the soul. When you are dealing with souls and sin you are touching infinity and eternity.

Then why this other thirst for authority? It is worse than the taste for intoxicants. The sin of ambition is universal, while intemperance is only accidental and exceptional. Is it a sin? Is there any such thing as sin? Is evil inherent? If so, we can never heal it. Sin means "to miss the mark," as when the marksman shoots at a mark. What is the mark? The soul's satisfaction. The mind's authority and power over environment. Of course we have missed the mark. All of us except One, and he challenged the soul saviours in these wonderful words: "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" There was One who never missed the mark. And he had authority over all flesh and over all objective environment. Moreover, he had the power of an endless life. O you foolish reformers! You are missing the mark!

The movement of martial music! It catches all of us. Every heart beats faster and every soul thrills with the march of men. There is applause for "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie." The hat comes off at the "Star Spangled Banner," and the blood leaps at the music of "The Marseillaise." It is in our very bones. Is it patriotism? No, it is soulism. The march of an army, the movement of millions of men, armed and equipped, and keeping step to martial music, will stir the heart of a saint. And to have all these men, all this power, under the orders of one man! Who is proof against the sin of such an ambition? And what is the science of it? What is beneath the universal ambition to attain or assume authority? What is it?

It is activity.

Life is action. Authority is action, movement, the sense of power. That's all. The movement of men is more thrilling than the mere movement of ponderable matter. Hence, the game of war.

We are so moved by movement that in time of peace we patronize football, horse-racing and prizefighting. There must be something doing. Then comes racing of yachts and automobiles. And the automobile itself is the result of our craving for movement, the action of power. I was disgusted with the automobile while looking on from the sidewalk. Then I began riding in one, and no sooner had I felt the move-

ment than the desire got hold of me to turn the thing loose. Put on all the power and let her go! It is bred in our bones, beloved, and we had as well study the phenomena and get at the science of it.

What is music but movement, the onward, rhythmic march of power? The masters of music know how to stir the soul by putting on all of the power. The greater the action the mightier is the music. We want to see power in action. Stir us to the depths by the action of the mind.

The human voice in action is the key to our hunger for grand opera. The compass, the expansion, of the vocal powers, is our delight. It is activity. And love! What is love but the action of the emotions? The soul, in seeking satisfaction, loves, and is lifted on the wings of the morning into the very realms of mighty activity. Love to the soul is the highest activity. It is the motive of art, and the power behind all artistic achievement. And what is love but God in action, for God is love.

The field of glory is the field of love. It is to please women that men go to war. From the knight of old to the soldiers of the hour the ambition is to parade before women. As the male animal struts in pride and fights with his fellows for possession of the females of the herd, so men go forth to the field of glory. It is in us. In all of us who are natural men. War has developed courage and manhood in men just like it has developed strength and courage among animals. Look at the stag, the bull, the stallion. They are ready to fight to a finish any and all of their kind who dispute their authority.

Let us get down to the science of sovereignty. It is sex, it is life, it is activity. The old and senile only fight over their battles in memory. They are no longer active agents in the affairs of life. When desire fails, man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. It is life that is dominant for life is activity. And shall we call this activity sin? Yes, when it misses the mark. If man fails in absolute sovereignty over the earth his failure is sin. He has missed the mark. Then we had better stop fighting for sovereignty over each other. We had better stop wasting our substance in riotous living. We had better not experiment with the soul in trying to suppress desire and curb ambition. Better to miss the mark than not to shoot at all. How can we learn to shoot unless we waste a little ammunition in practice? Sin is exercising our right to shoot at the mark.

The history of humanity is the history of wars. "The pomp and circumstance" of war appealed to our natural vanity and brought out our latent sovereignty. The male human is the vainest creature in the universe. The female can't hold a candle to him for vanity. She is vain, of course she is, but her vanity turns toward adornment, while man is vain of everything. Man has made all the high sounding titles for himself and is inventing new ones right along. He is an Elk and an Eagle, a Mason and an Oddfellow, a Knight of Pythias and a Knight Templar, a Shiner

and a Shriner all the time. And the high-muck-a-muck titles he has invented for himself! He likes to hear the sonorous words of rank, and if he can get out on parade and show himself to the women, his cup of bliss is full and running over. Bless him! He is all right. He is just trying to be Somebody. Let him parade! Let him swell with pride and puff out with pomp. He is learning to be. It is activity, even if it is assinine.

What is the science of it?

That God has let us experiment and unfold in this mortal life, which is no more real life than the playing of children. Why of course it isn't real life. Do you suppose that God would trust such idiots as we are with real life? Certainly the Father would not let us take a real life, to shoot a real man. That would be awful. How could a man retain his senses after shooting a real man? It would drive any man of thought insane to know that he had killed a man. God is letting us experiment in the world of dreams, of shadows. No man would risk his real life as we do. Deep down in us we know that this mortal life is not real. We feel it in ourselves and see it in others. Therefore, we place little value on mortal life, because the Maker has placed little value on it. Mind is the only immortal principle of being. You can't kill mind. God has not placed anything in our hands that we can permanently mar. He would not give us indestructible playthings. That which can be destroyed is transient and for use only so far as it unfolds the mind.

We can get down to the science of being when we eliminate religion. What is our religion but war? It is conquest and the leading religions have been established and upheld by the bayonet. The different religions are making war on each other like so many warlike tribes among savages. The history of religion is the history of controversy. Controversy carried on by fire and fagot, the stake and the cross. There is no science in religion and no religion in science. Christianity is not a religion, never was a religion, and never can be a religion. It is Science. Christ said worship God in your own soul, and do this in the silence. There is neither prayer, ritual or ecclesiasticism in Christianity. It is the resurrection of the individual, a birth of a new man into the realm of the real. Then all our seeking for authority means the sovereignty of the individual. Not a vestige of opposition will be left. You are to be in full authority over yourself. Authority over your own environment is what it means.

How?

In the realm of reality. Where is that realm? It is in the mind. It is a mental movement, an activity of the mind. Men have just now begun to operate in the realm of mind. Heretofore we were afraid of God. Even the idea of a ghost would scare us. When we did approach God it was as a religious suppliant. The God of religion is an invisible emperor, who is like the visible emperor, full of tyranny and despotism. This God of religion is a human despot

idealized. There is nothing in him that the priests did not put in for their own private graft. They wanted to scare the visible autocrat, so they set up an invisible throne. It served a good purpose, for many a tyrant has been scared out of his boots by this scarecrow of religion. When it comes to enforcing the edicts of their God the religionists have kept pace, if not a little in the lead, of the visible monarchs. They have had the power of life and death for a long time. But the day of religion is over. Science has pulled the stuffing out of their doll. Thought has exposed the trick and turned the light on the mental idol.

The other day a good woman came into my office and talked religion in what she thought was a scientific way. I said quietly and in a very unconcerned voice: "Christianity is not a religion. There is no such thing as the Christian religion. Christianity is a protest against religion. Religion tried to kill the Christ and would have succeeded if Christ had been a religionist. But the Christ, being a Scientist, defied religion and told them that he would take down the temple (the body) and rebuild it in three days. Religion, my dear woman, is the wickedest thing in the world." She did not answer, but sat in deep silence. I also was silent; so still was it that you could hear the tick of the clock. After a while she looked at me with a far off look and arose to go, saying, "I see it! I'm free."

That's all! There is nothing in your way but the artificial, the unreality of mortal mind. Religion is a scheme of the mind to get possession of the souls of men, as war is a scheme to get hold of their bodies. Why did Moses give the Israelites that system of religion with its altars and sacrifices, its rites and ceremonies, its priests and its parasites? Just as you give your children something to play with, and make believe they are doing something. It opened to the Jews a sphere of activity. It was an education. The whole thing was transient. The orthodox Jews have long since given it up. Paul said it was a veil over the face to shut out the glory of the real. He declares that in looking to the Christ the veil is taken away. And so should it have been with all religion, but the apostles thought they must have something to take the place of the old, so they substituted another institution which put another veil over the face, shutting out the glory of Spirit.

Christianity is the sovereignty over your own body through the resurrection and awakening of your mind. There is a mind beneath all this psychic phenomena which can, when awakened, lead captivity captive and give gifts unto men. You should exercise authority over your body. Every nerve, every drop of blood, every bone and muscle, should be under the authority of your mind. This is the Way. I must be master in my own house, and my house, the only one I own, is my body. Why should I be in confusion over my members, the members of my household? Are not my arms, legs, liver, lungs, kidneys, eyes, ears, stomach, members of my

household? Are they not mine? Or am I to be driven hither and thither by these servants? My body has no desire, no feeling, no sensation, and yet I am in distress night and day over the so called demands of this body. That is, I used to be until I learned better. Peace, be still! I, the mind, make all demands and have all desires. My demands, my commands, must be obeyed if I am one under authority. Mortal mind says that the members are in command. This has caused all of our disease, old age and death.

I am in command. There is no sovereign but Mind. My house is not divided. There is no confusion in my household. My feet, my hands, my head, all the members, are ready and anxious to obey my will. Mind is the king over all and all are ready to give homage to this sovereign. The body had been waiting for its sovereign. All the members have been waiting for some one to take command. How willingly they will obey the voice of Mind. In all these years the body has been torn and tangled, driven and bruised by that fool called mortal mind. The members didn't know which way to turn. The brain was worn out and driven desperate by conflicting thoughts. The nerves were worn threadbare by crosses and curses. There was no one "At Home" and so everything was down at the heels. It is a great day when One who knows takes command.

Authority and activity is the realm of the mind! What does it mean? It is the science of being. All these pointers in the history of humanity point in the right direction. It is the healing of all your diseases and the overcoming of all your enemies. The soul of man is immortal, and this means that he will know how to control his environment. It does not mean immortal matter. Such a thing is impossible. It means the recognition of immortal mind. I, the mind, will grow what I need for my own body, and keep on growing and adjusting day by day. It is perpetual life in living matter. I must have clear seeing and eyes that will be at my command and ready for use. I must have an ear that will hear within and without and an eye that will see objectively and subjectively. In a word, I must have clairbeing, so that I am alive and active in both worlds, the mental and material. My body must be vibrant with life and obedient to my every wish. It must walk on water, move through the air and be ever ready to respond to my will. This is authority. I don't want to rule over anybody but myself. But I do want to boss my own body. Life is not worth living if the liver can not be regulated at will. If I am to be driven hither and thither, by that other "law in my members" that wars against the law of my mind, I had as well be dead and damned and done with it. There is plenty of body stuff in the universe and there is no reason why I should not have a new one when I need it. All authority in heaven and earth is given unto me.

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