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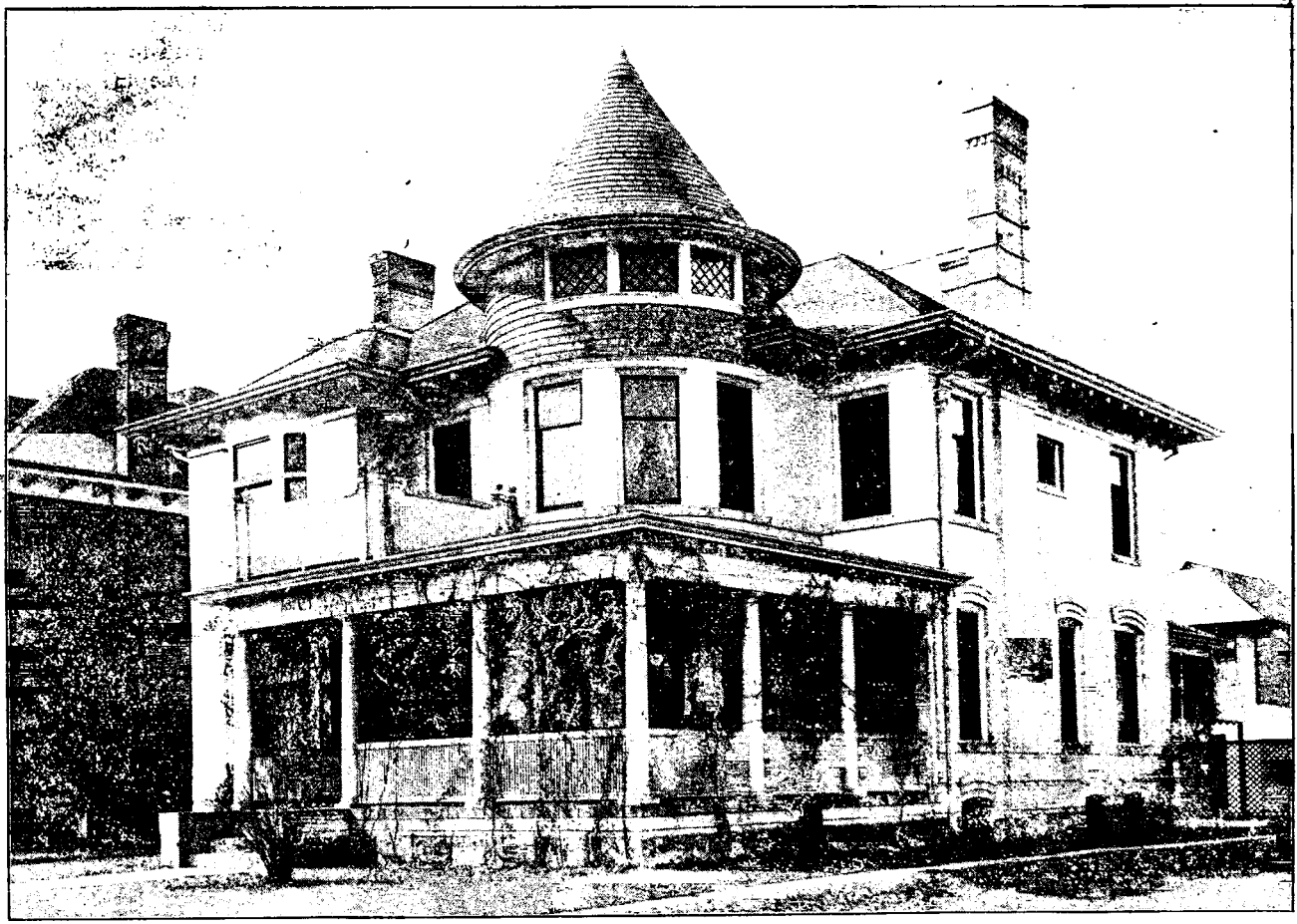
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EYE TO EYE TALKS.

*** Affinity!

*** Don't get disgusted.

*** The word is frazzled.

*** It is also a little soiled.

*** Nevertheless it is a good word.

*** Get a brush and some benzine or borax.

*** The word only needs refining and defining.

*** Your affinity is in you, my beloved friend and fellow traveler.

*** There are two of you and one is your affinity and the other is your adversary.

*** They are both minds, and yet you have two bodies, for you couldn't have a mind without a body.

*** That is a fact, for the mind is always in a body. If you die to-day your mind is in a body, while one of your bodies goes to the grave.

*** It is your mind of the Spirit and your pneumatic body which survives the dissolution of the mortal mind and its body. The mind of the Spirit is not the Spirit, but it is the Spirit's affinity.

*** The mortal mind is a little upstart claiming to be you, but it is not your affinity. You never harmonize, but are ever at war with each other. It is the mind of the flesh and is enmity against Spirit and as your real mind is Spirit you are at war with this pretender.

*** Sometimes you hear this foolish mind called a "spirit," but it isn't. A spirit is not enmity against the Spirit. Certainly not. A spirit is the affinity of the Spirit. It is the Father and Son in fellowship. In principle they are One and therefore in accord. These wandering Willies in the psychic are not spirits.

*** They are only thoughts impersonating people, and some of them are vile thoughts, unclean, unholy and full of the poison of murder and sensuality. These thoughts are floating around saloons and other centers, just like foul odors arise from dead bodies. This mind is also in you and it is full of fear and disease and death.

*** It is not only a sick mind, but it can be scared at the rustling of a leaf. It is always afraid and that is because it is so small. It is a little thing, and therefore stingy, penurious and full of vanity. The poor little puny thing pretends to be you and you are really in that thought until you find your affinity and then you are as brave as God and as mighty as Might.

*** Why look in the wrong place for your affinity? A woman who can't get along with herself, who despises herself, who quarrels with and is disgusted with herself, thinks she could agree with another self simply because he wears trousers instead of skirts! The gentleman is not your affinity until you find him in yourself and have learned to love him and idealize (not idolize) him as your very own. He is your own mind of the Spirit and is your affinity, for Spirit is love and Sex and Being. A woman in the man and a man in the woman.

*** Say, Miss or Mister, you must find the Christ and the Church in yourself. In the man is the Christ. In the woman is the Church. It must be by the resurrection of the real and the destruction of the unreal that you come into your own. When you find yourself and harmonize with yourself and vibrate with yourself you have found your affinity. Then you may look for him or her outside of yourself and your own will come to you by the law of attraction. But, good Lord! don't expect harmony and peace to be attracted by strife and misery in your own mind. Get the pretender off your throne and you will find that everything you dislike will go. He is little and vain, diseased and dying.

*** This affinity business gets down to the bottom of your being and is much more than a sexual attraction. It has to do with generation, degeneration and regeneration. It is the wilderness and the Promised Land. The foundation is in you and there you must first find your affinity. You are having a hell of a time! Because hell is not your affinity. You are full of pains, sickness, soreness, because none of these things harmonize with you. Is your body full of disease and death? Why? Is death your own? Are you an affinity of disorder and disease? You are not in your right mind. The mind of the Spirit is your affinity and it attracts its own. There is no disease or death or devil in the mind of your Spirit, and you know it. Humanity is slowly coming into right mind and so disease and death will be banished from the earth.

*** We are all Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde until we kill Hyde. You don't think there is any affinity between Jekyll and Hyde do you? I know there isn't, for I have been both. This mind of the flesh is Hyde, and you know he is not you. This miserable mind is always under the influence of suggestion. He smokes cigarettes, cigars and pipes because others are doing the same. Of course he forms the habit after a while, but the habit is formed in spite of his real mind, for there is no affinity between tobacco and your spirit. The foolish mind has to force the habit on you. Then when the little mind gets the habit he thinks he can't quit for Can't and Cant are affinities of this weak will-o-the-wisp. He drinks whisky, wine and beer because he is invited to drink, and Dick, Tom and Harry drink. He gets the habit in the same way and thinks he can't break it off, for this mind tells him how dreadfully weak he is and what a terrible hold these habits have on him. It is all bosh, but this little mind doesn't know it.

*** There are two vibrations at work in this world which give me great delight. One is anti-saloon and the other anti-military. The standing army of these Enlightened States can not be kept to its small standard. It lacks one-third of being up to standard and is falling off every day. Glory to God! The Seventh Infantry attended the McKinley memorial exercises. "The entire regiment of twelve companies was ordered to Canton, and should have been about 1,200 strong. As a matter of fact the twelve companies and the band were represented by

only 406 men, while one company could muster but ten privates fit for duty." "This is not the worst, for the report shows that this regiment is above the average. The common "food for powder" man is going out of existence. When the shoulder straps can't find any privates to command, war will cease. The field of glory is being seen by the right mind as a common slaughter house with no valid excuse for the slaughtering. War is not only hell, but it is fed by vanity. The badge of the Legion of Honor worked better than patriotism.

*** War is becoming unpopular and the women don't think much of the man who hires out for thirteen dollars a month when he can get from \$100 up for honest mental and physical labor. So military glory has lost its halo and even the hero of San Juan hill is not admired for his part in that little scrap with a weak and out of date nation. The idea of as powerful a people as the United States jumping on poor old Spain! It is like James Jeffries choking a school boy. Oh, I know they are going right on building battleships, but who is going to man them? Where are the men to put behind the guns? "For the first time in the history of the army vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant are going begging and the soldiers are quitting like rats leaving a leaky ship." I quote from official reports. Many are the causes given by the experts, but no one gives the right one. It is a vibration, a movement of the universal mind, and you can't stop it. "You can fool all the people sometimes, and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all of the time."

*** When the average man quits shooting there will be a drop in the price of powder. War is out of date and it all came by a still small voice speaking in the great mind of the common people. The private soldier has quit his job and there is no glory in military life when there are no underlings. This strike of the privates pervades all departments of labor and there will be a revolution in this evolution before we have universal peace. Women do not like to be called "servants" and treated as underlings. Therefore, the women of upperdom can't get housework done even at the highest wages ever known on earth. What does it mean? It means you will have to wait on yourself and teach your children to serve themselves by taking care of their own persons. It means that we are not going to have any underlings, any servants, any inferiors and superiors, but will all be brothers and helpers in the one Family whose name is in the mind of Spirit. You can't have peace where one man owns another, even by the authority of money. The oath will be abolished and you can't have military authority without the oath. Jesus Christ orders his men not to swear or vow or take any kind of oath.

*** Jesus Christ not only eliminates the oath which disbands all your armies, secret orders, and other oathbound organizations, but he tells his men not to receive or give titles of any kind, but to acknowledge the Spirit of Truth as the only authority on earth or in heaven. These thoughts are just now beginning to leaven the average mind

and it is taking the form of a popular wave. The great mind of the masses does not know why it is moving. They can't quote chapter and verse for it. But they are moving all the same and the movement is for personal liberty. The common man and woman will not obey orders unless there is absolutely no other way to make a living. The tramp is one product of this mental movement and our depleted army is another. The scarcity of "servant girls" and farm laborers are other straws showing the way the wind blows. Universal education calls for individual emancipation and we are going to have it in spite of hell and high wages. It is coming and you had as well get into the procession and march along to the music of mental unfoldment. You only wanted your own mind to unfold—but your servant must be kept under? Is that your idea? Then why do you pay taxes to support public schools? O, fools and slow of heart not to know that Christ proclaimed universal emancipation!

*** The anarchist and socialist are only trying to move with the Spirit of Thought. It is a vibration and does not move by law or logic. There is no sense in it, no order, no concerted action according to mortal mind, but it is the power of God unto salvation all the same. Look at prohibition! It is going to sweep the saloon out of the United States. It has begun burning in the South the very seat of whisky, and is sweeping like a prairie fire. Who started it? How did it happen? Who struck Billy Patterson? Nobody knows but God, and He won't tell. Somebody threw a match and the fire started. Men are weary of the saloon vibration. They have lost their affinity for loose liquor and they are going to put it off the earth. The fire will burn until every state in this union is "white" on the mental map. I'm not a socialist, anarchist, prohibitionist, or any kind of an ist. I'm a Christian and I see the invisible Spirit of Christ at work in the minds of men. Glory to God! Old Glory and young Glory! It is a mental movement and you will not find the Cause outside of the Christ in you. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. The average man did it, for he holds the balance of power when it comes to voting. The man who refuses to serve as a private in the army has also put his vote down against serving the saloon. He knows how strong drink deceives and hypnotizes the weak mind of the flesh and makes him an underling. He has struck! It is a strike for decency.

*** And the men higher up in the mental scale follow the men below. Do they? Certainly, my beloved, there are no leaders of the masses. That is pure fiction. The masses move by a vibration, a mysterious movement in the great universal mind. It is like a panic in a herd of cattle at times, and no one can find out just what started the panic. At other times it is a peaceful movement of the great mass into green pastures by the side of still waters. No one knows why war has suddenly become unpopular and distasteful to the great popular mind, but it has, and it can never regain its lost hold on the public. In Europe they have what is

called Moderns. This thought is anti-military, anti-church, and anti-everything that is out of date. The old gentleman who sits in Rome in the chair of Julius Caesar, which he calls the chair of St. Peter, has issued an edict against the Moderns. Shade of St. Patrick! You had as well join Sister Partington with her broom to sweep back the waves of the ocean. The Spirit of Thought is modern, for the mind of Spirit is never ancient. How could it be when it rises new every morning? There is a movement in the great mind of mankind against the saloon and it will go. This movement is not organized and never can be, for the Spirit of thought is not in anybody's harness. It is just moving. That is all. Bums and booze are going out of fashion along with oaths, titles and servitude. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

*** The organizations of the labor movement are all transient and will pass away, but the movement itself is permanent. When the Spirit of Christianity is enthroned in the popular mind there will not be left an organization to hold it. How could an organization hold the Spirit of Thought? You had as well talk about bottling the sun and corking up the light. It used to be that each little sect thought it was going to swallow up all the others and take the world. Now they are talking about uniting all sects into one great denominational or church union. That would be a good thing, for then the Spirit of Thought would only have one corpse to cremate. No, my mental brothers, there will not be a sect of any kind or any organization to hold the outpouring of the Spirit of Truth. It will be a great wave of thought sweeping sects and parties into oblivion. When the great masses move, the so-called leaders will follow along with the crowd. It has always been so, for preachers and politicians are governed by public opinion; they do not mold it. Superstition and bigotry hold on like leeches, but when the still, small voice begins to speak in the popular mind they will let loose their grip on the mentality of mankind. It will come as a mental vibration, a mighty wave of thought, and men will find themselves Christians without knowing how it came about. Just like Southern colonels found they were prohibitionists in practical politics.

*** Don't you see how the organizations are being undermined and dynamited by the power of mind? The pope issues an edict against modern thought and the world laughs in his face. Bishop Potter commends war and comes out as a false prophet, declaring in the face of Jesus Christ that war would never cease. He did this because his audience was composed of military men. And yet the thoughtful in that audience, even while wearing gold lace and epaulettes, knew that preacher was a false prophet and a hypocrite. Men read the Bible. They are not blind to the teaching of the apostles and prophets. They know that war will cease and that men will love one another. But the men who are in the lead never look back to see that their followers are not following. The populace has gone snipe hunting, and

the preachers are holding the bag. Christ came to the Jews while the leaders were looking into the past for him and reading the words foretelling his coming. They did not recognize him, but the common people knew him by intuition. They accepted him gladly, while the preachers were gnashing their teeth and quoting Scripture. The movement for the emancipation of mankind has now reached a practical stage in unfoldment, but the preachers and politicians don't know it. Kings and emperors are visiting each other and acting as if they were not out of date, while the people are proclaiming liberty for mind and body.

*** It is really funny, while it is glorious, to see the officers on dress parade in their uniforms, while the privates have gone home and engaged in honest employment. Forward, march! And nobody to obey the order. The preachers and politicians will soon be in the same fix. The preachers are even now preaching to women and children, and the politicians don't know which way the cat is going to jump. They talk about the spirit of the mob, but let me tell you that the movement of men is in the hands of God, and God is not in the hands of anybody. As I have said before, so say I now again, that it is by the law of vibrations, the movement of the invisible Spirit of Thought. The thought of humanity is seeking its affinity. Men will not find this affinity in whisky or carnality. They will not find it anywhere this side of that Spirit of Thought sent into the world in the person of Jesus Christ. Men will not be joined to idols in the form of uniforms and personal authority. They have thrown off the yoke of bondage. And it all came about by a popular movement and not by any man's theories or doctrines. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He has been lifted up from the earth and is drawing all men unto him. He didn't say drive, but draw all men. There is a vast difference between drawing and driving where men are concerned. The mind of the Spirit draws. The other mind drives and is driven.

*** I began this as a personal talk, eye to eye with you, and will continue it, even if I leave out extracts from your letters. Your letters are growing in richness, and we are all in the Way. Let us get back to your two bodies and two minds, for the atonement can never be made until you are one mind in a pneumatic body. You are now one in two, and must become two in one, so making peace. This mortal, suffering body, with its sick mind, is an outward envelope of a pneumatic body and mind. You are all of these now and here, else there could be no hereafter for you. You don't get a new body by growing it or receiving it in the regeneration. You have it now, but it is suppressed, instead of expressed. The pneumatic body is the upholder and up-builder of the mortal body. It is by the pneumatic body that we live and move, and have our being, for it is the affinity of the Spirit. The mind of the flesh is a moon, or satellite, of the mind of the Spirit, which is the sun of your being. Just so long as you think and act by order of the moon mind

you are a lunatic, and you know it. That is the strange part of it. You know that this moon mind is not trustworthy, and hence you are full of fear and uncertainty while under its influence. It is only in times of inspiration, the upspringing of the sun mind, that you are sure and confident and courageous in your thoughts and actions. You get calm and go into the silence of your being and say, "If I had only stopped to think!" But you didn't stop to think, but acted without thought. This foolish mind never stops to think.

*** I show you the two minds, not to make war, but to make peace. You can kill the carnal mind and silence its voice forever. What would be the result? The carnal body would die with it. They are both mortal and subject to dissolution. This is the biggest thought that ever was born on earth. The mortal mind takes with it the mortal body of disease and death. That is exactly what mental healing means, and the resurrection is mental, and the second death is mental, and the regeneration is mental. This is no theory. I know the truth. I have not practiced mental healing every hour for nearly a score of years without knowing what mind can do in the realm of matter. I say unto you that the mind of mortality may be destroyed root and branch, and with it the diseased body of death. Paul calls it "this dead body," and his illustration was from the Roman practice of binding the dead body of the victim to the living body of the murderer. The living man, night and day, sleeping and waking, was chained to the putrid body of his victim. Paul calls living in mortality by that awful figure of speech, and all you sick ones know that it is no exaggeration. You are bound to a dead body. "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Then he thanks God for Jesus Christ, our Yahveh. I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE. Ah, there is the keynote, for the mind of the pneumatic body is the Will. 'I WHO WILL BE hath sent me unto you.' That is the name of the I AM in you.

*** How can you know when the will acts? *It acts without effort.* Just as soon as mortal mind begins to assert what it calls its will there is a desperate effort. It is a sinking sensation at the pit of the stomach. An all-gone feeling comes over you and you wilt when you make an effort to will. Why? Why do you get desperate or despondent when you undertake to assert your will? Because you haven't any will to assert, and when you reach for it you catch emptiness. The will is spirit. The will is the divinity which stirs within you, and divinity acts without effort. It has all power in heaven and on earth, therefore there is no need to put forth an effort. It took me a long tramp in the wilderness to find out that my mortal mind did not have a will, but was governed entirely by suggestion. Then I sat down on it, for the will was aroused by the Quickening Spirit. I found out how easy God did things. I had put forth every effort at concentration and condemnation, and cried and swore and

prayed and demanded without accomplishing anything. It seemed to me that I could hear the Spirit laughing at me and that made me desperate, as if God cared anything about my tempest in a teapot, my white caps in a tincup! I resolved and then resolved some more. I made plans and swore I would carry them out. He who sits in the heavens laughed, and my resolutions dissolved before suggestion and temptation. My plans were all upset by the unexpected and the unseen. I had no will, no health, no immortality, no stability, no God in carnal mind. It is enmity against God and is not and never can be subject to the law of Spirit. What is it? A mirage, a jack-o'-lantern, an imitation, a fraud, a counterfeit, a mere shadow in the moonshine. And yet, I thought it was I and wondered why I had no will, no health, no life, no power to reign in my own environment. The scarecrow had on my clothes, called itself by my name, and actually claimed to own my body.

*** The whole thing is written in Romans, but no man can realize it until he has experienced it. Knowledge of God is taught by the Spirit of God, and Spirit lets you go into bondage in Egypt and then makes you wander in the wilderness until you know by experience. There are taskmasters in Egypt and fiery serpents in the wilderness, but there seems to be no other way to learn the truth. Kicking will not hasten matters. Knowledge is the only cure. Ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free. It is the only road to freedom, for the truth alone is free. Let me quote another strange statement from Paul, the interpreter. "For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you can not do the things that you would." The Spirit lusteth! Did you ever think of it? Whatever is ascribed to the flesh here is also ascribed to the Spirit. They are both doing the same thing, are after the same thing, but pulling in opposite directions. Both of your minds desire exactly the same thing. The word lust here simply means desire, for you could not ascribe lust in the base sense to Spirit. Whatever you want your Spirit wants, for all sensation is in the Spirit. There are no desires in a corpse. Then what under the sun is the matter with us? Ignorance, a want of knowledge. Mortal mind does not know, and can not know, and yet it is the mist before the mind of Spirit. "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Do you want a literal word for word translation of that statement from the Hebrew? The idea is not that the Word created light, for light is the creator of all things, but that light was let in or sprang up. "And God said, Let light spring up: and light sprang up." You know how the light springs up in the mind and the darkness suddenly disappears. When the fire mist was around the earth like a great cloud of darkness the sun suddenly shone through the mists and the mists cleared away.

*** Can the I AM really deliver you from this dead body or is it only poetry? Why was not Paul delivered? He was. It was and is a mental resurrection. The closing words of Paul, in speaking of his departure, show that he had been raised from the dead in his mind, and that was where Paul, the real man, was located. He lived a mental life. He was a mind, and it was he who told us about the pneumatic body. This is the way he talks of death. "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the I AM, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." He says he is ready to be "offered," and calls it a "departure," for he was not in the dark about death. He knew that his body was to be an offering on the altar of sacrifice in order to plant the Word of regeneration and the resurrection in the world. He calls death a departure, and in another place he declares that for him to be absent from the body was to be present with the I AM. I leave out that miserable little feudal title "Lord," and give its true rendering I AM, the Yahveh. In these last days this Word is to be made manifest in the flesh through the resurrection of this mind of Christ. It is the resurrection in your mind of the Christ in you. This same Paul whose words continue to fill the world with wonder declares the resurrection to be a mental and personal experience. "My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." That is what he was doing, begetting Christ by the Word, the seed of the Christhood. He tells the Corinthians so in plain words: "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel." How many millions has he begotten since his departure! He put the seed into my mind. Paul is the twelfth apostle, his name is in the amethyst the twelfth foundation of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. His keynote was and is "Christ in you the hope of glory." Paul makes Christ much older than the prophet Jesus, for he declares that the Rock in the wilderness was Christ, and that Christ is the Yahveh Elohim of all the prophets, and the Word that was in the beginning with God and that was God. He refuses to know Christ after the flesh. Can this Yahveh cut us loose from this dead body and deliver us from sin, sickness and death? This mighty question is now before the world for an immediate answer in the regeneration of the body by the resurrection of the Christ mind.

*** I look you in the eye and talk science, mental science, and I don't want you to close your ears, because I have to use the words that have been worn out in the service of religion. These words must be rescued from religion, and they will raise you from the dead. The foundation of this mental resurrection is laid in the apostles

and prophets. Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. But you must not look for this seed to come up as seed. It is true that seed corn produces corn, but it comes up as a stalk and the stalk bears the seed. So in this resurrection the seed planted by the apostles and prophets comes up as men and women. The seed of the kingdom comes up as individuals risen from the dead. I come up as a man and the resurrection is in my mind showing forth in my body. It is in my legs, my arms, my bones and marrow, the beating of my heart and the breathing of my lungs. It is I myself risen from the dead. This is not the day of sacrifice, else I would willingly give my body to be burned. It is nothing to me but a body of death. I would offer it without a moment's hesitation or regret. But this is not a time of planting. The very men and women who did the planting are now coming into the resurrection. I am one of them. Death has no more dominion over me. Even if you go out of the body, my mental brother and sister, go with your minds full of the resurrection, so that when you come again you will bring that mind with you. The theme is so vast, so wide in its horizon, and so glorious in its revelations that I can not put it into words. It will take the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God to tell the whole story of creation, generation, degeneration, regeneration and the resurrection. It is all in you, for you are the world, the flesh and the devil in your mortal mind and the Christ and his angels in the mind of your spirit. It is a mental and personal victory manifesting in a new body. What is going on in the world is going on in you.

*** This is the reason for this review of the unfolding ages. I want you to see that God is in the world and in you. The mental resurrection is now at hand and it will not cease until mind is master of matter, all of matter, in the air and in the earth. This is the movement of the great mind of man. It is not under the control of any man or set of men, but it is the pouring out of the Spirit upon all flesh. Mental healing means the absolute control by the mind of the body and its environment. I see it working every day in all kinds of conditions. It is a common thing with me to see disease give way before mental vibrations. Every vestige of mortality will give way before this flame of the mind of Spirit. Flame is the right word, for fire is health. There is no fumigation like fire. It utterly destroys every germ of disease and drives out the dead atoms. The flame not only destroys the disease, but it heals the hurt and brings peace to the mind. The whole world is being set on fire by thought flames, and you must be able to pass through the trial by fire without having your nerves upset and your mind unbalanced. The fire is good for you if you know how to receive the flame into the mind for purification. There is absolutely no sense in being sick or growing old. It is not your affinity. You resist with all your might, and disease and old age must bind you and drag you along against your will. This resistance on

your part is in direct disobedience to the command of Christ: "Resist not evil." There is a better way to conquer. The old way only sinks you deeper in the quicksands of mortality. Here is an illustration of the science of healing. A woman writes: "You would not treat me for sleepiness, but curious to say, I have had no sleepy mornings since I wrote to you." I told her to sleep and keep on sleeping. If I had resisted her desire to sleep she would not have been healed of the unnatural condition. When you build a fence around the mind it begins to think about jumping over or crawling through a crack. The whole secret of my success in mental healing is found in those three words of Christ: "Resist not evil." I throw all doors wide open and turn the mind loose.

*** The two minds at war in you are seeking for the same thing, therefore stop your resistance and peace reigns supreme. Spirit is seeking to satisfy your desires. All desire is in the Spirit, and the only difference is that mortal mind does not know how to interpret the hunger and thirst of Spirit. The mind of the flesh goes at the thing in the wrong way, but Spirit will not resist evil, and so you plunge along until pain corrects your error. If you would only be still and let Spirit have the right of way, your desires would be fulfilled beyond your fondest expectations. This rule or principle must apply to you inwardly and outwardly, for you will meet in the world the same thing that you find in yourself. Spirit is light, and did you ever know light to force a way for its entrance? The sun shines, but it does not force anyone to stay in the light. You get up and close the doors and pull down the window shades and the silent light will shine on, but it will not break into your darkened room. Everything seeks the light, but the light never seeks. It is. It will not resist you. It only shines. The spirit is the sun of your being. It is. It will not resist evil. It will only enter an open door. It will not break down your barriers. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." He will never break in the door or force the lock. You wonder why Spirit does not save you and heal you by force. He can't do it. God is all powerful in the truth. He is all powerful in love. But to force you is not truth or love, and in your very nature such a salvation is utterly impossible. Man is a free spirit. He can not be coerced into good or driven into righteousness. The sun shines on the earth and the sea, and the Sun of Thought shines on the minds of men. Men may come and men may go, but thought abides forever. Therefore, the I AM can afford to wait on the action of your mind and leave you in freedom. The mighty mind of man must be free. Sin is the action of a mistaken mind, but it leads to freedom. If the mind were not free to blunder, to make mistakes, to miss the mark, there would be no room for unfoldment. Your acts are enjoyable in proportion to their freedom. Turn the child loose to play and joy vibrates in every motion. Give it a task

to perform under compulsion and joy is turned into mourning.

*** I practice what I preach, for the true preacher must heal the sick. As many of you know, before I left the pulpit, I held a ten days' public debate with Dr. Waddell, a Christian Scientist. There was only one proposition: "The healing of the physical body is a part of the commission of Jesus Christ, and can be Scripturally and scientifically demonstrated at the present day." Dr. Waddell affirmed and I denied. The result was that we convinced each other. I left the church and he left Christian Science. I went out of the pulpit and he went into it. I have proved his proposition by seventeen years of mental healing, and shall go on until Gabriel blows his trumpet. In this review for the New Year it is well to take you into our confidence and tell you some of our methods. At the coming of our Beverly Boy I employed a stenographer, who stayed with us for one year. She got married last November, and so Mrs. Shelton and I once more resumed our work alone. We turned the upstairs healing room into a nursery and "Mama" cares for the house and the babies, while we do all our work down stairs in the office. The office consists of two rooms joined by folding doors. They are beautiful rooms, finished in oak, with grate and mantel on one side and our desks on the other. There is a large painting of the Grand Canon by Harmon, two of my wife's paintings in oil, and other pictures. This is the front room. The rear room is for book cases and files of CHRISTIAN. You come and go from the office by a front door, without connecting with any other part of the house. The house was built by a medical practitioner, but that vibration has long since gone out of it. We have been here seven years. So much for our surroundings. In the morning, about eight o'clock, my wife comes into the healing room, opens the letters, marks up credits and books and leaves the letters on my desk. I sit down at my desk and take up the letters where she left off and begin to talk to each one as they come, holding the letter in my hand until my Word has gone out. The answers to the letters are taken down on the machine without bothering with shorthand. Mrs. Shelton can write as fast on the machine as any man ought to dictate. We never do things in a hurry. The very air is charged with mental vibrations, and the silence is wonderful. No one thinks of opening these doors while we are at work. There is no sympathy, no emotionalism in our work. It is the clear thought of sun vibrations, and is growing in Silent Power day by day. A new feature for the past year is the making of a new and fresh list every month, and instead of a book we use slips of typewriting paper. This keeps you before us all the time, and we can tell the day and date of every letter at a glance. Our location is about half way between the Atlantic and Pacific and on top of the Rocky Mountains. It is the electric center, and we could not be in a better place for telepathic treatments. My wife and I give our whole time and attention to you, and we ought to charge you ten dollars a month, but we don't. Your dollar, or five dollars, with your good will, pays the bill.

IN THE BEGINNING GOD.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Where shall we begin?

There shall you begin. There is no other place of beginning. God stands for the sanity of humanity. Take God away from the people and you have madness. Leave God out, and you have the French Revolution.

The world is just now going mad, not for want of religion, but for lack of the living God. Religion is as much to blame for this state of affairs as any other one factor. Turn the living God into a religionist and you have the Spanish Inquisition. Aye, and the Protestant Inquisition. It is God as the Father of Lights, God as "Our Father in Heaven" of the Lord's Prayer. God as the Father of Jesus Christ. God as the Creator of the heaven and the earth. The real and true Spirit of Thought. This is the Center of Sanity.

So, beloved, there is only one place to begin, and one place to end. In the beginning God, and in the ending God. This mighty God, this Everlasting Father, stands for the sanity of the universe. Go to Him in your hour of need, and you will hear His voice and feel His vibrations. There never was a sincere prayer offered but what was answered. Do not let religion or science take away your Anchor.

I have talked to you of science and the sun, and you think I am working out something on the plane of pure thought, independent of God. You are mistaken if you think so, for I am not. I will lay bare my soul! I will strip my mind in your presence. I will let my being stand nude before your eyes! I pray! I pray always. Day and night I pray to God. There is not an hour in which I do not pray. I pour out my soul to the living God. I cry out of the depths of my being to my Father for the Way, the Truth and the Life. This is the way I put in my time. Praying always with all prayer and supplication. Calling, calling, forever calling on God for more light.

Do you say this is an old habit of mine, and that it is part of my inheritance as a preacher? It may be so. But I got out of the habit for many years and thought I could work it out on my own little slate. I quit praying and got into the habit of swearing. I am now reversing the order once more, and my prayers are answered. Did you hear me? My prayers are answered. It is a wonderful revelation, not that men pray, for that is common enough, but that God should answer in words. Not only does God answer in words, but in vibrations and in objective actions. What is the use of prayer unless it is answered? Shall the soul cry out for the living God, and the heavens remain silent? Not if you learn how to pray.

I have located God.

How can one locate the omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient Spirit? It is easy when you know where He is. You can not have a God who is present everywhere unless He is also present somewhere. Therefore, I have located God, and opened up tele-

phone connection with the One who is everywhere. God knew that the mind of man could not look for omnipresence, so He located Himself in the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle and the temple. He made them understand that He was omnipresent, and, in the dedication of the temple, inspired Solomon to make that wonderful, that sublime prayer in which location and omnipresence are recognized in the Almighty.

And how did God locate?

Did He come in the form of a sacred cow and bull representing sex as among the Egyptians? Did the Almighty set up an image, an idol, in a place where the people could come and worship? How did the Almighty come down from omnipresence to a location among the people so that they could feel at home in His presence? Man needed a God who can be seen and known. The mind of man must have a very present help in time of need. How did God do it? You must remember that the Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for four hundred and thirty years. The beautiful sun worship of the Egyptians had degenerated into the worship of sex in the form of the sacred bull. How would the real living God make His presence known, if there could be such a thing as a revelation? How did he do it?

In the form of fire and light.

When the deliverer, Moses, saw a burning bush that shone like a fire and yet was not consumed he turned aside and approached it. A voice came out of the light and told him to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground. He was in the presence of God, and that God was intelligent, omnipotent light. The Scriptures can not be broken! God has always made his presence known by fire. The record is the same always and everywhere. God is light. The pillar of fire by night, and the pillar of cloud by day. The fire on the altar, and the light of the Shekinah in the holy of holies. It is the same Presence in you which gives clairvoyance by a light which shines in the darkness. It is one mighty Being, and one mite of Being. The atom and the angel. The presence and the omnipresence. The potent and the omnipotent. The science and the omniscience.

Where have I located God?

In the sun. Where else could I locate Him after reading and studying the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation? I do not need an altar and a temple made with hands. I have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In the beginning of unfoldment, in the kindergarten of thought, God made His pretense known by a light, a fire. In the revelation He showed that He was, as Swedenborg declares, Pure Fire, for the bush was not consumed. Pure Fire is that Fire which is the Original Flame and does not depend on combustible matter. It exists independent of matter. It is under self-control and may consume or not at the will of God. This is the way God is located in the records called the Bible. The Bible as a revelation of regeneration and the unfolding mind of God is infallible.

I say this with due reflection. The Bible as a revelation of spiritual unfoldment is infallible. It is perfect. No matter what translation you use, it is perfect as a reve-

lation of regeneration. If you read it as a religion you will get tangled and mixed in your mentality. You can read any kind of a religion into the Bible that you want, even Mormon polygamy. It is not a book of religion. The prophets condemned all religions. It is a revelation of regeneration and the unfolding of the mind of Spirit. Jesus Christ, the last and greatest of the prophets, set aside law and religion and made God the direct ruler and teacher of man. God is to come to the individual and reign in him as the Spirit of Truth. He was to come down from the sun and establish direct conjunction with the spirit of man.

This is Christianity.

And Christianity is not a religion. There is no such thing in the mind of Christ as the Christian Religion. He set aside all religion and all law, saying that he came to fulfill it and take it out of the way. God will come to you as the Spirit of Truth, and you will have no further need of law and religion. The sun of God will shine in you, and no other light can shine where it shines. I AM the light of the world, and I will come to you. I will not leave you in darkness. Christianity is Christ in you. There is nothing else to it. Religion is a sham and a humbug, and to talk about the Christian religion is to talk nonsense.

Did not Jesus pray?

Yes, and so do I, but did you ever hear of his praying in a synagogue or the temple? Did you ever read of his offering anything on an altar or in any way recognizing the temple worship? He raised a row every time he went into the temple. The only recognition he ever gave it in a personal way was to cast out those who profaned it. He also told the lepers to go and offer what was commanded by the priests. This was to save these men from getting into prison and to provide them with a permit to live in their own homes, as lepers were outcasts. Jesus came to fulfill the law and inaugurate Spirit. God is Spirit, the Original Flame, and as such men must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. This is the teaching of Christ, and for this he was condemned to death. But by the power of this Almighty Fire he arose from the dead and ascended to the sun. He reigns supreme in the Spirit as Lord of lords and King of kings. His location is in the sun, and he reveals himself to men as the Word of God.

This light of the sun, this Word of God, is in you. Let us build on the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. This foundation is real. It is laid in your own mind. You see how apostles and prophets received the truth and you receive it in the same way. God is no respecter of persons. The kingdom of God is within you the same as it is in any other person.

How did God reign in apostles and prophets?

By an inner light. The objective altar and fire were symbols of the light within you. God makes His presence known by a light, for He is light. In you there is a sun, and your sun is your light. It shines in you all the time. It is you. Put that light out and you go out. Enlarge that light and you are enlarged. Where is it? It is at the apex of the spine, and from it radiates all your intelligence and all sensa-

tion. By this light you see, hear, taste, smell and think. It is your being. When death comes you leave the body as light. The clairvoyant can see the spirit of the dying leave the body. It is a circle of light. It was you all the time sitting on the throne at the apex of the spinal column.

Ah! this accounts for that pain at the base of the brain and those flashes of light from the eyes. The inner man is being disturbed, and you are in nervous prostration. That inner man is not nerves or blood or brains or bones. He is spirit. He is a spirit. He can leave the temple of the body and ascend to the sun. He is the son of the sun, and light is his native element.

Build on the foundation.

It is already laid in the Christ. All you have to do is to build. Where is the material? It is in you. Don't try to swim away from yourself. You can't do it. The further you get from yourself the smaller you will be. Come right home and expand your own being. The kingdom of God is within you. You have heard that before. Well, hear it again and again, until it is fixed in your thought. God is light, and therefore the kingdom of God is light in you. It is substance in you. It is a real light and a real substance. Oh, if I could only make you realize that the light in you is God! The foundation is not a book, an altar, a church, a theory. It is the light of God in you. Your own divinity. Your own immortal spirit. Your own sun of God.

What does clairvoyance mean but immortality? I see by a light within me. I hear by the spirit of thought speaking in me. I foresee and foreknow by this power of telepathy. What is it but God in me? Why should we linger in the moonshine telling fortunes and reading palms when the light of God in us may be exalted to the sun and made to serve as immortal energy? Wake up! This light of clairvoyance may be the highest inspiration.

In the beginning God. Always begin at the beginning. Then my beginning is God. It could not be otherwise. I read the Bible and see how the Spirit came to men as fire, as a light. It was the first lesson in science. Now we naturally turn to the sun as the substance of the symbol. Then in the sun we see the altar and the fire, the light of God. When we have the solar system fixed in the mind we naturally look within ourselves for its image and likeness. In telepathy, clairvoyance and clairaudience we find the whole solar system, with sun, moon and stars. It brings everything down to reality, and we begin to touch the whole of being.

Consciousness expands and we are in conjunction with the whole of Being. God is no longer far off and the sun is very near to the mind. It comes closer and closer as the light within you is trained to see the truth. Why can't we make it practical? We can. That is why I appeal to you in these essays. Heretofore this power has been prostituted and belittled by fortune tellers and seekers after phenomena. The entire work of the Society of Psychical Research has been with moon mediums in trance and muddling methods of cabinets and slate writing. It is not mental. It is not of the

intellect. It is not inspiration. It can be made glorious as a revelation of the Spirit. It can be exalted to the sun.

I'm sick of mere phenomena. I want reality. The light in me is growing clearer and clearer every day. I am conscious of a mental resurrection. It is a resurrection of an eternal mind. I am coming up from buried ages and forgotten ideas. I see, hear, taste, smell and think by the Spirit. I must do. I must act. There must be objective action. I see your sickness and your health. I had rather heal one little child than to have all the pyrotechnical phenomena on earth. Just one cough cured is more to me than all the visions and revelations in creation. At breakfast the other morning a telegram was handed me from a mother asking me to prevent an operation for appendicitis which was about to be performed on her daughter. I read the telegram and the Spirit said: "There will be no operation." That was more to me than all the subjective visions of the year.

And yet the subjective visions were necessary to prepare my mind for objective manifestations. It is all good. In the beginning God and in the ending God. All is good. Only it is time for us to cease dreaming and awake to objective reality. One ounce of healing is worth more than tons of theory. How can sin and sickness, disease and death, abide in the Divine Presence? It is impossible. The word, the touch of Jesus Christ banished disease and death. He lived in the consciousness of God. I am coming more and more into this consciousness, and it is electricity.

Does that spoil it for you? Had you rather I said Spirit and left you groping in the dark or merely living in your emotions? It needs a modern expression. When spirit and ghost were used, that was the language of the day. In this, our day, we are talking about electricity. Electricity is in the air, and it is also in the mental atmosphere. It is the Holy Spirit being poured out on the earth. It is the movement of God in the minds of men. This is the Air Age. We are now conquering the air, and this means electricity, and electricity is fire, and fire is light, and light is God.

We do not give up anything. It is all in the good old Book. We give it a new dress and translate truth into modern language. The sun is brought down to us and made Central for our mental telephone. The sun knows it all. All the secrets of minds are in the sun. It has been looking down on our planet from the beginning. Nothing has escaped this Eye of God. Therefore you can get it all from the sun, and that is another name for the Spirit. Just as sure as the sun is the immortality of humanity. All that has been written and spoken by the prophets will be fulfilled, and life and immortality will be brought into the light. It is a glorious thing to live!

Start your unfoldment with God and find that God in yourself. Turn your eyes outward and inward. What you see outside is within you, else you could not see it. Your conscience takes in the light of the sun because there is sunlight in you. If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that

darkness! Isn't that a queer statement of Jesus? How can light be darkness? He means that you are in darkness if the light that is in you has gone out. No matter how the sunlight falls on land and sea. There is no light for you if the light in you does not shine. In you is your own lamp. You are in the presence of God when you are in the light of your own being.

Where is it? It is in that little circle of light seen in clairvoyance. By it you are in conjunction with all the light there is in the universe. It is in you, whether you are conscious of clairvoyance or not. Everybody is naturally clairvoyant, else we could not dream or think. Let your light shine more and more unto the perfect day.

Have I brought everything down close to your consciousness? It is all a matter of consciousness. You know the Greek word for faith means consciousness. Paul says that faith is a substance, is the substance of things unseen. It is. It is the consciousness of an invisible Presence, a divinity that stirs within us and intimates eternity to humanity.

If faith is a substance and that substance is consciousness, and consciousness is the light of your own divinity, who are you? You are a sun of God, the offspring of the Almighty, and your redemption from mortality is by a recognition of this consciousness. This is the new birth, regeneration, the resurrection from the dead. You can't make anything else out of it. It is in line with the record of human unfoldment. The light in you corresponds to the sun in the heavens, and was symbolized by the light of the Divine Presence in the temple, the fire on the altar, and the whole of man's journey in the wilderness. This is the day when symbols give way to reality, and shadows give way to substance.

This is the hour when men have ceased to dream, and are going in for practical results. Healing of the sick by mental treatments has been revived, and the whole of the New Testament is coming up from the dead as part of our living experience and unfoldment here and now. It is a practical awakening. And yet you will find it all in the last book of the New Testament. The tabernacle of God is to be with men, and He is to be the real ruler of men. Pain, sickness, death, all the former things, are to pass away, and all things be made new. And all this will be brought about in a practical way. It will not be by an angel coming down from heaven and blowing a trumpet. It will not be by the action of a force from without, but will come up by vibrations from within your own mind. It is a resurrection by electrical vibrations. Men are already getting ready for it. It is a glorious thing to live in this our day. The keynote is electricity. The great power is within the sun. What use is the sun to the earth unless we can make use of it? Why all this waste of power and energy? It is because we have not learned how to connect our own light with the light of the sun. On clairvoyance, clairaudience and telepathy we will build a ladder reaching from the earth to the sun. It will be a practical mental conjunction.

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