



## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* It is working all right.

\*\*\* The effort to double the circulation of CHRISTIAN.

\*\*\* It is really not an effort, but a vibration, a mental movement.

\*\*\* I began giving the treatments for this the first of the year, but did not say anything about it in the paper until mid-summer.

\*\*\* Before I had mentioned the matter in the paper people were at work calling for copies to circulate, and paying for subscriptions to send to other people.

\*\*\* There are really no "back numbers" of CHRISTIAN, for the treatments hold good forever. As long as there is a fragment of the paper left it will carry the message of mental healing.

\*\*\* I have been giving treatments to the paper each month, and these treatments have grown stronger and stronger as you can bear witness. You can have back numbers as far as May.

\*\*\* "I thank you for coming back to our good old style CHRISTIAN. It is like heart to heart talks to see what the others have to say. Your pupil, with your dollar."

The above is the whole letter, except the date line and signature.

\*\*\* "Thanks for your treating Mrs. B. and find enclosed five dollars. She is all right now, so discontinue the treatment."

That is the way I like to get reports. All acute cases of sickness should give way to treatments as soon as the vibrations are received.

\*\*\* "When I get another dollar I shall send it for treatments for Success."

This is a new reader, and one who does not understand that treatments for Success go right along with treatments for Health and Happiness. The treatments give you an uplift for mind, body and environment.

\*\*\* "I send you five dollars a month for the Circle of Christians, for I think you deserve it while paying third-class postage and leaving out advertisements."

Just such people have made CHRISTIAN independent, and will keep it in its own vibration of individuality. As you sow so shall you reap.

\*\*\* "I am glad you have gone back to quoting extracts from letters, for in that way I get answers to many questions that come up in my own mind, though I never send them to you. CHRISTIAN is improving every number, and I would not miss one issue for a great deal."

And so say we all.

\*\*\* "Got back to my old job again and want to climb a little higher."

The way to climb higher is to plant your feet firmly in the place where you are, and hold down your job as if it were the most important place in the world. Don't begin to grab for something above you and leave your feet dangling in the air.

\*\*\* "Oh, how good those last numbers of CHRISTIAN are! Seem to be better all the time. I always liked comments you made

on the letters, too, but I like CHRISTIAN anyway."

That's good! You people are making CHRISTIAN. It is getting to be a kind of condensation of your thoughts and aspirations.

\*\*\* "If at the expiration of the time paid for, it is not renewed, please stop."

I can't do it. There are two ways to keep a subscription list. One is to stop the paper at the expiration of the time paid for. The other is to wait for an order to stop. My rule is to wait for the order, and I find it works better than the other way. A postal card will stop it.

\*\*\* "Kindly send some of your vibrations my way for health and a good shaking up of the will power—am lazy."

You wouldn't expect such a letter to come from New York city, but it did. It is said that New Yorkers are always in a state of excitement and are forever on the move, or, rather, on the jump. This man complains of laziness. Laziness is not a disease, it is a habit.

\*\*\* "CHRISTIAN answers every need, and I have read and reread it several times. Everything it seems I have thought to ask has been answered, and there is a lull and quiet reigns throughout my whole being."

Thousands of people get their answers in the same way, for if they all asked questions there would be no room for the answers. In reading CHRISTIAN make it your own personal message.

\*\*\* "I have read CHRISTIAN ever since it was a little beginner out in Little Rock, but it seems to me that the last two numbers were stronger than ever before."

It was a little fellow down in Little Rock. Four small pages at twenty-five cents a year. But it is about the right size at present, and I hope it will never grow any larger in bulk, but that it will keep getting brighter and mightier in its vibrations.

\*\*\* "C. C. Post is dead. But before his death he had disposed of nearly all of his holdings to a company, and they are going to make great improvements in Sea Breeze."

So writes a correspondent. C. C. Post was the husband of Helen Wilms. She thought more of "Charlie" than of any person on the face of the earth. All good Christians will send her greetings and helpful thoughts in this her hour of loneliness.

\*\*\* "I prefer the straight style because your space is limited, and if you use many quotations that will be so much less solid writing of your own. The words which come from your own mind are instructive every one of them."

The above is from a practicing physician. My dear Doctor, the votes are all against you this month. You are the one lone high-wayman trying to hold up the quotations. You can't do it.

\*\*\* "I am very glad that you have returned to the old intimate and fascinating use of quotations and comments in the paper. The article in August CHRISTIAN was a wonderfully comprehensive view of the sweep of the race. It seemed to me the only answer I ever received to What Are we and where are we going?"

That editorial on the Revelation of Regeneration was a revelation to me. I see it much clearer than I expressed it.

\*\*\* "I don't know as I have any real cause for alarm, but don't feel well in the stomach, and my food does not digest."

Then quit eating it. It does more harm than good. Follow Shakespear's advice, and "let digestion wait on appetite." This means a real appetite, and not one created by stimulants. You need not fast and pray, but you can fast and wait until you are hungry, and it would not hurt you to pray if you know how to do it.

\*\*\* "I do not understand the Bible, but by reading CHRISTIAN I am beginning to see a faint glimmer of light. I never have been able to give it up. Some tell me it is because of my previous orthodox teachings, but in a way I never was orthodox."

You never will be able to give it up, and the world of humanity will never get rid of the Bible. It is planted in the mentality of mankind, and will yet bring forth a resurrection of the mind and a regeneration of the body.

\*\*\* "I want your help again. I am ashamed to have to ask help of any one because I know I ought to be able to do for myself."

Many people come to me in this kind of vibration. You must get rid of it. You are not ashamed to ask for material help. If you were in a ditch and I passed by and held out my hand you would not be ashamed to grasp it for help. You need mental help, and you should never be ashamed to ask for it.

\*\*\* "I have been giving CHRISTIAN to others, and was asked to drop you a line, and request you to make a large word, a heavier word, or a brace, so they could tell where the quotations leave off and the comments begin."

I understand what you mean, but I don't like the style. I make quotation marks (" ") at the beginning and end of the quotations, and set the matter "solid" like the above. My comments have no quotation marks and are "leaded" like these lines.

\*\*\* "I started about six weeks ago to read the Bible, and I find it new as ever. I think it was George Burnell who gave me an inkling as how to read it. I was fed on Bible as a child and woman, and pretty dry stuff I found it at times."

It takes the same kind of inspiration to read the Bible as it did to write it, and when you are forced to read it without that inspiration it is dry stuff. Jesus Christ came reading the Bible and interpreting it by the Spirit, and the Jews said, He hath a devil.

\*\*\* "I will get the Temple Bible just as soon as I can afford it."

The Temple Bible is in twenty-five small volumes, and the price in leather is 60 cents per volume, no matter whether you take one or all. The price is just the same if you order it one volume at a time. If you want to begin at the beginning, send 60 cents for "Genesis." Or, if you only want the New Testament, send 60 cents for "Matthew and Mark." Then order the other volumes at your convenience. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia. Send for their circular, and you will know how to order.

\*\*\* "I am glad you have returned to your old love. I enjoy the paper so much

more when you let your readers talk back. Long articles may be all right, but few of us have the time to read them. I find others asking the questions I want answered."

All right! Nevertheless, it was a good thing to call out all of these opinions, and to make the change for a short time. I can't say that the Circle of Christians is a republic, for each individual is a monarch. But the majority rules where the matter is outside of the scope of the individual.

\*\*\* "I am tired. I have fallen into a very bad habit of hurry, hurry all the time. I feel I have no time for myself. I must hurry and do this and that. I want you to help me to overcome this habit."

Of course this prayer comes from a woman. The hurry habit in a woman is just about as hard to cure as the tobacco habit in a man. Hurry gets to be a chronic disease. The slang expression that was in vogue a few years ago hits the mark. You will have to hurry! The treatment I give is to get into the consciousness of eternity. You have all the time there is past, present and to come. You don't have to hurry.

\*\*\* "Do you treat the members of the Circle of Christians individually, or all in one bunch as the Circle?"

I don't know how I came to use the word "Circle," unless it was in imitation of some other fellow. Maybe it was because we live on the globe, or that CHRISTIAN is the center of a circle of readers. The word stuck, and I can't get rid of it, but it hasn't any meaning at all. Christians is good enough without an affix or prefix, and Christianity means the individual now and forever. I don't treat anybody in a bunch, but speak directly to each individual. The Word I send to you is for you and no one else can receive it.

\*\*\* "I have neglected to send you a fee for some time. My sister is doing so nicely, and all her affairs have come out so well, that I am delighted."

That is the way I like to hear you talk. It looks on the surface as if it were money out of my pocket, but it isn't. People who get well of their sickness and come into the vibrations of Health, Happiness and Prosperity make the very best of Christians. I want to hear about your restoration to health and your entering into the joy of living. It is not my business to keep you sick, but to make you well. I am not here to keep you poor, but to help you out of your poverty.

\*\*\* "The Revelation of Regeneration is, I think, the best you have written thus far. I have never seen the history of man in that light before, but it rings very true. Give us some more of such wisdom, if you please."

I can only give you what comes to me. If I undertake to "make up" an article it falls flat. I know the Spirit of Truth reveals the truth to the mind when we are ready to receive it. Evolution is nonsense. There would never be an end to such unfoldment. Nature shows us generation, degeneration and regeneration in every form of life. Man is just now ready to pass out of degeneration into regeneration. It is a trial by fire.

\*\*\* "I want to get away from so much work and worry."

You ought never to couple the two words together, for there is always more worry where there is no work. The great reformers have been yelling at the top of their voices about child labor. I have been listening to their screechings for many years. And now here comes a man of practical common sense gathering statistics proving that child idleness is the greatest curse in the world. Criminals are made by idleness, and parents who do not keep at work themselves and see that their children follow some employment, are sowing seeds of crime. But stop your worrying and do your work with joy.

\*\*\* "Do give us the promised article, 'Whose wife is She?'"

I did promise to reprint "Whose wife is She?" which appeared in May, 1905. But after cutting the article out and getting it ready for the printers, I concluded to give you the substance of it in another article. This you will find in July CHRISTIAN, under the heading, "The Head of Every Man is The Christ." It is the same article with the personal matters left out. If the head of every man is the Christ, then my head is the Christ, and my wife is the Church of my Christ. I still believe that the reincarnation taught in the article, "Whose Wife Is She?" is the only explanation for the inconsistencies and incongruities of mortal life.

\*\*\* "I and you are nearly the same age by the almanac. I was fifty-eight the thirteenth day of March, 1907. I have all my hair on, and can see to read small print without glasses, can see better than I could a few years since. I think CHRISTIAN gets better all the time."

This man's initials are also T. J., and he has proved that the 13th is not a hoodoo. Thirteen is all right if one of the numbers is a pivotal number. Jesus and his twelve apostles. Jesus is the pivotal number. My friend of the water was born on the same day of the month that I of the air was born, except he came the 13th of March and I the 13th of June. In the regeneration all dates are swept away, and all the influences of the planets are eliminated. The man is a free spirit.

\*\*\* "I am all O. K. No kick coming. Taking a sneak down town on the car when no one is looking. The penalty at the plant is discharge if you are caught riding on the car. Unionism is equally as bad as trustism when they have control."

This is from a San Francisco Christian, and there are many others there who are acting on their own individuality as far as possible to do so. Any kind of an organization, even the general government, is out of date to Christians. We are at least one hundred years if not a thousand years ahead of the time. Government for the individual is within the individual, and every individual on the earth will find it out. I am glad that organizations have gone to seed. I want them to run the thing into the ground, where it belongs.

\*\*\* "Some time ago you stated that Theodore Roosevelt would be re-elected president. Does that mean he will be president

for the years 1908 to 1912, or will Hughes get it? What you said was that Roosevelt would succeed McKinley and would be re-elected, and a Republican would follow him, then a Union Labor man after him, is that right?"

Your last sentence is right, and the prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter so far. Hughes will not get it. Roosevelt will not be nominated for a third term. But a Republican will be elected and serve four years. Then a Union Labor party will absorb the Democrats and all other parties except the Republican, and will elect a president. The former prophecy was made in May, 1901, before the death of McKinley.

\*\*\* "What I want is a clean mind and body, a new and abundant growth of hair on my crown of head, and a start where I can earn my reasonable living. Do you think I am asking too much?"

Not a bit of it! You are not asking enough. I want a new body and a new mind. In the first place, I want a new mind, and I will take care of the body myself. I want my real mind raised from the dead, and with it I will create a new body from day to day as I need it. I will not be dependent upon my environment. I want my new mind to be in conjunction with Spirit, and that means all of Spirit there is in the universe. I want my new body to be in conjunction with matter so I will really be clothed in the universe of matter and in vibration with the universe of Spirit. Ask for the whole.

\*\*\* "I was gone not quite three weeks. Here I am back again nailed tighter than ever. Isn't there something for me besides being always with uncongenial people? I am sure I deserve something better than I am getting."

You are getting your own. Just keep on finding fault with your environment, and you will get it in the neck every time. You even close this letter by finding fault with the pen. Why didn't you throw the pen away and get a new one and say nothing about it? You say it is easier to preach than it is to practice? Maybe so. But it is easier to practice right when you preach right. The kingdom of your God is within you. If Jesus Christ had never said anything else that one sentence would have been sufficient to make him immortal as a speaker of Truth. We wear ourselves out fighting our environment.

\*\*\* "Do you know, although things are going so wretchedly in the world, and uncertainty as to whom to trust is everywhere, yet I prefer the old thought peoples' idea of honor to that of most of the new thought people; and such magazines are publishing advertisements that are not only fakes, but capable of doing incredible harm."

Well, how do you expect new thought magazines to live, when a new one is born about every month, unless they publish fake advertisements? They don't know how to live on the Truth, and therefore they must feed on the food that comes handy. Five or six years ago I quit inserting advertisements in CHRISTIAN. I lost about five hundred dollars a month, which would have paid my postage and my printing. But so many of my people were robbed of their

money by apparently innocent advertisements that I had to either quit preaching the truth in the columns of CHRISTIAN or quit inserting advertisements. Truth is now supporting CHRISTIAN much better than advertisements.

\*\*\* "I have just read the August CHRISTIAN. Have been reading all you have written for some months, and have been trying to follow your thought. I could not understand you and have been on the point of writing to you for more light. But your article, The Revelation of Regeneration, explains much. Let us have more. It appeals to me strongly, but I am an old man. Will it as strongly appeal to a younger man?"

Right there is where you make your mistake. Read that article on the Revelation of Regeneration once more, and you will find that you are neither old or young. You are! In regeneration you are passing an experience. In degeneration you are still undergoing the same unfoldment. In regeneration you are coming up from the place whence you came. You are learning to answer the awful question. Do you know what the awful question is? It is not the question of generation, degeneration or regeneration. It is not the question of whether you shall live or die. It is: Whom makest thou thyself? Who are you?

\*\*\* "August CHRISTIAN reached a higher plane of sublimity than any I ever read. It is the greatest issue of any paper that ever came to my knowledge. You have helped me beyond my expectations. My side is well. It would seem marvelous to any save those who are accustomed to being raised from the dead by you."

There was something peculiar in August CHRISTIAN, for when a package was sent to the house I felt the vibrations before opening it. And when I took the top one in my hands I wanted to kiss it. Now, that may sound silly to some of you, but it is true. I felt towards it just like I do towards Beverly Boy when I pick him up from the floor and toss him in my arms. I believe that issue of CHRISTIAN has healed more people than any other number this year. I have not told you why I wanted you to double the circulation of CHRISTIAN, but many of you are catching my thought. It is now unique among publications. Spirit is leading us to higher and higher vibrations. We are getting into a unity of Spirit without any kind of an organization. We will own the earth!

\*\*\* "He says to make a concrete mental picture of what you want and demand it, and it is yours. I surely thought it very easy, so tried, and I can not keep my mind on it at all. So I suppose it isn't the right thing for me."

The writer is talking about a book in which the author claims that meditation and concentration will create conditions. Such books are a torment to poor souls who are hypnotized by their false teaching. It is a big lie. There is only one Mind in the universe, and it does not have to concentrate and meditate in order to create conditions. The only mind you can concentrate is your mortal moon mind, which doesn't amount to a ——. I wanted to say it, but I am dictating to my wife and she won't stand it. If the statements of such think-

ers were true, they would not be writing books. Such men would follow their own advice and lift themselves out of mortal conditions. Such books are written to sell.

\*\*\* "CHRISTIAN grows finer every month. No other words spoken or printed outside the Bible can come anywhere near it for help and enlightenment. You may say business will again rebound. It may, but I firmly believe we are in for a period of overturning."

Yes, we are in for a period of overturning, because things are bottom side up. I am an optimist. I never knock. But we are going straight towards an explosion. Each week the expenses of the household are increasing. And this increase has kept up right in the midst of summer. Prices are exorbitant. You can hardly turn around without a dollar. And you can't turn half around for half a dollar. This family is full of cheerfulness, and we seldom discuss prices of food at the table, but this summer we have been made to sit up and take notice. What is the cause of all these high prices? Gamblers. Just as well use the plain word and say gambling on the markets.

\*\*\* "For three months past I have sent you no dollar for treatments. I had become discouraged, and was more out of health than usual, business was bad and money very scarce. But in the last two months there has come a great improvement. Health is much better, and money matters have turned in my favor."

Give the glory to Spirit, for the treatments often take effect a year after they are discontinued. My Word shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish the purpose whereunto I have sent it. When this word is spoken it is alive and active and can never die, but it may have to wait for a favorable opportunity to reach your mind. There may not be an open door in your thought. Many good treatments are waiting for you to open the door. The Word sent to you is for you, and no one but you can receive it. It is spoken for you and in your name. It will stay in the psychic atmosphere about you until you open the door.

\*\*\* "My oldest son committed suicide. I want you to comfort me and tell me where he is and if he is happier than he was here."

I believe that your son will return to the earth and be born of some other woman. And he may do this many times before he ascends into the higher vibration and overcomes death. In mortality death is just as natural as birth. You should not grieve over the manner of your son's death. There are violent births as well as violent deaths. Many a man is born into this world at the expense of his mother's life. It is a common thing for births to cause the death of the mother. While suicide is to be deplored it is one of the forms of violent death. In this world of mortality we meet death everywhere. You go with a party of merry-makers on an excursion, and the majority of your party are killed in a wreck or drowned, but they may all have been killed in some other way. People seldom die what is called a natural death.

\*\*\* "If the writers of the New Testament were regenerated souls who knew the way of life, why are these men not living in the flesh to-day, or, rather, in their regenerated bodies? Explain this in CHRISTIAN some time. I mean, write an article on the subject."

This would call for an essay, but I will answer it in a few words until I get ready to write the essay. These men were not in the regeneration, for Jesus Christ promises them certain things when they come into the regeneration. The regeneration was prophetic. He tells them that he and they must die in order to bring forth fruit. There was to be a planting before the resurrection. He illustrates the thought by saying the seed must fall into the ground before a harvest can be gathered. These men literally laid down their lives for what we are coming into now. It was a seed sowing. Not only the thoughts will come up in the resurrection, but the men themselves will be reborn and live here on the earth.

\*\*\* "According to your article in July CHRISTIAN, I am a headless woman. I don't like it. But I can't see how I am to help it. There is an old fate that has pursued me from the time I was fifteen until to-day. As soon as I begin to think of the man, no matter how careful I am, another woman appears on the scene. I think I am quite right to consider the man is not the head of two women."

No, there is no such thing as polygamy in the world of truth. In the mortal world polygamy seems to be perfectly natural. But just as soon as you ascend into spirituality you find Jesus Christ saying that God made the twain one flesh. There are only two. But these two may be separated for centuries in their unfoldment. It is a part of spiritual progress. The man is always seeking for his ideal and the woman is searching for her own. Until the twain become one flesh there can be no peace for the individual. There can be no peace for either of the individuals. But when they do come together regeneration is inevitable.

\*\*\* "Yesterday I read Dr. Cady's 'Finding the Christ in Ourselves.' It is wonderful. I had also been reading CHRISTIAN. I felt such an uplift, and resolved that I would try to do without material aids, and let the Christ within be my health and healer. Alas, for my resolutions. I was obliged to fall back on material again."

Why do you keep grinding yourself between the upper and nether mill stones? Recognize both the material and the mental as useful. Dr. H. Emilie Cady is a practicing physician. She has found the Christ in herself, but that does not hinder her from being a physician. Luke is called "the beloved physician." There is much good in the science of medicine, and especially in surgery. When you find a Christ in yourself, you will find a Free Spirit. Christian Science has gone to one extreme, while medical science used to go to the other. A Christian keeps in the middle of the road. He is independent. The habit of taking medicine is a very bad habit. But the habit of mental fads is just as bad. Both habits ought to be broken. Be free! You ask me, then, why I give mental treatments. Because your mind needs more than your body. I give treatments to get you out of

mental bondage. You may be in bondage to a thought of materiality or mentality. Do as you please.

\*\*\* "The girl whom you treated one month last winter for insanity was sent home apparently well, but in a few days after returning home she grew worse and committed suicide by drowning herself. A bright, intelligent girl lost her life through fooling with Spiritualism. I am very thankful for the fine article you wrote on Spiritualism in the May number of CHRISTIAN."

Yes, and that article dug up more snakes than I will be able to kill in a year. I have received letters, anonymous and otherwise, making all kinds of threats. It only shows that the world is full of devils. The psychic atmosphere is filled with wandering Willies. There are tramps in the psychic atmosphere, or what is called the subjective world, the same as there are tramps in the objective world. Many of these psychic tramps are thieves and robbers and murderers and liars. For the sake of doing mischief they will assume the name of some good man or woman who once lived on the earth. They will claim to be a relative. For this world of devils is full of liars. They are called lying spirits and unclean spirits and devils. You may bet your bottom dollar that the Bible has given you a straight history. You need not think that death is redemption. Not by a long shot. It will take many deaths to purify the soul.

\*\*\* "What is the best way to begin teaching children truth, and how and where to begin?"

I don't know. If you had asked me that question before I got married I could have told you all about it. My wife says she knew all about raising children before she had any of her own. Since then her vaunted knowledge has slipped away. I don't want you Christians to begin teaching your children. I have had more trouble to get rid of the teaching of my parents and others than I have had in acquiring the truth. How do you know but what you will outgrow what you call the truth. If your knowledge is limited, and you are not certain, why plant it in the minds of the children? We have no creed. No profession of faith. Nothing to teach, but much to practice. Our daughter, Blanche, begins the second grade in school and she has learned a few things. The other day I was whistling on the street while she walked by my side, and she quietly said: "Dad, gentlemen don't whistle on the street." I shut off the whistle. I think it was right in the middle of "Marching Through Georgia," and I stopped before I finished the turn of the tune. So you see the young girl is learning a few things about manners, and how to behave herself. Teach them obedience to your authority. If you know how to do this, it will be a great help to the children. But don't teach them a creed of any kind.

\*\*\* "Putting away quite a little each month, earning plenty, nice town and half a dozen prospects in the 'gal' line—what more can a man desire?"

As you are a young man it is well to put away a little each month and keep on adding to it, and then you are sure to be in-

dependent when you reach middle life. I like to hear young men talk that way. It not only shows good common sense, but business ability. The dollars you squander now would make you an independent man if you would put them aside for future use. As to the "gal" line, it is well to go slow, at your age, though I didn't do it myself. Five girls in the bush, at your age, are worth more than one girl in a cage. In the tree they will sing sweetly, but in the cage—well, she might peck at you. Go slow until you are sure you find the right one, but keep putting away your money. Don't be stingy and close, for that is worse than prodigality. Be a man. Spend your money. But don't do it foolishly. And keep a sharp lookout for those girls. By the way, the young fellow from whom I quote is the one who called out the mighty editorial on "The Revelation of Regeneration," which was published in CHRISTIAN in August, 1903. At that time he was only twenty-one and mourning the loss of a sweetheart who had jilted him for another fellow. You see he is bravely over it. The vibrations do work if a young man will open his mind. I have many young men and young women in the Circle of Christians who are climbing to their own places in the world. The Christians include all ages from infants to centenarians.

\*\*\* "How I did absorb that 'Head of Every Man Is The Christ.' Please write more about Woman the Church, to us, who are waiting for the Christ to beautify and complete the church. Give us a message for so many problems come as we unfold. I thought my unfoldment and experiences were preparations for the coming of The Man when our lives should be complete. Is this the right thought?"

It is not only the right thought, but it is as deep as eternity. Men often speak of the vanity of women, and especially their desire to adorn themselves with jewels and rich gowns. But when you go down deeper than the surface you will find her preparing herself as a bride adorned for her husband. The whole Bible is full of it, from the first sentences to the last. In the last book the prophet searches for symbols to express his thought and always falls back to woman. It is a woman clothed with the sun. The moon beneath her feet. A crown of twelve stars on her head. The New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband. Why, my dear girls, the kingdom of God, which is also the kingdom of man, is always a beautiful woman. The natural desire of woman is to adorn herself, to look beautiful, and to retain her beauty. Wrinkles and old age are a horror. And it all points to the resurrection and regeneration.

\*\*\* "I do not seem to know how to pray. I would like to know how. Can you teach me?"

Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ, speaking by the Spirit, declares that none of us know how to pray, and that no one can teach us. I will give you his words: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh

intercession for us with groanings which can not be uttered." You will find this and many other good statements in Romans. I see more clearly every day that the Spirit prays the prayer and answers it. There is no doubt but that the Spirit is the Word and also the faith. As there is no sensation in the flesh, and no wisdom in mortal mind, so we go to the Spirit for all wisdom and all genuine desire. And you know the poet has said truly that prayer is the soul's sincere desire unuttered or expressed. How do we know what we really want? We may be taught to crush out and destroy the very desires that would make for our peace and happiness. In fact, mortal man has been clipping the wings of faith and strangling the desires of the soul. Paul made one great statement when he said: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." You can afford to turn your real desires loose and let them lead you, for they are prayers.

\*\*\* "I find he has other women friends, and I try to choke down my jealous thoughts, which make me heart sick. He says he loves me and is interested as much as ever, but, you know, dear friend, my lonely life, and I do so much want his care and protection."

I get many letters in this tone. It proves that the head of the woman is the man, and the head of the man is the Christ. But, my dear girl, this isolation is to prepare you for real association. Until you can find yourself, keep company with yourself, be a friend to yourself, and enjoy yourself, you can never be a fit companion for any other person. Take this home and make it a lesson, without me having to write a whole page about it. If you are unhappy with yourself you will be unhappy with another person and make that other person unhappy. It is said that misery loves company, but it doesn't. And even if it did, you do not want to be miserable for the sake of company. You have to live with yourself, and sleep with yourself, and eat with yourself, and think with yourself. You can't get rid of yourself. You can't fly away, or swim away from your own personality. It is utterly impossible to find happiness outside of yourself until you have found it inside of yourself. This is the reason why CHRISTIAN is forever emphasizing individuality. A man does not want to live with a whining, unbalanced, uncentered woman. The clinging vine is all right in poetry, but it will rot the oak. Marriage is between two distinct individuals—the one filled full of femininity, a full orb'd woman, and a man full of masculinity, a full orb'd man. It is not the clinging vine and the oak, but each strong and mighty in their own domain. A womanly woman and a manly man. I want you girls to get out of emotionalism, which wears on your nerves and shatters your health. Stand firm on your feet and face your environment. Make yourselves centers of attraction, and you will draw your own to you. But let me emphasize the beginning of this item that you must find yourself. You never can be happy with any other person until you are happy with yourself. Praise yourself. Glorify yourself. This is not selfishness. It is selfness.

## HEALING THE HURT.

Heal my hurt!  
That is the cry of all of us.  
It is all right and we must keep up the prayer.

It hurts, and I don't like to be hurt, so heal my hurt.

Can you blame us? For thousands and thousands of years we have been hurt.

Talk all the pretty nonsense that you want to talk about the mind, but it hurts!

Keep on moralizing about spiritual unfoldment and the salvation of the soul—but it hurts! Stop the hurt, and then talk soul stuff.

Just as well look facts in the face! You are in pain, and there is suffering and sorrow in your household. Loved ones are threatened with dissolution. What are promises of the future to you?

You want healing right here and now. And it is physical health that you demand, no matter how much of a sinner the invalid has been. Don't I hear the pleadings of wives and mothers for drunkards and rakes?

All sins are forgiven in the face of disease and death—save the sinner from his sufferings—is the immediate demand. It is all right! I endorse your position, and am doing all I can to help the helpless and heal the hurt.

You never hear me moralizing to you in the Silence or anywhere else. I forgive your sins and heal your hurt. That is the way Jehovah does business. He forgave the paralytic by healing his paralysis. Arise and walk—and we will talk about your morals later.

Did I hear you say that Jesus healed the paralytic and not Jehovah. There is the place where religion slipped a cog. They began worshipping the prophet instead of Jehovah, who sent the prophet. Moses fell into the same trap, and was kept out of the land of promise. Jehovah is the only Healer in this world and don't you forget it.

For centuries the churches have been worshipping Jesus and looking to him for salvation. If Jesus had done the same thing he would never have been honored with crucifixion. He could not have healed a sore finger. He knew and acknowledged Jehovah, and therefore became the Mental Moses to lead the people out of mortal bondage. What a flat failure is man without Jehovah!

Is that the cause of miracles ceasing and everything coming to a standstill in the churches? That's it! Is not that cause enough when you look back over the record? Jehovah is the I AM that I AM, and there can be no vicegerent or substitute for Jehovah. The man in Rome who claims to be vice-president of the universe couldn't heal a sick kitten. Religion is dying of the dry rot that comes from worshipping a man.

Yes, but you say that Jehovah was born in Bethlehem, and the angels acknowledged their Lord of hosts. Certainly, my dears, certainly Jehovah is the Babe of Bethlehem, but the Babe is not Jehovah. I AM T. J. Shelton, but T. J. Shelton is not the

I AM. See? If you do see you see the secret of the universe. The word Jehovah means I AM that I AM—that is, I will be that I will to be. I will to be the Babe of Bethlehem, I will to be Moses, I will to be T. J. Shelton, I will to be whom I will to be, is my MEMORIAL NAME unto all generations. See? Then your eyes are opened, and you are turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

Satan has pulled the blinds down and hypnotized religion. He has been running things his own way for many centuries. You can see the secret of Satan in the history of religion from the days of Constantine to the present hour. It is all right. Spirit knows the good work of Satan, and therefore lets him have his day and hour. Religion has been saying Savior and following Satan all these years of blindness. Hence wars and strife, persecutions and hatred, in the camps of so-called Christians. We could not get our glorious English Bible except through fire and blood. It is all in the unfoldment and Satan is essential. Give the devil his due, but remember that Jehovah can open your eyes.

Now what did Jehovah preach through Jesus? Did he preach Christian Science? Did he send his prophet Jesus to organize a church and establish a religious institution? Did the Lord of hosts, the Lord of the stars, become a Babe in order that Mental Science should be exploited on earth? What did Jehovah preach through Jesus? He had but one theme: The kingdom of heaven (harmony) in the bodies of men. The healing of our hurt. The curing of our pain. Physical health was the work and word of Jehovah in Jesus. Quit your religious rant and rot and get down to business. Healing of your hurts was the mission of the last prophet of the Old Testament, for that was what Jesus was, the last of the Old Testament prophets. Practical healing is the essence of Christianity.

Why didn't they keep it up? Because when the Roman emperor Constantine organized the institution he instituted a worship which ignored Jehovah and gave the honor to His servant Jesus. A stream can not rise higher than its source. Satan wanted soldiers and Constantine became a "Christian." It is all right. It gave Jehovah a chance to sow the Bible broadcast over the earth, and prepare the minds of men for the quickening of this seed when the time is ready and ripe. There will be a universal healing and confirmation of the Spirit independent of the institution. The veil will be lifted from the eyes, and the whole world will be ready for clear seeing.

Now you begin to understand why you feel the presence of Jehovah all through the Old Testament, and when you turn over to the New Testament there is a flashlight followed by a great darkness. You feel everything falls flat, and the mighty Jehovah disappears in the clouds and leaves an empty space, an aching void, which is never filled by priest or preacher. In the language of Mary Magdalene, they have taken your Lord away, and you find only an empty grave. The student who is reading with the eyes

of the mind feels this loss of Jehovah as soon as he gets into the New Testament. There is something wrong, and the book closes with a cry of despair: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." For at least seventeen centuries that cry has been an empty echo and the stars have made no answer.

Is there opposition to Jehovah? Is he ruling this planet by conquest over opposing forces? Is there a Satan and a Savior as negative and positive poles of being? Yes and no. Satan is the servant of Jehovah. This is taught in the whole Bible and by all the prophets. It is a law of unfoldment to turn us over to Satan for discipline. It is the only way we can be made to learn in certain stages of our unfoldment. All wise mothers take the same course with their children. The foolish mother pets and spoils and refuses to punish, with the result that she loses the respect of her child. The child soon learns to have contempt for the weak and silly parent. Jehovah understands human nature, and so uses Satan as a whip to punish and teach.

The universe is not in confusion. Each element of being serves in its own place. We are ignorant, that is all. Ignorance can only be cured by intelligence, and intelligence comes by knowledge, and knowledge must be learned by experience. It is an unfoldment, for unless the power to know was in you, there would be no need of trying to impart knowledge. Jehovah is doing on an eternal scale just what the wise parent is doing in mortality on a limited scale. You are trying to teach knowledge and wisdom to your offspring for use in a future state of unfoldment. You do not want your child to grow up in ignorance. Jehovah is writing his name large in the records of mind in order that his offspring may know God.

Satan stands in the mental world for sin, suffering, sorrow, strife, disease and death. Hence Satan is the author of confusion and all war in the world. As the whole of mortal life is a war and a gamble, Satan is the soldier and the gambler. In mortality we are playing a game with loaded dice. Why all this hypnotic confusion? It is the order of unfoldment, and a part of the process of spiritual education. After the promise of Jehovah to Abraham, a "horror of great darkness" fell on the man in whose loins lay the history of a race. A part of that awful horror was four hundred and thirty years of slavery, and thousands and thousands of years of persecution. It was an awful hour to Abraham! Think of a man speaking face to face with Jehovah and receiving the promise that in his seed all nations should be blessed, and then settling down into the horror of seeing that seed pass through century after century of the bitterest hatred and persecution known to the imaginations of men! The sufferings of the Jew mark the footsteps of Jehovah on this planet. And the end is not yet, for hatred and persecution have not ceased to follow the Jew. He is still the greatest problem on the face of the earth. Do I believe in Jehovah? I know Jehovah better than I know myself. I may forget my own name, but I can never forget the I AM that I AM.

That name is graven in my mind as part of my own being. I saw the sun and also the Lord of the sun—Jehovah-jireh.

After all, what is man but mind? When man has lost his mind he is like salt that has lost its savor. It is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. It is mind all the time and everywhere that makes the man. It is mental development that we are seeking, and nothing else counts in the final makeup of manhood. God knows nothing of matter as man. He recognizes only mind as man. Hence the slaughter of matter in order to unfold mind. Births and deaths, births and deaths, go on in ceaseless movement for the unfolding of mind. Pain and fear are agents forever at work in us for the development of mind. Mind is immortal, and therefore is worth developing at the expense of matter.

And you want the healing of your hurt, for that is also in your mind. I have no idea that pain, sickness and suffering are located in the flesh; I do not believe that pain is in matter, or that matter is the seat of sensation. Then to heal your hurt is to heal your mind. The casting out of mental devils will relieve your mind of distress, and disease will disappear from your flesh. Is not this the teaching of Jehovah in Jesus and all the prophets? Are we not, after all, founded on the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone? Cast out Satan and you cast out sickness and sin. There is no sickness in Jehovah. He sends sickness with Satan and his world of mortal mind. Then we must reverse the order of sovereignty.

How can you tell the Spirit of Truth? By the absence of opposition. Jehovah is not opposed by any element in the universe. There is absolutely no opposition to Spirit, else the universe and the very mind of God would be in a state of war. When opposition ceased in my mind there was a great calm; so great was the peace that I thought the bottom had dropped out of everything. I had been so used to opposition, to war, to fighting, that I could hardly realize that all opposition had been withdrawn and peace declared all along the line. Adversary is one of the names of Satan and he is onto his job. He puts all kinds of obstacles in your way, and you are bumping up against it on every hand. That's the devil's domination. It is easy to discern it as soon as you get to the place of discernment. It is the wisdom of Spirit.

Satan can't cast out Satan, for that would upset the order of the universe. The devil is disease, therefore he can't cure disease. Satan never healed anything in his life, for his mission is to make you sick. Have you opposition on every hand? Are you always running up against it? Then your life is under control of Satan. The Old Boy has got you and is sifting you as wheat. A merciful providence will let you stay in the sifter until all the chaff is shaken out of you and you are ready to learn wisdom. It is said that even Jesus learned wisdom by the things that he suffered. You will get there and then bless the devil for driving you out of the wilderness. You are worth saving or Jehovah would not take such infinite pains with you.

You want me to heal your hurt without removing the cause of your hurting? I can't do it. I'm a mental healer, and all causes are in the mind. You couldn't even stick a splinter in your finger if you had the right kind of mind. The true mind is free from accidents. You want to get drunk without having a headache. You can't do it. Intoxication crowds the blood into the brain, and headache is a warning that the devil has been deceiving you by telling you that a headacheless brand of whiskey had been discovered. Go and soak your head and learn the truth. Hurts are to tell us the truth. All of Jehovah's paths are peace, and at his right hand are pleasures forevermore. You will find it out just like you found out many other things in your childhood unfoldment. I can heal your hurt by changing your mind, and you really want to change your mind. You don't want to keep up this opposition.

I have formed an alliance with Jehovah, and am therefore at peace with no opposition of any kind. I don't care anything about the Thaw trial or the Boise trial or any other trial. I do not concern myself about the doings of diplomats or the rise and fall of politicians. No matter to me who is president so long as I remain president of myself. It is no concern of mine as to how Jehovah runs the planet, as I know he is running exactly right, and for the full unfoldment of the mind of man. Why should I trouble my mind about minor matters when I see the unfolding mind of the universe? I can not die for my partner is Life. I shall remain here and watch the unfolding ages until the fullness of time has come.

There is a peace of God that passeth understanding. It is a fact. You may think it is fiction or poetry, but it isn't. It is a practical peace in your own mind. You come to the place where the fight is over and you are at rest. I wish I could make you realize it, but the moment one talks of it a kind of nausea comes to the mind. There has been so much ranting rot put forth in the name of religion that the heart turns sick and the mind refuses to entertain the idea of there being anything practical in it. I knew that many of you would turn away in disgust from my talk about the Bible in last CHRISTIAN. I couldn't make you understand that it was really a movement of the Spirit. And yet Jehovah must use the language of the Bible when the quickening comes to the minds of men. There is really no other way, for the ages have been unfolding with this object in view. The knowledge of God must cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The language is here now awaiting the outpouring of the Spirit. As Jesus came with a new interpretation and a quickening of the old, so will come the Lord God of the Spirit in these last days of the mental age.

In this eye to eye talk let me emphasize the fact that no life can come from the worship of a man. And especially from the worship of a dying man, even though you call him a god. The Latin races were the very advance of progress a thousand years ago, but they were paralyzed by the crucifix. Where the dying Jesus has been held up as an object of worship men and women have

been crucified and made mental mummies. Luther saved the Germans by preaching faith in a risen Christ. Our Protestant English and Scotch Reformers gave us a resurrection and a faith. But the Roman Church has killed everything it has touched. Spain has not made a step of progress for a thousand years, and Italy is suffering under the same blight of death. A dead god is worse than an idol. Jehovah is not dead, and was never nailed to a cross. Jesus cried out that Jehovah had forsaken him on the cross. Men want a living God. The cross is the sign of defeat. It is the emblem of the institution repudiated by Jehovah. It is life that Jehovah gives.

Do you expect any greater progress than we have made under the circumstances? Do you wonder that miracles have ceased and healing of disease been discarded by the churches? What else could you expect when men cease to worship Jehovah and turn to worshipping Jesus? The Jews were horrified at the blasphemy of worshipping a man even though he were called the Son of God. And even to this day the Jew is kept from Christianity because we insist on paying divine honors to a man. Such a thing was not in the mind of Jesus, for he was a prophet of Jehovah. Honor and glory belong to Jesus, as the last of the Jewish prophets, and the greatest because the last. But he claimed nothing for himself that he did not claim for his fellow prophets. In the very last book of the New Testament the messenger of Jehovah is careful to rebuke John and quickly command him to worship God. Jesus as the prophet of Jehovah ranks at the very head of the prophetic office, but he does not claim deification. Let us get back to the Lord of hosts and worship a living God. He heals the sick and casts out devils.

And yet you must see Jehovah as a person. It is impossible for you to see him in any other way. I doubt if there is such a thing as abstract thinking. We talk about thinking in the abstract, but does any one ever do it? Is there such a thing as formless thought? I think not. Here is a sample of the thinking by Baby Blanche: "When I think of to-morrow I see a big hill, and when I think of Saturday I see a bridge." It was impossible for the child to think of to-morrow without some kind of form appearing in her mind. The big hill is to the point for to-morrow, even to grown up people, is a big hill. Saturday is also a bridge between the time when school lets out on Friday and Sunday morning appears. I tell you that The Word of God is absolute personality. Personality confined to one form would not be absolute. Jehovah is not confined to any one form of expression. He is called the Lord of hosts; that is, the Lord of the stars, but he assumes any form that suits his purpose. When he appeared before Joshua he was an armed warrior; when he came to Moses he was a Voice in a burning bush; when he came to Daniel the prophet he appeared as the Ancient of Days; when he came to Abraham he was in the form of an ordinary man and partook of his refreshments. So you must think of Jehovah as absolute personality, capable of expressing himself in any form that fits the Idea.

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