

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Christianity!

*** It is the only Way.

*** Christianity is Man and Woman. *** God deals with men and women as individuals

*** The Spirit of Truth is not an institution or a religion

*** There is no such thing as the Christian Religion, never was and never will be.

*** There was and is a Jewish Religion, but Jesus Christ set it aside, Paul repudiated it, and all the apostles and prophets have proclaimed that the kingdom of God is within you.

*** I am preaching and teaching and practicing Christianity, and I haven't any kind of religion. Healing of the sick, casting out devils and raising the dead is a proof of Christianity. Institutions can not do these things.

*** I want you to come to me when the Spirit moves you to write, and let the date of my first letter be the date which you keep for your treatments. Don't try to get here by the calendar month. Any time in the month is your time.

*** I still give two copies of my book for every dollar received for treatments if you don't ask for a subscription. There are only about one hundred copies left, and the book will not be republished. If I write a new book I will not give it away with treatments.

*** If it is not too much trouble to you it would be better for me if you kept track of the names you send in here for subscriptions. If they do not renew, either renew for them or stop the paper. Of course, I want you to notify each one that they are receiving the paper with your compliments. *** "The pictures of Beverly Boy are

fine, but you are right—they do not do Mrs. Shelton justice."

The gentleman speaks with authority, for he spent a whole summer with Mrs. Shelton. He and his wife were with us for two summers. By the way, he is a judge of good looks. Mrs. Shelton was very much disgusted with that picture, and declares she will never have another one in CHRIS-TIAN. The photograph and the proof looked all right, but it printed up too dark.

*** "Please let me know the hour you treat the Circle, that I may join hands with you."

I do not want you to keep any hour. But my treatments for the Circle are always given in the forenoon. The strongest vibrations are sent out from nine to noon.

*** "CHRISTIAN gets more interesting. It is wonderful about the sun. I live in a place where the sun is fiercely hot, and I have always dreaded the hot weather."

You must learn that heat is life and cold is death. But the extremes of either would mean death. Get the right vibration, and you will keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter. You know people can freeze to death in the imagination, and the same is true of heat. Everything is mental when you come to the last analysis.

*** "I have great confidence in Mrs. Shelton. I thank you for your likeness of her in CHRISTIAN. I would be very glad to get one of yourself."

My picture has been in CHRISTIAN four times, and they made a good picture each time. You will also find my picture in "I AM Sermons," the only book I now have in

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time. You will also find my picture in "I AM Sermons," the only book I now have in print. That is not a very good picture of me, for the photographer insisted on darkening my eyebrows. Otherwise it is a good likeness.

*** "Have just past my seventy-sixth year. Still active in whatever will promote the happiness of the people. My health is fairly good."

This man is one of us, and there are many others in the same vibration. There is absolutely no sense in old age, disease or death. Science has come to the front with the same mighty thought. "I AM he who was, and is, and is to be, the Almighty." Get into that vibration, and you are in conjunction with the whole universe. Being in conjunction with all the life there is, how can you die in spots, or otherwise? Disease is simply dying in spots. Just like a rotten speck in an apple, or a dead spot in a tree. It is time to get out of this foolishness.

*** "I see you have made an early call for the paying up of subscriptions to those who only pay one dollar a year. I know I have been one of these, while CHRISTIAN has been worth thousands of dollars to me."

I know that CHRISTIAN is worth thousands of dollars to any one who reads it with thoughtfulness. Many people on my list are so anxious to get CHRISTIAN that they can't wait a day over the time. It is mailed on the 26th of the month preceding the date of publication. The writer of the above item is already paid to 1911, and these are the ones who respond to my call. This call does not have reference to you who are paid in advance, but to those who are behind on their subscriptions.

*** "Mrs. S. is the handsomest woman ever saw. Don't wonder you prosper."

That compliment comes from a woman, and when one woman praises another woman you may know she means it. That's not always so, is it? It is always so if she passes the compliment from a distance.

*** "Delighted with the picture of Mrs. Shelton and Beverly. I hope the poor kitty will give Beverly a good scratch to show him his rights. That will be the best lesson, don't you think?"

I have been looking for this scratch, but it never comes. Of course the kitten doesn't want to be thrown over the banister, but it seems to like the Boy's mauling and squeezing, and comes back for more. There is a pup, also, and the Boy delights in throwing the kitten and the pup into the hammock, and then swinging them to beat the band. All three seem to be in perfect fellowship.

*** "I have just finished your last paper so filled with life, and a vibration of glory comes over me as I realize how you have unfolded in even one year. The article on the dynamic body draws such a force that I must respond. It seems so strange that my last to you went out from me while yours was on the way to me."

This is a sample of the way people are writing to me in response to the September number of CHRISTIAN. My students do not have to wait for the printed page. It is a common thing for them to get the whole of CHRISTIAN before it goes to press. This may sound strange to people who are not in this vibration. I have tested this matter for at least a dozen years. They not only get the substance and sometimes the very words before CHRISTIAN goes to press, but I have an idea that I write many things by transference of thought from my readers. It is a fellowship of the Spirit.

*** "Please give me another series of good, hard treatments for success. I need a position, a good one. I get a better one every time. So help me to keep on up."

This man is a landscape gardener and has been one of us for many years. At first I gave him treatments through his mother, but he soon came into the fold of his own accord. He is climbing higher and higher in his work and in his wages. This is what we are here in this fellowship for, and we want to keep that in mind all the time. The resurrection means a rising from a lower to a higher vibration. Don't wait for the resurrection until after you get into a hole in the ground. Get up and dust right now. Keep moving, and by all means don't return to the past in your thinking. Reminiscence is a sign of old age and decay. The man who lives in the past has no present or future. To hell with the has-beens. Hell is made up of regrets over spilt milk. Go on milking! There is plenty of milk, but you can't pick it up from the past.

*** "What particular property or virtue is there in the number 'seven,' that it should be used in the Old and New Testaments in preference to any other number? Three is seemingly the most important to me."

In the science of numbers there are only twelve numbers. Everything above twelve is a duplication of twelve. One is unity. Two is community. Three is the trinity. Four is the family. Five is the covenant. Six is physical life. Seven is spirituality. Eight is regeneration. Nine is the judgment. Ten is the covenant under the law. Eleven is uncertainty. Twelve is wholeness. Now certain combinations of these numbers carry the thought still further. Ten is the number of the covenant under the law, because we sign our names or shake hands with the five fingers-five being the number of the covenant. Nineteen is the number of judgment under the law. I could go on and give you other illustrations, but this is sufficient. The science of numbers is used in everyday life, and men recognize it without knowing it. For instance, when we say a man is in the "nine hole," we are speaking scientifically, for nine is the number of judgment.

*** "Health good. Business increased one hundred per cent.; also expenses and labor; can't hardly believe it pays very big."

Of course, expenses and labor will increase as your business increases, for men are coming into their own. The boss can no longer take all of the profits and leave his helpers to pick up the crumbs. If you have brains enough to run a big business, have manhood enough to divide up with the men and women who help you to do the work. Of course, mind commands a larger salary than muscle. But mind ought not to claim everything. You know, my beloved friends and fellow travelers, the man on the Black Horse with a pair of balances in his hand is ready to ride through the world. You can turn over there to the sixth chapter of Revelation and read about him, for he is riding in a wonderful procession. At the head of the column is the Man on the White Horse. He leads all reformations. He is the inspirer of all New Thought. He is the Spirit of all progress. But other riders are following along behind Him since he started, and we are right now in the period of the Black Horse. The man on the Black Horse is Justice. You will remember that men are cautioned to fix a fair price on foods. And to be careful not to touch the oil and the wine. Don't sap the very foundation of physical life by robbing the people. It means a Spirit of Justice, and not the foolish laws made by men. Law can never lead men into liberty. But the Spirit of Justice can force men to do the right thing. Yet it is the gentle force of mentality.

*** "I have a nicer form than I did before taking treatments, and look lots better and feel better. I still want to lose about fifty pounds yet, as I will not be any too small then."

There is nothing like mental treatments to keep yourself in the right form, both for mind and body. It is no longer a theory. It is a fact in science that mind controls matter. We will soon come into practical knowledge and know how to mold matter by mental action.

*** "I had forgotten that my time expired with the September number of CHRISTIAN, when some force seemed to be pushing to the front, and yesterday the thought walked in and I was fairly shocked to think I had to be told that my time was up. So please find enclosed one dollar for my subscription."

So you got the shock! Well, I didn't mean to shock people who were paid up as close as you were, but I AM sending out treatments just the same for everybody to pay up to date. We have been letting the list run along for a good many years. We are now going to revise the whole list before the close of the year, and we only want our own people on the list. Don't want anybody who doesn't want us. It is a fellowship of kindred spirits.

*** "I write you to thank you for the relief you have given me in regard to my corn. It had troubled me for months, and nothing I could do could relieve it until I wrote you. And in four or five days after writing it apparently seemed to drop from my mind. You certainly hit the 'old joker.'"

This is a wideawake business man, and yet people will laugh at the idea of healing a corn by mental treatments. His words are strictly scientific. "It apparently seemed to drop from my mind." That's exactly what mental treatment means, for when a thing drops from your mind it will leave your body. This is the most wonderful revelation that has come to man in modern times. It will gradually take possession of the whole earth. .Men will drop out of their minds everything that they do not wish to hold in their bodies. This not only includes all kinds of sickness and diseases, but death itself.

*** "Please write her and tell her just what hour of the day you will give her treatments, and she will sit alone and center her thought on you, so as to reap all the benefits she can from your treatments."

I do not ask anyone to sit in a corner like little Johnnie Horner and wait for vibra-

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tions or treatments. I had just as soon give you a pill by the hour and tell you to think of the pill as to put you in a condition where you are measuring thoughts and repeating words. I treat by giving a sharp, quick command, and I want you to go on about your affairs. I do not believe in sitting in the Silence, but in letting the Silence sit in you. If the Silence is in you, there would be peace in your mind in a boiler factory.

*** "Doctor D—, a physician and personal friend of mine, has sent the accompanying card concerning you. Will you kindly read and advise me accordingly? I am greatly in need of help."

This good physician advised the lady to come to me for mental treatments. I have many physicians of all schools of medicine who send their patients to me. In many cases I help the physicians to heal their patients, and especially to collect their bills, as the doctors seem to be poor business managers.

*** "Will say the past month of special treatments have been a great blessing to me. I feel like a new woman. My cough grows less every day. We received CHRISTIAN, and find it a great help."

This is from a new reader, and she began with special treatments. It is a very good way to begin, for it gives you treatments from both of us for your first month and you get a good start right at the start.

*** "I have been sick so long I feel like crying out."

Well, cry out. It will be a good treatment for you. Blind Bartimeus threw away his cloak and ran with all his might, crying aloud. Somebody had told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, and he lost no time in making his wants known. His friends tried to restrain him, and told him to keep quiet. But he cried the louder. And the Healer heard him and opened his eyes.

*** "In reading CHRISTIAN I notice some quibbling about names, so I will give my name in full."

And she gave it, although it was Lucinda, and she said she was called "Cinda" for short. Now that was not guibbling about names, for I do want your first name, and especially the name you are called by at home. I have mighty little success in treating these initial women. But when I get a handle to hold on to the treatments have some effect. I am known in the Silence as "T. J.," the name my mother called me. My wife is known as Lady Blanche, and I don't know why, unless it comes from some former incarnation. The name is not spoken as a title, but as if it were a kind of nickname or pet name. I have been astonished many times in the Silence to hear some great ones called by their first names. In the truth God names you, and that name will stick, in spite of all your titles and honors in mortality. So it matters not if you are a hundred years old, let me have your baby name or whatever name you are familiarly known by among those who love you. I need not tell Bible readers how significant names are in the Spirit. Saul of Tarsus was a great man, and that name was a great name, but Spirit changed it to Paul. Jacob, the supplanter, becomes Israel, the Prince of God.

*** "Every night when I go into the Silence your face stands out before me and I make my prayers. But since the last CHRISTIAN came the 'Lady Blanche' is with you. So I am progressing."

This is from the wife of the man who has just celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday. It is a common thing for people to see my face while I am giving treatments and to feel my presence. It is the power of the Spoken Word, and I AM glad that you are beginning to see the face of my wife along with me. We are working together as never before, and the power will grow much stronger with your active cooperation.

*** "I could change very much for comfort and happiness if I had money. I have worked hard enough for it, and I also know there is very little that I can accomplish without it."

I used to think the same thing, but I have changed my mind. I now know that Jesus Christ is right in everything he is saying to us. I never can speak of his sayings as past, but as present. He is still speaking. The order of life is the kingdom of God first, and all of these things shall be added unto you. I have spent a good deal of my time foolishly in seeking for wealth. I had rather be able to heal a sore toe or straighten up a weak back than to be president of the United States. I had rather heal one child and make it whole than to have all the millions in Cripple Creek. Money is the shadow of the substance. Spirit is the substance, and when you get the substance you will cast the shadow. "All these things" means exactly what it says, for there will be nothing left out of the count.

*** "The dynamic body is great. You certainly reached the highest in woman."

Did you know that the great mission of woman is to be revealed in the dynamic body? She gives us the body of flesh, and she is also the woman clothed with the sun to give us the dynamic body. It is the mystery of all mysteries, and when it is cleared up we will be in the full light of regeneration. In the days of man's brutality women were slaves. As man began to rise in the scale of mentality he changed his mind towards woman. He began to treat her with kindness and tenderness, and love reigned instead of brute force. This is only the beginning of the unfoldment, for Woman is yet to bring forth, not physically, but mentally, the dynamic body. No wonder she is called the Church of Christ and the City of God. Men are just learning the great lesson, and woman pushing herself forward to earn her own living is a great factor in opening our eyes. She ought to be supported by man, and must be in the regeneration. The struggle for existence must be taken off the shoulders of women. She must be the one redeeming feature of our social life.

*** "Will you not print June, July and August numbers of CHRISTIAN in book form? It is so clear and plain, and goes so much farther than Christian Science, and it is so beautiful, I want it in a book."

I have been asked to print the whole of CHRISTIAN since October, 1907, in book form, but I am tired of books. I give you the very best that is in me in CHRISTIAN. 18

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The world is full of books. I want to see a Man. I want the book I print bound in my own skin. I am getting out a new edition of myself. It is the only thing that will bring the world into conjunction with Spirit. Christianity began its movement by healing the sick. It proved its divine origin by creating conditions. It is doing the same thing in this age by mental unfoldment

*** "Enclosed find a mining 'ad.' Would you consider it a safe investment?"

It was a full-page advertisement offering to sell stock at 40 cents a share with a million shares on the market. Let me tell you once for all that mining is a speculation for the good of the promoter, with the chances all against the investor. It has been demonstrated that only one out of ten thousand ever gets anything out of mining. There are 9,999 chances against you. You have a better chance at the faro table. In faro it stands about 300 to 1. While in mining it is 10,000 to 1. The advertisement sent me is from a Colorado mining company which claims to have rich ore already opened. Then why under the sun don't they ship their ore and get their money instead of selling shares at forty cents a share?

*** "Those are very good pictures, and Beverly Boy is a very fine little fellow."

Yes, and I will get myself into trouble over the picture business. The mother says it is all "Beverly, Beverly, Beverly, and nothing about Baby Blanche," It is perfectly natural for the father to take up with the boy and the mother with the girl. But Beverly Boy and I will have to stand in with Baby Blanche and her mother, or we will get ourselves into worse trouble than he got into when he wanted to throw the cat over the banister. There was one place where the mother and grandmother could always dump Beverly Boy and keep him safe. It was a high brass crib. He kept trying experiments until he could finally balance himself on his stomach and climb out of that crib. Freedom shrieked when Kosciusko fell, but she laughed long and loud when Beverly got out of jail. They accused me of helping him out, but he would get out of his own free will and by his own miracle working power. The jail is a thing of the past.

*** "I fully realize the benefits I am receiving. I know I am coming into the resurrection. Enclosed find your three dollars."

I like to get such letters, as well as the three dollars. The three dollars only go towards paying the expenses of this teaching center. When one can say they are realizing the benefits and coming into the resurrection, I get my real pay. It is the joy of speaking the truth and having it received as the truth. The resurrection is at hand. And you had just as well be prepared in your own mind for it. It is a mental rising, the lifting up of the mind, the coming forth of your real self. You know your real self is not sick or diseased or mortal. When you come forth from the tomb you will shake the dust of mortality from your real self and live. Mortal life

is only a sleep. A disturbed sleep full of nightmares and horrid imaginings.

*** "Don't know just exactly how far I am behind on my subscription, but enclosed I hand you two dollars, to be credited to my past indebtedness. I am doing better financially than when I wailed with you last, but there is yet room for improvement."

Good for you. And many two dollar bills are coming in in the same way. I don't mind carrying you along when I know you are going to pay sometime. The real Christians are perfectly safe, for I know they will pay up. So I keep them on the list. But right at the present time we are giving the list a thorough revision, and would like every one to speak out some way, either with the cash or give some good reason for not sending it. Just let me know that you are getting CHRISTIAN, for the postmasters are very negligent about notifying me when people do not take the paper out of the office. Let me hear from you

*** "I am behind two months on CHRIS-TIAN. Please pardon me. I will try to not do it again. Just say, 'Go, and sin no more.' Enclosed find my dollar for the renewal of CHRISTIAN."

Two months! Bless your heart; if you were behind two years you could ask my pardon. But asking my pardon for being behind two months takes my breath away. I not only grant you pardon, but will give you thirty days of the strongest treatments I know how to give. Right here let me say that I give treatments for renewals as well as for new subscribers to CHRISTIAN. In renewing always ask for what you want and you will get treatments. Don't you see that CHRISTIAN is virtually free, and I pay the postage? Your treatments are worth the full price and much more. If I charged you what your treatments are worth you would be paying me one dollar a day instead of one dollar a month. As it is, you get your treatments for one dollar a month and a subscription to CHRISTIAN.

*** "Still improving; little by little the joy of life is beginning to return to me."

This is from one of our new Christians. She has caught the vibration, and is beginning to take this joy a little at a time, until her whole mind is adjusted to the new revelation. It is good to hear her say that the joy of life is returning. Life is always a joy. It is disease and death that brings misery. It is not exactly death, but dying. Death itself may bring happiness, so far as I know. But it is the lingering death, the long drawn out dying, which burdens the soul. "I AM come that they might have life, and life more abundantly." This is what we are seeking through this mental movement. Abundance of life!

*** "I may be in arrears. Please tell me, so I can begin saving up the necessary amount. Then I will not feel so cheap every time I receive one of the splendid papers. That last one, and the other two before it, are the best ever. I believe you are going to have a great revelation this year."

I have already had a great revelation this year. I expect much more next year. This is from one who is really not able to keep her subscription paid up, and I have given her credit from the free list. If people who are indifferent to CHRISTIAN would pay up or

get off the list it would give us more freedom in helping those who want to read the paper. The Circle of Christians is mighty and able to spread this truth over the whole earth. They are gradually doing it.

*** "This is a good time to live here, but I slip away from the heights at times. I try to keep in fellowship with you all. Bless you, Beverly Boy, and that grand, beautiful woman in the last paper. When things make me lonely I will look into your eyes and find company."

It would not do for us to stay on the heights all the time. The mental altitude is too great. It is a good thing to come down into the valley and attend to the common affairs of life. It gives us a relish for the heights when we take a flight once in a while. I get restless and want to accomplish everything right at once. I quit my job and go and play with Beverly and let God run his own universe. Rest your soul in peace. I sometimes think that peace is the greatest word in the English language. "The peace of God which passeth understanding." Yes, yes; it is beyond understanding. It is not something we understand. It comes to us as a feeling, a vibration, a rest. If you want to keep your mind balanced and perfectly healthy, go on about your affairs and leave all results to the Spirit.

*** "I have all of the files of CHRISTIAN since 1899, so I think you will say I ought to know you are growing. And, truly, a more rapid runner to and fro I never knew. You did not make your statement half strong enough in regard to 'Lady Blanche,' and a look at her picture says she is quite capable. I am sure I did not envy her the task. But I am proud of her success. If it were not for the Lady Blanche order of women more than a few of the lords of creation would fail in peace, poise and purpose. I have always given her credit for the changes in what I have always seemed to be your grasp of the higher under-Your recognition and frank anstanding. nouncement is one most positive assurance of your advancement.

You are quite right. Just keep your eye on this center and watch me grow wings. I don't mean wings of goody-goodness, but of power. I know that Spirit has been revealing the truth to me, especially when he showed to me the face of Lady Blanche years before I saw her in the flesh. The unfoldment may seem long to us, but time does not enter into consideration in the purposes of the Almighty. He is not governed by the shadow of the sun. When I get my lessons I will know. I will not have to go over the same ground again, for every step I take is taken for eternity.

*** "In September CHRISTIAN you say the 'body of the resurrection must be dynamic. It must be in direct conjunction with the sun, for no individual is self existent.' In the same issue you say: 'The same man became a pneumatic man, quickening spirit, independent and self existent.' How do you reconcile the two statements? The September number of CHRISTIAN is a live wire, so far as spirit is concerned; the 'dynamo' seems to be running nicely and the voltage increasing. The increase from the two candle power of years ago to the thirty-two light you are giving us to-day is very gratifying. More power to your dynamo, and God Bless You."

The two statements are all right when we take under consideration the theme. No individual is self existent apart from the universal. But he may be self existent apart

from other individuals. The difference is between the universal and the individual dependence. I AM seeking for individual independence. I want to be separated from my fellows, in the sense that I do not depend on them or they on me. I want my own light and my own heat in my own body. I want to go where I please and when I please without being hobbled out like an old horse. I get tired of this planet, and I would like to leave it once in a while for a change. I don't want to leave it by way of the undertaker. I know that is the old-fashioned way, but I am not old-fashioned. I know that my brother ascended from the Mount of Olives in his own proper person. He taught me the Way. He is the Way. I AM getting into that way of thinking and acting and vibrating. It is a question of consciousness. The other day a man died from poison which he thought he had taken. He had not taken a single bit of poison, but his faith filled him full of poison. Imagination is just as deadly as what you call reality. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. If a man can be killed by faith, he can be made alive through faith.

*** "If I were publishing a magazine it would contain advertising if I had to insert it free. Of course, we want better advertising, and there is a great deal of advertising that can be improved; but may heaven deliver us, and I feel reasonably confident that it will, from falling upon the time when our magazines will be advertisementless."—William E. Towne, in The Nautilus.

Heaven may deliver you, but I doubt it. After reading the above I took up several New Thought magazines and read the advertisements. Mercy me! Carlyle was right when he said a new fool was born every minute. Not long ago Collier's wrote up this advertising business, and showed that even the religious press is supported by fraudulent advertising. Of course, there are some genuine advertisements, but if you eliminate the frauds you will not have money enough left to pay expenses. It may be a long time before Peruna, Postum, Pinkham, Pierce and others cease to support the magazines, but the day is surely coming when people will learn better. Somebody has to pay for these advertisements, and the people are growing wiser every day of the world. I am not telling these people not to insert advertisements. I would do it myself if I were running that kind of a magazine. But let us be honest about it.

*** "In a circular issued by a certain teacher and healer, he says that he will accept freewill offerings for his work just as soon as the grocer and baker and candlestick maker adopt the same rule; until then he will make a regular charge of \$5.00 per week for treatments. Here is a quasi-admission of a time when all things may be obtained for freewill offerings. We have long anticipated such a time, and are even announcing that it is here for some things, healing being one of them. This good time will come just as soon as people are educated up to it. When people understand that it is for their wellbeing to pay for all they get, they will not think of taking the results of another's efforts without giving an equivalent."—Unity.

I think myself that five dollars a week is a reasonable price for mental treatments. If I were starting it all over again I would put my price at a dollar a day. But why all of

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this nonsense about freewill offerings? What under the sun is money except an exchange? I take a dollar out of a letter, and immediately give it to the milkman. And, by the way, my milkman is one of us, and pays me twelve dollars a year for treatments. What is the difference whether he pays me the cash or the milk? You people at a distance can not very well send milk in the mail; but money gives you a chance to send bread, butter, milk and-theatre tickets! It is a freewill offering. There is certainly no compulsion about it. So why under the sun do you call it a "freewill offering" when a fellow is left to send whatever he feels like sending? It is the old church collection under a new name.

*** "The idea in bringing these investors to the grounds was to assure satisfaction to all parties concerned. But just how the promoters managed to get 3,000 busy people to travel hundreds of miles over the mountains to come here is beyond me, unless it be, as claimed, that Colorado land is as much sought after by investors and homeseekers at this time as Colorado gold mines were in the earlier days."—Denver Post.

The above clipping is from an illustrated full page article about a great land company which in August settled people on 65,000 acres of fertile San Luis valley land, divided into 6,752 farms, with a townsite and everything which belongs to advanced civilization. The secretary and president of this company have their pictures at the head of this full page article. Now, one of these men-I will not tell which one-is one of us, and I have been treating this land company through him for a dozen years or more. I tell you this, not to advertise this land company, but to show you the kind of work we are doing. This great company is now settling one of the great military tracts in Oregon. The Silent Word has much to do with their success. I know of no better work than to settle people into comfortable homes. They are doing these things on a greater scale than ever before in the history of humanity. These people were put right down on land, with irrigation and a townsite all ready. It is not like going into a raw country. By the way, there were nine preachers among these settlers, and their nine pictures were given in this full page writeup. There will not be a saloon in the town. If I were not the "power behind the throne" in this work I would like to be on the throne. But my work is to keep in touch with such men and help them in these great enterprises. I want all of you Christians to be up and doing. You will not have any time for the blues or retrospection if you keep doing things. I don't care how big your enterprises or how many millions of dollars you make out of the small fee you pay me. I only want to be in the swim with you. I AM right along with you, and if I were not where I AM I would want to be where you are. Let us pull together for Health, Happiness and Prosperity. I have many other men on my list who are undertaking big things. It is my business to sit right here and keep the mental movement vibrating while they go out into the field and do the objective work. If you can't get into something big like this, then pull away at what you are doing, be it ever so small. After all, we are the Success and not the environment. It is the making of you. I AM dealing with individuals.

*** "I have read and reread your September number, and especially the muddled parts, for it is the worst muddled number you have ever issued. What you have been writing about the pneumatic body and the psychic body is sound human science. But what in the name of reason do you mean by the dynamic body? Do you mean that the physical body by some spiritual process is to be converted or changed into an electrical body? If so, when and how, and what is to become of the millions of bodies which have already crumbled into dust?"

You are a preacher, or an ex-preacher, of many years' standing, and yet you say I am muddled because I preach the truth as it is in the New Testament. You had better invest five cents in a New Testament and read up on this subject. I now know that the New Testament is prophecy, and we are just entering into the fulfillment. The apostles of Jesus Christ were prophets. Jesus Christ was the chief of all the prophets. In him was found the very Spirit of Prophecy. He tells us in words and in actions that the body is to be redeemed. He was raised from the dead as the first fruits. He came forth from the grave in his physical body. The millions of bodies you are talking about are no more to be reckoned than the trimming of the nails and the cutting of the hair. We are all the time throwing off these bodies of dust. But there is a body within the body which must be quickened by the Spirit. Turn over to Romans, and you will find Paul affirming that the Spirit that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead shall also guicken our mortal bodies. Read that whole eighth chapter of Romans, for he was talking about the mortal body being quickened. He also speaks of the whole creation groaning and waiting for the redemption of the body. He tells us in First Corinthians that we shall not all die, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. John in his epistles tells us that our vile bodies are to be made like unto the glorious body of the Son of God. The whole New Testament is full of this prophecy of regeneration. We are just now coming into the Electrical Age. It is also the Air Age. and you know air and Spirit are synonymous terms. There is nothing wrong with the little book called the New Testament. It is full of up-to-date Christian Science and New Thought. There is very little religion in it. The word "religion" is only used twice in the book, and it never passes the lips of Jesus Christ. It is science all the way through, from the first word in Matthew to the last word in Revelation. I tell you it is prophecy, and we are just now entering into its fulfillment. These men were sowers of seed. The mental seed is just now coming into the harvest. The whole mental world is moving towards the redemption of the body. I shall take up this thought next year, and give you the very words of the New Testament. The preachers are about two thousand years behind the times, but the doctors are catching up with the procession.

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THE CIRCULATION OF ELECTRICITY.

Electricity!

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It is the modern name of Spirit. The word electricity is the word used to express that unknown power which circulates in the universe.

The circulation of electricity is the circulation of Spirit. It is God moving in his Body, the objective universe.

Men do not know what electricity is any more than they know what God is, but they do know that it is and that it has the power of life and death.

Let us get back to the last lesson about the dynamic body and go ahead into further light.

There are three statements which I wish you to reread. The first is by Jesus after his resurrection:

"Handle me and see, for a spirit hath not fiesh and bones, as ye see me have.'

The word for "spirit" in his statement means a ghost, an apparition. He had flesh and bones and wanted his disciples to know it.

The other quotations are from Paul, who was the interpreter above all other New Testament writers. In Ephesians he says. speaking of Christ, "For we are members of his body, his flesh, and his bones."

Paul here affirms, after the ascension, just what Jesus declared before the ascension, namely, that Jesus Christ has a body of flesh and bones. He ascended into the sun with a body of flesh and bones. When he called Paul he said: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." Then the Man who represents us in the sun is Jesus of Nazareth, and he has a body of flesh and bones. He has not lost, and will not lose, his personal identity as Jesus of Nazareth.

I could call other witnesses, but this is enough for my present point, and proves that Jesus of Nazareth is still alive and in a body of flesh and bones, and this is the basis of our own regeneration, for we are members of his body, his flesh, and his bones. Our own flesh and bones are to be raised from the dead by the same Spirit that raised up Jesus. This is the plain teaching of the New Testament.

Now for the next quotation from Paul in that wonderful fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians:

"Now, this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood can not inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.'

A misinterpretation of this statement has turned all our dead into ghosts. The keyword is "blood," and it is one of the great mysteries of the Bible and of human beings. Jesus did not say that he had blood, but that he had flesh and bones. Paul said nothing about blood when he declared that we are members of his body, his flesh and his bones. But when Paul speaks of corruption he connects flesh with blood.

The body of Jesus after his resurrection did not have a drop of blood in it. The heart was a dynamo and the circulation electricity. There was no sewerage system as in our mortal body. The broiled fish and honeycomb which he ate were consumed. There was no waste matter. It was all absorbed as by fire. In place of blood

there was electricity, hence his body is "the glorious body of the Son of God." The word "glory" means brightness, light, illumination.

The three angels who ate cakes, veal, milk and butter with Abraham did not digest their food as we do, but consumed it as by a flame of fire. While this angelic body of flesh and bones is called "glorious," our mortal body is spoken of "as our vile body." It is vile. Another translation calls it "the body of our humiliation." There is no doubt about the humiliation and embarrassment to say the least, but I prefer the old translation which calls it vile. I need not call your attention to it, for you have to sleep with it, feed it, clothe it and carry its sodden weight around with you. What makes the body vile?

It is in the blood.

All corruption is in the blood. All disease is in the blood. Pain, sickness, disease and death runs in the blood. There is no mystery like the mystery of the blood of man, and especially of woman. The Bible declares that the blood is the life, and for that very reason it was forbidden to the Jew. Blood was not eaten, and there had to be a certain way to slaughter animals so that the blood was separated from the flesh. This is kept up unto this very hour by orthodox Jews. "And without the shedding of blood there is no remission."

Of course, we consume food in the stomach, but it is not a direct flame. In the regeneration it is by direct vibrations of electricity. The immortal does not have to eat, but he can eat and drink, and it is a pleasure to do so, for it is like putting fuel into a fire. I need only to call attention to these great truths. The reader of the Bible will see at a glance how scientific and accurate are Bible statements. If the word blood had been used by Jesus or Paul in connection with the spiritual body there would have been a jumble of contradictions.

On the other hand, if flesh and bones had been left out of the immortal body, our minds would continue to spin cobwebs in the air. There would have been nothing substantial about angels or the spirits of just men made perfect. Now, let us read a little more about angels and men:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days by the prophets, nath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who, being the bright-ness of his glory and the express image of bis person and uphedding all things by the his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they,

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son;

This day have I begotten thee? And again.

I will be to him a Father,

And he shall be to me a son.

And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he said: And let all the angels of God worship

him.

And of the angels he saith:

Who maketh his angels spirits

And his ministers a flame of fire.

But unto the Son he saith: Thy throne, O God, is for ever and

ever: A sceptre of righteousness

Is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Thou hast loved righteousness

And hated iniquity;

Therefore God, even thy God,

Hath anointed thee

With the oil of gladness

Above thy fellows.

And

Thou, Lord, in the beginning Hast laid the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the works Of thine hands:

They shall perish, but thou remainest; And they all shall wax old,

As doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them

up,

And they shall be changed:

But thou art the same.

And thy years shall not fail,

But to which of the angels said he at any time.

Sit on my right hand

Until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

I make this long quotation from the first chapter of Hebrews in the Temple Bible. It is a beautiful statement of just what I have been saying all this year in these lessons.

An angel is a spirit, and he is also a flame of fire. All you need to do is to read of angelic visits, and you will see how their bodies shine like bright garments. Here are two of them in this incident of the resurrection:

"And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

Two men in shining garments! Yes, thank God, two men, but not men in vile bodies. Men in glorious bodies like unto sons of God. Brothers, of mine and mind, let me introduce you to your real kinfolks.

And this:

"And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His counte-nance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the keep ers did shake, and became as dead men.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: 10, I have told you.'

That man is your brother. He belongs to our family, my mental brother, and his white clothing was not made by a tailor. It was a garment of light, the flame in the photosphere of his dynamic body.

While we are at it, let's get back and read something which took place before the crucifixion, and while Jesus was in flesh and blood:

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and

was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias, talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

This was before the resurrection, and shows that the dynamic body was in Jesus all the time. He simply kept it covered from eyes of men. In fact, that body is the man, for the immortal body can not be separated from being. It is the person. My dynamic body is myself, else I could not be regenerated or raised from the dead. As I have said, this body of the resurrection is hidden in the mortal body, like life is hidden in a grain of corn or wheat. It is our life. It is our mind. The real man is a flame of fire.

How could a man walk on water and rise into the air as Jesus did unless electricity circulated in him instead of blood? Can you imagine disease or death where electricity circulates in the body? It is utterly impossible for sickness or pain to dwell in the electric body.

Our scientific men are seeking control of this agency, not only for power, but for health. The X-rays and the application of different kinds of electric lights are now being used by medical men, not to say anything about that wonderful something called radium.

The mental application will become general as men come into the mental resurrection. The real mind is a flame from the sun, and men must learn the great truth that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness.

Light is substance, and it is the only unchangeable substance. The mind must be made to know this, and act accordingly. We have been going to extremes one way or the other. We are flitting as ghosts in the moonlight, or we are gross beings of flesh and blood on the earth. The truth lies between. How can we attract the real substance so as to have new bodies while our minds are floating in the nothingness of ghosts? Just as long as you despise the flesh and want to flit in the atmosphere of apparitions, you will be a weak mortal waiting for the undertaker. Let the mind know that angels and immortal men are substantial beings clothed in flesh and bones, with electricity as the circulating medium instead of blood. This will begin to draw to you life and light and power. You have felt it many a time in the hour of the silence

You go up to the mountain of transfiguration in your dreams and in hours of exaltation. Why? Because it is in you. Because it is your native being. I heard Nordica and Constantino sing, and I forgot that I had a mortal body. The tears were streaming down my face, and I did not know that any other person was in the audience. I was alone with my own soul. I heard a master play the violin, and I knew that music was made for me, that it was an element in my own being.

How could I hear music except by the hearing of my immortal being? It would be impossible. Men learn mathematics, music, language, because they are all of

these, and much more in their own persons. Man is a mind and mind is in conjunction with the Word and the Word is God. Therefore, you are All and in All by your mental vibrations. There is nothing hidden from your spiritual mind. The chords vibrate with all wisdom and all knowledge

How could an angel stand in the sun with blood in his veins? Don't you see the Bible is the great revelation of the real man? The Scriptures are becoming scientific as men advance in genuine science. The more we uncover truth in material science the more we see that the writers of the Bible are scientific in their statements. Begin with Genesis and read on through the book and you see a steady unfoldment of truth without a break in the chain. It is one connected statement of being, and there are no gaps to jump or contradictions to correct in the spiritual unfoldment. The principle never varies but it is the same under all circumstances

Let us take another look at this Man who ascended into heaven with flesh and bones and the circulation of electricity in his veins.

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man. clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countewas as the sun shineth in his nance strength.

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

There is humanity and divinity in one person. It is the same man of the Transfiguration. The same man who ate the broiled fish and honeycomb. Aye, the same man who ate the cakes baked by Sarah the wife of Abraham. And can't you feel the human in that act of laying his right hand on John and saying, Fear not?

That "fear not" was very familiar to John. He had heard it from the same lips on the sea of Galilee.

What is the secret of this success? Did this Jesus of Nazareth succeed according to well-defined scientific principles, or was it an accident? There are no mental accidents: therefore, his success in reaching the very highest manhood must have been by the principle of being. That principle is consciousness of God and nonresistance towards evil. You are conscious of God, for there is a divinity that stirs within you, but can you take the right attitude of mind towards evil?

I use the word evil in a physical and not

in a moral sense. In these lessons I am not discussing morals. Indigestion and rheumatism, cancer and consumption, disease and death, the whole of mortality, are the evils. What is your attitude towards all the ills of the flesh and all this objective life of misery and pain? It is the general attitude of mortal mind, and that is physical resistance.

The mind of man is at war with his environment. He is so irritable, nervous and restless that he keeps up a war with his fellow man. He is not only at war with his own body and its environment, but he kills for the very glory of spilling blood. He is blood-thirsty and blood-guilty and blood-stained as far back as his bloody history can be read. This is carnal mind, and it is not subject to Spirit, and never can be, for it is enmity against God.

So your war is not with your environment, as you supposed, but with your own mind, for this carnal thought which you have been following is enmity against God. You are resisting God, you are in rebellion against your own divinity. You are trying to succeed with a gun, a club, a knife, a pill, a plaster, anything but the truth. When a pain comes or a weakness you seek aid from the outside, you run into the open and begin to fight yourself with any weapon your hand can reach. Your mind is at war, and your whole being is in battle. This is mortal man, and death is his only friend.

"Resist not evil." The one who said this put it into practice inside and outside, and is the Wonderful, the Counselor to all of us. Big job, isn't it? Yes, it covers the whole of being, and the whole of life in time and eternity. Try to practice this principle mentally for one hour, and you will fall down in ten minutes. You can't do it with your carnal mind. You can do it without an effort with your spiritual mind. The mind of the Spirit does not see any evil to resist, and, therefore, there is no resistance aroused in the mind. The principle permeates the whole being, so you can't understand it at a glance. Study it, study it, meditate on it until its secret creeps into your consciousness.

How could angels and spirits of just men see evil? They are at peace, but they could not be if they saw war, contention and strife. They do not see it. They know of it, but the vibrations of evil and untruth never enter their consciousness. "God can not be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed,"

That is a hit right out from the shoulder. It means you. It hits me. Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. And where is lust located? In the blood. It is in the blood where all sin and sickness holds high carnival. Electricity in the veins instead of blood would cure all our ills and do away with sin and death. There is electricity in the blood, else it would stagnate and death would come in a few hours. The white corpuscles in the blood are now called electrodes, atoms of electricity, and they are points of intelligence. In the body of regeneration these electrodes will not swim in blood, but float in the fluid of life.

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HEALING LETTER

My Dear Everybody:

Did you have a good vacation? Are you ready to go to work? Maybe you had rather keep on playing.

We only had two days vacation, but we went to the summit of Pike's Peak for the first time in our lives. It will live in our minds forever. We came down with inspiration for greater work and higher thought.

Let us get right down to business for mind and body. It will not do for us to get too far away from the earth. We live here and let us live in the full joy of living. Go to work and make money, do things, and be somebody. This will help you to grow mental wings for higher flights in spirituality.

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