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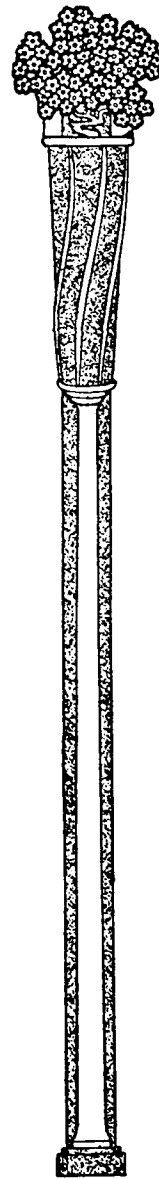
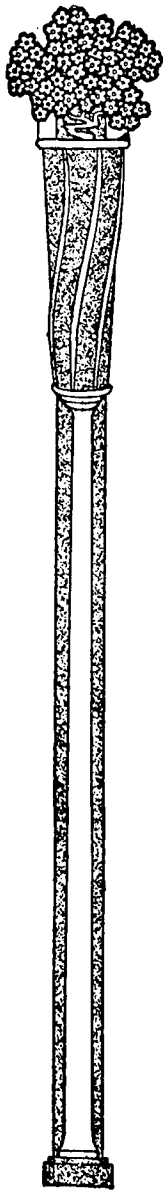
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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

MIND

*"The brain is the organ of mind and nothing more."
—Sheldon Leavitt, M. D.*

Man is a god.
Be careful!
He is also a devil.
He may be both in the same hour.
A match may ignite the brimstone.
Yes, brain is the organ of mind.
So are the lungs and the liver.
The heart and the stomach.
The bowels, blood and bones.
The whole body is an organ of mind.
Man is not the body.
He survives many bodies.
He breaks all the commandments.
But he is not broken.
He is spirit and mind.
Eternal and immortal.
A devil when perverted.
A god when converted.



ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Pink!

*** The pink letters are going everywhere.

*** Not exactly everywhere, but in all directions.

*** They are going East, and West, North and South.

*** They are going across both oceans and into nearly all civilized countries.

*** It was a great move of the Spirit to give treatments to the letters and envelopes.

*** I want the pink letter to be a kind of banner of victory over every obstacle that stands in the way of your unfoldment.

*** There is only one thing in the way: we have to address all of the envelopes, and many of you fail to give your address in full.

*** The most annoying thing in this business is to hunt up addresses, and sometimes we fail entirely, so the writer gets no answer to his letter.

*** Several persons wrote the first of the year wanting a pink letter but gave no address of any kind. And the postmark on their envelopes was illegible.

*** What are we going to do in such a case? These letters are nearly always written by people who write well, but neglect to give town or state. They, of course, blame us for not answering the letter.

*** Then others put their letters in the postoffice without stamps, and the rule is for the postmaster to send a card to me asking for the stamp. This sometimes takes a whole week. Here are two cases this morning—one from Portland, Oregon, and the other from Portland, Maine.

*** There must be a defect in the thinking of many people in this line, else they would quit writing letters in such a way. Address your envelope and put a stamp on it, then write your address at the top of your letter, giving the full name and full address, and be careful not to omit the state.

*** "I was afraid to ask for any more, fearing I was doing wrong. My husband says if I am a Christian I will not have much earthly goods. So I worked until everything is worn out and we are back on our payments on the lots and house. I got out of heart and so come to you."

Your husband knows very little about Christianity. He has the old religious idea, and Christianity is not a religion. You want to get right up and move for new clothes, prompt payment on the lots and house, and gather up money to get out of debt. Bless your heart! a Christian is the only one on this earth who has a right to it. The whole thing belongs to us. You want good clothes of the very best quality. You want plenty of good food for mind and body. You want a home of your own free from debt. You want a regular income, so that you will be ready for rainy days. No wonder your husband gets blue with such bosh in his mind about Christianity. You can tell him for me that he is a heathen.

*** "I wish to compliment you on your February number on Satanic Science. I

have read and re-read it, and I believe it is one of the best articles and sublimest thoughts which has ever been advanced. I have been a spasmodic customer of yours for over eight years, that is, myself and wife, and we have always taken a great deal of interest in you and your writings. We are now going to join your procession permanently."

This is a sample of the awakening which February gave to the spasmodic ones. They are going to get into the procession and keep up with it. This is the only way that we can work the problem out in our lives. You know I have been pegging at it for eighteen years, and if I had gone at it in a spasmodic way I would still be splashing around where I started. There are many people in this fellowship who write regularly every month, year after year, and sometimes only say one or two words. Some even only sign their names and addresses. They are in the mental fellowship and meet me every day in the Silence. We are going some this year!

*** "If you do not always get my letter on the exact time go right on with the treatments until I say enough. Now to business. The hard lump on my wrist swelled one day until my hand was like a puff ball, and then it gradually disappeared. Now, can you fix my head the same way? Have had severe headaches for many years and I can't use my brain in the way I should. I don't care if it swells and breaks, just so I can once more use it the way it was intended."

I find that more obstructions are being removed in the way this lump was healed. An agitation begins and the whole thing is cleared out of the way. In regard to your head, the agitation will have to begin in the whole body. The circulation of the blood through the brain is not normal. The vibrations must reach every atom in your body. The whole system must be made to vibrate in unison with the universe. It looks like we were very small items in the universe, and we are in one sense. Nevertheless we must be in tune with the whole or inharmony will manifest in mind and body. This one thing we must get in mind and keep it there in spite of all objective suggestions. All disease is abnormal. There never was a diseased condition that was natural. It is not natural for a splinter to stick into your flesh, else you would be sticking splinters in for pleasure. Any kind of a disease in mind or body is a splinter. It is abnormal. Life is a Joy.

*** "I like the pink paper and envelopes you are using. Just took a notion to pink paper and ribbons before Christmas."

This is not the first one who has told me they felt like getting new paper and envelopes just about the time we were thinking about it. You people are catching our thoughts on all kinds of subjects. Well, we will not send you any thoughts to your injury.

*** "I do not prefix the title Mr. when speaking of or writing to Thomas J. Shelton. He is not there. He is risen! Am sending gold for treatment, as I read in CHRISTIAN that gold is the symbol of sunshine. I understand why I could not be content to send money order or certificate for treatment. I knew I should receive from Thomas J. Shelton not the promise of

life, but life. He is not in the land of promise. He is in the promised land."

This is a new Christian and she has not read my reasons for discarding all titles. Jesus abolished titles of all kinds along with oaths and vows, and all other ritual and religion. Some day I will rewrite these statements of Christianity. The strong words of this writer have reference to I AM that I AM, and not to the physical person. The mental resurrection brings you into conjunction with the I AM of the universe. In one sense you lose your own personality. You are the Spirit of Truth. I would not think of giving treatments under any other name than that of the I AM that I really AM.

*** "I received a letter from my husband telling me he would write you for special treatments asking for business success. Can you imagine how happy I am that he is at last ready to come to you himself? Oh, how I have longed and prayed for this time to come. I know it means more than an old time conversion. I thank God even for debt, for if he were not in debt very likely he would not have come to you."

I print this as an encouragement to you women who have been standing by the truth while your husbands have turned a cold shoulder or sneered at it. This man came all right in a good, strong, manly, business-like letter. The men are all right when they can see something. They are all from Missouri, and have to be shown. Yes, it is more than an old time conversion. It will last longer. The man who gets religion is liable to lose it, but the man who comes into the vibrations of Success will go ahead.

*** "You are always patting on the back the lads and lasses who drop from five to ten dollars a month in the hat, but you never say a word of comfort to any of the old guard who have been faithfully sending you these many years the small sum of one dollar."

He means one dollar a year. Well, if I depended upon the people who send one dollar a year for CHRISTIAN the whole thing would have suspended right at the start. You people who send one dollar a year may congratulate yourselves on getting a twelve-dollar-a-year paper for a dollar. If there is any back patting you should do it to the whole circle of Christians. Instead of that some of you are away behind on your subscriptions. The Christians are carrying you right along and you don't seem to appreciate it. Is this a back pat?

*** "We have a good comfortable home and a few hundred dollars at interest, which is all very nice, but now we want to travel and see some of the world. You must help us to do it."

This is the kind of people who are coming, or rather, who have been in this fellowship for many years. They are now fixed financially and want to get into the vibrations where they can enjoy life. I certainly will help this man and woman to go out into the world and take a look at this planet. As my wife says, when we start down town, let us shake hands with the world. We do not literally shake hands with anybody, for we can go into a crowd at a restaurant, hotel or theater and not one person will know who we are. This comes from not receiving callers or making calls. We are strangers in Denver and we want

to be so far as the physical is concerned. Go out into the world and travel and we will be right along with you and help you to carry your grips. We cross the ocean with people nearly every month in the year.

*** "Well, friend Shelton, you certainly strike the keynote in this February CHRISTIAN, and strike it good and hard. I have wanted to write you for several months, but have had a foolish notion that I wanted to work out my own life in my own little way. But I have changed my mind. I want you to show me the way and then help me to walk in it. I enclose you five dollars for special treatments, and am going to enter that class. I want money enough to pay an assessment on some bank stock. I want money to meet payments on four lots, good ones, in this town. I want money enough to buy a half pound box of chocolates. I never had any but once, and I want more. I mean of this particular brand. These wants all sound like a man—but I am a woman, working about sixteen hours a day, and I am tired of it."

I don't know about these wants sounding like a man. Chocolates sound very much like a woman, and some of the other things. Women are getting to want the whole earth. I want the women, and they can have the earth. I don't care anything about the earth without the women. It would be useless to me. I don't mean to start a harem or anything of that kind. I want the one woman that is mine personally, and then all the other women who are mine in this fellowship of mentality. Let me tell this one who writes in this letter that her notion of working out her salvation by herself was very foolish. I know it by actual experience. The volume of vibrations coming into this center proves that there is strength in a mental fellowship. There is power behind our mental movement. It is gathering strength day by day from all parts of this planet. It is not an institution. It is not an organization. It is a fellowship of free spirits. It is the only individualistic movement of mentality spreading over the earth. I thank God every day of my life that I have kept out of all institutions and organizations. I AM treating each one of you for unfoldment into your own individuality. I want you to have that box of chocolates and to cut your working hours down from sixteen to five or six.

*** "I have learned that silence is golden, still there is much I would like to say to you, and I hope to surprise even you with all of the wonders that come to me. I was in the very depths when the first copy of CHRISTIAN came to me, and from that hour I commenced to search for truth. I was certainly in earnest, for I was willing to go to the devil to find it. I thought, and I guess everyone else thought, for a while, that was the road I had taken, but to-day it seems quite like heaven. Of course you know the hell one has to go through to get there, but always you and CHRISTIAN have been my help in my hour of need. Even before I could talk with money I came to you with my silent requests, and always through CHRISTIAN, or in some unexpected way, I received the help I needed. So when prosperity came I was more than glad to let the money talk for me. I AM so glad you do not ask for self addressed envelopes any more. I never could bring myself to send you one. I liked to have your letters come in your own envelope."

I give you this whole letter, for it speaks a strong word for all of us. This girl was fenced in by traditions and suggestions. It was not a common old-fashioned rail fence.

It was not even a picket fence. It was a stone wall. She had to climb out by scaling the wall. When she got out she was like a young colt turned out into a big pasture. She didn't know exactly what to do with her freedom. She kept right on in our vibrations until the power in the Circle of Christians was woven into the web of her being. She is now making money, making all the friends she wants, and avoiding all the people she does not want. This is the glory of the individual. You must not only call your own to you, but you must keep those who are not your own away from you. The law of vibrations attracts your own, and repels those who would injure you. This girl is not tagging along, but is in the lead. It was all in her, and only needed to be brought out and made manifest. Don't be afraid of the devil. He is in you just as much as the other fellow is in you. You are the whole thing. You are IT.

*** "You must do something for me. I am doing all that I can and you must crown my efforts with Success. Over a year ago I planted a seed with a view of obtaining a big sum of money which I need for a work. The amount I need is fifty thousand dollars, and I want it to come this month. It can come, should come, and with your help, it will come."

This woman sends thirteen dollars, showing she is not afraid of any kind of a hoodoo. Fifty thousand dollars is not much money. If you planted your seed in the right way it ought to bring forth fruit. But you must not set a time limit to Spirit. When you tell God He must do a thing at a certain time you are getting outside the law of vibrations. Time is in the moon. God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. I AM calling on Spirit for your fifty thousand dollars, and you know what kind of seed you planted in order to get it. You are not dealing in magic. I know you to be a sensible business woman. You do not expect something for nothing. I say this so that others will not mistake this item for a gold bag at the end of the rainbow. This woman means business.

*** "Now, Tom, business—good, solid business, straight from the shoulder. In one of your papers a month or so ago you referred to one or two real estate dealers who had sent you maps of their property and asked you to help them make sales. That struck me hard."

It struck him for ten dollars, and he sent along the map of his holdings, and promised to keep up the ten dollars a month, so I stuck his map on the wall, and am going to sell his property. I am in the real estate business, all right, for other people. I find myself in the banking business; real estate business, land business dry goods business, groceries, drugs, and am running two saloons. The women have asked me to get rid of the saloons, and I am doing my best to help the men sell out (to men who are in the saloon vibration) and get into some other business. I also run a good many stenographers, school teachers, clerks, doctors, and four or five clergymen. One of my preachers is a woman, and she is doing good work. But, look here, you real estate men who send your maps and plats must not get down to the squeezing habit with me. If you advertise your business through my mind, you must pay for the advertisement. You will do it!

*** "I hold a certificate with the Oregon Land Company. Will I have to go to the drawing at Lakeview next summer?"

I don't think so, but you had better write to the secretary and find out for sure. I intend to go, just for the outing. Did I tell you that the Oregon Land Company sent me a farm and a town lot as a Christmas present? Well, they did, and I didn't ask for it, either. I have been in touch with this company for many years through one of their officers and a stenographer in their office. I was surprised to get a two hundred dollar paid-up certificate as a Christmas gift. You know about the man several years ago who owned my yacht? Several other fellows are riding in my automobiles. Others are running my railroads and banks, but things are beginning to come my way. I can't send out these vibrations of Success all the time without my Word coming back loaded down for me. Some of these days my airships will light down in front of 1657 Clarkson street, and my automobile will be in my garage. The farm and town lot from the Oregon Land Company is only a beginning of my own winnings. I AM going to stay right here, so I will not be in a hurry. My own will come to me if it takes a hundred years. I will be right here to receive it. I have more faith, this minute, in the regeneration of the body by the resurrection of the mind than I ever had in my life. I tell you that we Christians are going to own this earth, and we will not be organized, either. The power will be within each one of us. Glory to God and the whole bunch! P. S.—This is not an advertisement. The Oregon Land Company sold all of the 11,992 farms and the 11,992 town lots several months ago.

*** Thomas J. Shelton is essentially right when he says in CHRISTIAN:

"How much can you bear?
Just what your nervous system will stand.
No more and no less.
The mind (brain) is the nervous system.
The nervous system is the mind (brain).
They are one and the same thing.
Control your mind and you command your nerves.

Command your nerves and you own the universe."

Don't infer from this that mind and brain are one and the same. I don't think that Mr. Shelton intended to convey that idea, and that is why I have put brain in parentheses. The brain is the organ of mind, and nothing more. This I say in spite of the fact that many scientists who have given much study to the phenomena of human existence are inclined to believe that brain is mind and mind is brain. But, reserving this phase of the subject for future discussion, I shall call particular attention to the fact, not patent to all, brought out in the quotation, that brain is the nervous system and the nervous system is brain.—*Sheldon Leavitt, M. D., in Thought.*

You mean well, doctor, by your brain in parentheses, but you do not get my meaning. What you call the brain and the nervous system is but a shell. The real nervous system is the mind, and by the mind I mean exactly what Paul meant when he spoke of the psychic body. The correct translation of his words, in that wonderful fifteenth chapter of first Corinthians, should read: "There is a psychic body and there is a pneumatic body." The pneumatic body is the individual spirit, and the psychic body the individual mind. Neither of these bodies are flesh or nerves, brains or bones. They are mind and spirit wedded forever, the twain in one flesh.

CHRISTIAN

ALMIGHTY GOD AND ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.

The law of vibrations.

I shall continue talking about the law of vibrations until you get the principle fixed in your minds. This law governs the whole of your life. Christianity is not a religion. It is not something that you can practice on Sundays and put aside during the week. It is not a principle to govern your morals and leave your business and your body under another law. Christianity has to do with your body and your business.

The law of vibrations controls the whole of your life, adversely or otherwise. If you reverse the engine the train will back up; but you do not want it to keep going in that direction. If the law of vibrations works adversely there is something wrong in your thinking. You do not want this principle reversed, so that you are all the time under the power and influence of the adversary. Adverse conditions come from the adversary.

I find myself in touch with the whole planet. I was not seeking money; and yet I am in mental conjunction with all the money there is on earth. I was searching for myself. It is useless for you to try to possess anything outside of yourself. All that God can give you must be inside your skin. Everything on the outside is environment. If you control your skin you can control your environment. If you have not control of yourself you can not even control your clothes. Did you ever get so weak that some other person had to help you to dress? Did you ever get up in the morning so weak that you could hardly get into your clothing? There was no weakness in your clothing. Your shoes and socks were all right. It is in you. You could scarcely throw the cover off you.

At other times you arise with alacrity. You are all alert. You kick the covers off and get out of bed whistling. You are ready to plunge into the bath, and the splashing of water is a joy. You dress yourself with ease and come down to breakfast with a sharp appetite. Your food tastes good. You have a smile for everybody. What is the difference? It is all in you. Your environment is just the same as it was in the morning of your weakness. The whole world changes color from your own mentality. There is no power of possession for you outside of yourself. This is the law of vibrations. You know the whole Spirit vibrates just the same every day. God is unchangeable being. He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. The difference is in you.

Tune up! Get yourself in harmony with the music of the spheres. Call on God to give you something within yourself. There is no trouble about your environment, for when you possess yourself you own the universe. The lack of self possession is the lack of all possession. All poverty is personal. It is in you. Many millionaires are in the vibrations of poverty all of their lives. They live and die in poverty while seemingly controlling millions. Let me repeat it with emphasis, that all poverty is personal. The man who owns himself owns the whole of his environment. How much environment have you, anyway? The whole universe? or the rags on your back? If you are in the vibrations of poverty the very clothes on your body bind you. You are afraid that you will not get a new suit when the old one is worn out. If you are

in possession of your own soul the entire universe is your environment. Now let us quote a few strong statements of Jesus Christ in regard to the almighty dollar:

"And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

"And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

"And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

The religious world has been standing with open mouth before this statement for two thousand years. They have sought out many inventions and interpretations in order to break the force of the statement. It means exactly what it says, and it is the truth. It is scientific. The kingdom of God is personal and mental. You cannot bring anything with you into the kingdom of God. Think for one moment. How is it possible for you to take anything with you into the kingdom of God? I have told you that poverty is personal and I tell you that the kingdom of God is personal. It is not a material kingdom. It is a mental dominion. Now what are you going to do about it? Are you going to unload in order to get through the eye of the needle? When you come into mental consciousness you will know that you have already unloaded.

Does this mean that Christians are to live in poverty? Not by a long shot. It means that they are to own the earth and know it. They are to be conscious of absolute possession of the universe. Shut your mouth for a minute and read the rest of that passage:

"Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

"And he said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in the present time, and in the world to come life everlasting."

Does that sound like poverty? Mark is still more emphatic. He goes on to enumerate, by making Jesus say of us, "But he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." The men who get into possession of themselves are going to possess the earth. This is of things, "now in this time," right here on this earth. Why, man, did you ever read the sermon on the mount?

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

This statement is true. The meek are not the stupid and servile. Meekness does not mean the lack of manhood. It means mildness. Meekness is the opposite of violence. The violent will not possess the earth. Violence begets violence. He that takes the sword will perish by the sword. Men who practice non-resistance are to inherit the earth. Power is always in repose. Weakness makes a great noise. The real rulers of the earth are to be men of vision. The men of vision are always meek. Christianity is a seed in the minds of men. It is only beginning to be practiced. Such statements as I have quoted have caused men to stumble. They have caught at part of the

statement and got discouraged. They thought if a rich man could not enter into the kingdom of God they must court poverty. But the courting of poverty is getting away from the kingdom.

If you want to inherit the earth how can you do it without owning it? If you enter into an inheritance you are in possession of it. You enter into the joys of your fortune. The teaching of Jesus is that you must get possession of your own mind before you can enter into the kingdom of God. If riches have possession of your mind you are shut out of the kingdom of God. Another power is ruling your mind. This was why the young man turned away in sorrow, for his riches owned him instead of him owning the riches. Do you see the point? Just as soon as you get possession of yourself you can control your whole environment, and your environment will be the universe. Your direct personal environment will be this planet. The adversary reverses the engine while the advocate reverses that reversing and pulls the train onto the main line. Adverse conditions are ruled by the same power that rules favorable conditions. Evil is good running backwards. There is only one principle of being in the universe. The adversary and the advocate are one and the same in principle. It is pretty hard for you to get into your mind that Satan and Savior are the same Spirit. You attribute all of your troubles to one source and all of your joys to another.

There is one law of vibrations. I want you to get into possession of your mind and body so that you may own the earth. We Christians are going to own this p.

There is no doubt about it. It must come us by the resurrection of the mind. I want you that I had come into mental conjunction with millions and millions of money. I AM helping men and women into their own. I will not say these things as an advertisement for my own business. I have all the work I can do. My price is being gradually raised to five dollars a month, so that I will have less work to do. My wife and I must do all of this work, for we cannot hire minds to do part of it. We could hire fingers, but we do not want fingers without the mental vibration. In searching for myself I have come into conjunction with the whole of my environment. This puts me in touch with all of the business in the world.

Much of this business is in conjunction with me through very slight or seemingly slight handles. Many great firms are only in conjunction with me through a stenographer. Just a bit of a girl! A modest little woman who is a Christian, and in conjunction with this center. I must hold all such as being the power in the offices where they work. There are many schemes for making money. All kinds of grafting propositions come to my desk, and such literature is promptly thrown into the waste basket. When you let me know in time I can protect you from all such schemes. I do not care what men do. It is not my business to preach morality. The devil will attend to that end of the line. It would not bother me if men stole the cupola off the capitol of Colorado. I would have to help pay for another cupola—for we must have one. Men may steal and lie and kill for all I

care. It is none of my business. I emphatically refuse to be in the vibrations of a thief. This is what I am trying to save you from and not merely the loss of your money. I want you to come out of such vibrations. The thief attracts thieves. The liar attracts liars. The murderer attracts murderers. You must get out of that kind of mentality if you would enter into the kingdom of God.

Take possession of the planet in the truth, for this is the only way you can hold it. In order to bring this down to practical and personal let me quote from my New York lawyer. After reading February CHRISTIAN he writes:

"If I had tried to write out myself the way I feel about money and property and business, I could not have expressed it so exactly as you have in the February number of CHRISTIAN. I have learned the right way to deal with those things, and I am learning the right way to do and be greater things. I believe what you say about individualism. I am becoming more conscious of the whole Spirit. And it makes a difference with everything I do.

"Now, as to the inquiry of your correspondent as to whether you have made a personal examination of my real estate speculations to see whether I was likely to treat intending purchasers fairly and honestly. My own opinion is that you already know that, better than I do myself. Still, if your correspondent wishes my personal assurance, I will say that I consider all land that I have bought to be good and desirable. I do not yet know what I will do with it. The Spirit will show me, and it will be the best thing for all concerned.

"I like your pink paper. I am keeping all your letters as well as the copies of CHRISTIAN."

How do you suppose I have been treating his man for the many years he has been with me? Did I see money in treating him for prosperity? Did I look at disease when treating him for health? Have I been talking to him in the Silence about his misery when treating him for happiness? Not a bit of it. I have only one Word to speak for all my patients. It is the Word of Wholeness. I talk directly to the subconscious mind, and awaken the vibrations of wholeness. Get into yourself! Get into your own mind. Control your own thoughts. Be true to the truth. It is a good thing for you to see yourself. Your environment will take care of itself. If you get into a money vibration it will sink you to the bottom of the psychic sea. There is nothing so sodden and heavy as money. There is nothing so bright and buoyant as mind. I do not want to put a millstone about your neck and cast you into the midst of the sea.

I have told you something about the lightness and brightness in your own body when arising from bed in the right vibration. This is the very principle of your being. You begin to squeeze a dollar, and save and save, and stint and skimp, and you will begin to sink. Make your environment the whole universe and yourself a god, and you begin to rise into power. Bless your soul! you do not have to go down to a saloon and lum with bums in order to express your joy. When my wife and I have worked all day, we put on our good clothes and go to the theatre. Then we sometimes go from the theatre to one of our big hotels and listen to the music and eat broiled lobster. It is a recreation. It is a rest. If we were all the

time thinking about saving, we could not send you the vibrations of plenty. Bless your heart! I have to be careful all the time about my thinking, or, rather, be careless about it. If my thoughts get into a narrow groove they affect you. When CHRISTIAN comes to you in the right vibrations you get it before the paper arrives. My thoughts affect you in your business and in your social life, and in every way. This is what I call teaching the truth.

It is healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, casting out devils and raising the dead. It is putting you into conjunction with the whole Spirit. If you are in conjunction with the Spirit of the universe, how can you help being in conjunction with the body of the universe? If your environment is the whole spirit, it must be the whole of the materiality as well. It is the only way into the kingdom of God. When we come into possession of our own mentality we will control all of the materiality that belongs in our sphere. This whole thing is taught in the Scriptures as plain as day. The only reason why we were blinded is because we thought there were two principles of being. We were on our knees in tears before the good principle and running like a scared rabbit from the bad principle. There was no courage in us from our good God and only cowardice awakened by the bad God. We either turned our back on the good and began to gather money for the sake of money, or else we turned away from the devil and began to despise money. Now we know that the devil is an angel of God, and he will work with us for our advancement as soon as we learn to agree with our adversary. "Agree with thine adversary, quickly." This is the advice of Jesus.

The same foolishness has been in our minds in regard to the body. Like poverty, we concluded that sickness was sent for our punishment. Poverty was to make us humble and sickness was to fill us full of gratitude. Now humility is never taught in the sense that religion teaches it. Christianity teaches a man to lift up his head among the gods. Sickness and sin go together. And sin is ignorance. But religion taught us to despise the body and crucify the flesh. Christianity put life into the body when it was a corpse. Christianity exalted the body by delivering it from disease. Jesus must have thought a great deal of the eyes, else he wouldn't have opened the eyes of the blind. He thought so much of the ears that he cast out the spirit of deafness. He made the dumb man to speak, for he knew that the tongue was a gift from God. Now you people know that the same law that brings sickness will heal it. You have advanced far enough in this science to know that sickness is a reversing of the engine. Your body should be buoyant with life and vibrant with health. You get possession of the body the same way that you get possession of the earth. It is by mental unfolding. It is getting into the vibrations of truth. It is getting away from the thief, the liar, the murderer. It is getting out of hell into heaven. Hell is all right in its place, but you do not want to stay in that place any longer than you can help.

Here is another letter in a different vibration, and I want to show you the workings of the almighty dollar:

"When your letter came I was deep in dependency for three days, but carrying your letter with its powerful vibrations soon brought me to myself. I thought the eliminating of a devil from CHRISTIAN would be the means of eliminating it from the snug little nest in the utmost corner of my subconscious mind. But, alas, the first of the month brought this devil of debt, which seems to overwhelm me always.

"I do not know that I ever told you that my husband has been carrying this devil with him for many years in the shape of thirty thousand dollars, and I have been drawn into it from eight to ten thousand dollars, all for an untrue friend. Trying to carry this load on a three-thousand dollar salary and educate our children and live a fair and just life! Can I believe, as I have tried so hard to believe, in the law of justice? Do I believe in the law of attraction? Personally I do not owe twenty-five cents. I insist upon keeping our own private matters paid up. But it is dump, dump, dump into this security debt. And it hurts! I do not want you to think that I have not received great good from your treatments and your letters, but thought that this making a clean breast of the matter might be helpful."

It will be helpful. You have carried this load all of these years without ever telling me about it. I knew there was something like a millstone about your neck. Now that you have revealed the matter, we will cut the cord and set your mind free. Debt is the devil, and you should never make one for yourself or go security for a debt made by any other person. It is on the same principle of taking vows and oaths. The law says for a man to observe his vows and oaths, but Jesus said for us not to swear by any kind of an oath or take any kind of a vow. The principle is that we do not know what the future will bring forth. We have no right to swear that we will do so and so in the future. A debt is on the same principle. You take an obligation to pay a certain amount of money in the future. You have no right to do it. It is an obligation which you do not know that you can carry out. God alone knows the future.

Your present life is made miserable by this nightmare. You either become indifferent and sear your conscience, or you are restless and miserable until the burden is lifted. There is no need of me repeating that debt is the devil. The devil is always deceiving us with promises for the future. It is the business of the adversary to keep a mirage ever before your mind. He is a liar and the father of it. You have no right to live in the past or the future. The present is your place to live. To-day is the only day. To-morrow never comes. Yesterday is gone. You say this philosophising about debt will not pay debts. What is this man and woman to do? Lift the load as soon as possible and get rid of it. The only way out is to pay out. I never went security for a man but once in my life, and I had to pay the debt. He was not worth it. If it had been the helping of a true friend it would have been all right. It would have been right so far as my personal feelings were concerned, but not right in principle. I was only helping this man in his rascality. Now do not get the idea that the rule only works one way. Jesus commands us to give to the needy and to help those who need help. There is a law within you which will determine your actions.

If you are governed by suggestions or emotions you are apt to do the wrong thing.

If you go into the Silence and listen to the still, small voice within you there will be no mistakes. You will get the right vibration. I hope you are getting this lesson fixed in your minds. The almighty dollar is all right, but it is might that comes from Almighty God. Get possession of your own mind, and then take possession of your body and your business. Get into the kingdom of mentality, and you will be king in materiality. The old saying that mind controls matter is the truth. It must be the right kind of mind. The mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

THE WHOLENESS OF THE WHOLE.

"And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?"

"And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

"And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

"And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."—*Mark*.

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."—*Paul in Acts*.

"In the beginning God—"

Of course you know there isn't any beginning, but we have to have a beginning, therefore, we have made one out of a word.

God stands for the sanity of the universe.

It gives us a start towards thinking. So we use this word God or *Elohim*, the supreme spirit or principle of being.

It gives us the idea of wholeness. There is one God and his name is One. This is the thought expressed in the commandment quoted by Jesus. Paul gives a definition of the principle by making God the Spirit of the Universe. This is modern thought up to date, as expressed by Paul centuries ago in Athens. You must get out of your mind the idea that God is in the likeness of man. God made man in his own likeness, and after his image, and then man returned the compliment by making God like a man. The individual is in the likeness and image of

the principle, but the principle is all likenesses and all images, the Word of all words, the Voice of all voices, and the Life of all lives. There is only one life. There cannot be two principles of being.

There is only spirit as principle.

This is expressed by calling this principle the Father. The prophet Jesus, speaking by the Spirit, calls himself and the Father one. He recognizes the spirit within himself as the son of the universal Spirit. God is also called the Father of lights. It is said that God is light. You know that light is one. There are not two kinds of light, one infernal and the other supernal. "Our God is a consuming fire." There is only one kind of fire. You can't think of fire except as a whole. It is one. Hell fire is the same kind of fire that is found in heaven. The lurid light from hell is the same kind of light that illumines the City of God. It is impossible for you to think of a difference in fire as a principle. The fire that consumes the putrid matter in Gehenna is the same kind of fire that warms the bodies of men.

There is only light.

God is light, and light is everywhere. It is the principle of being. Light and spirit is one and the same thing in principle. Fire is spirit and spirit is fire. All these terms are used to help us to think. When we use the word God in its universal sense we are talking about air, spirit, light, fire, life, love and all the other words that enter into the vibrations of life. You can easily see the wholeness of principle. Yet you have a God who lives in a corner or a center, or a place in the universe. He is not only an individual being, but he has form and personality. You keep thinking of God as a big man. It would be like all the elephants thinking about an elephant that was bigger than all of the others put together. This makes God a white elephant on our hands. He is not small enough for us to measure, and yet he is not large enough to fill the universe. We not only have a place for him, although we call it a place of honor, but we have a rival. We make the devil another God almost equal to our big God. This thought comes from the kindergarten and is all right in its place.

We must get out into the open and learn to think wholeness. We are doing it. The whole world is coming to this thought of unity. I will put right here a quotation from a mystic. It fits in to this chapter:

"Where is there any more misery for him who sees this Oneness in the universe, this Oneness of life, Oneness in everything? This separation between man and man, man and woman, man and child, nation from nation, earth from moon, moon from sun, this separation between atom and atom is the cause really of all misery, and the Vedanta says this separation does not exist, it is not real. It is merely apparent on the surface. In the heart of things there is unity still. If you go inside you will find that unity between man and man, women and children, races and races, high and low, rich and poor, the gods and men: all are One, and animals, too, if you go deep enough, and he who has attained to that has no more delusion. * * * Where is there any more delusion for him? What can delude him? He knows the reality of everything, the secret of everything. Where is there any more misery for him? What does he desire? He has traced the reality of everything unto the Lord, that center, the Unity of everything, and that is

Eternal Bliss, Eternal Knowledge, Eternal Existence. Neither death, nor disease nor sorrow, nor misery, nor discontent is there. * * * In the Center, the reality, there is no one to be mourned for, no one to be sorry for. He has penetrated everything, the Pure One, the Formless, the Bodyless, the Stainless, He the knower, He the great Poet, the Self-Existent, He who is giving to everyone what he deserves."

Vivekananda in the above agrees with the statement of Moses and Paul. All the seers and prophets and apostles of mentality voice the same thought in regard to unity of Being. When one gets into the place of the great Silence he hears only one Voice. The many voices are all hushed into the one speech of the Almighty. This brings peace to the soul. It is sanity for the mind. A universe in confusion and at war with itself unbalances the intellect. We have kept up this confusion in our thought until the present hour. This is the hour of unity. Old thoughts are passing away. God is no longer in a corner of the universe. He is not even in the center to the exclusion of the circumference.

How wonderful is this Silence! How our ears have ached with the voices of the many, the screechings and the scramble, the howling of the mob. There is only One and we are that One. "There is a spirit in man and the breath of the Almighty giveth him understanding." We know that this Breath is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. If the breath of God gives man understanding then this breath is intelligent. It knows. This is a quality of light. It illumines. This universal breath pervades the whole universe. It is the breath of the universe. This is but another name for spirit, air, life, love, fire and the many other words we use to express the principle of being. How then can the devil have some other kind of breath, a different kind of intelligence? There can be no breath excepting the universal breath. It breathes in all things.

When Jesus wanted to convey this idea to his disciples he breathed on them, and said "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." What did he mean, except that his breath was the breath of the Almighty? Now, do you suppose that this breath was different from the air breathed by his disciples? Are we not all breathing the breath of God? Is there any other kind of breath? Is it not said that we live and move and have our being in God? How can we live without breathing? How can we have breath independent of the universal breath? Can we live without air? Then it seems to me that the prince of the power of the air is a prince of God. He is one of the chief rulers in the kingdom of Spirit. It all turns on the question of understanding, and the only way you can get understanding is from the breath of the Almighty. Now, don't begin to separate breath into parts. The breath I breathe is the breath of God. The air in which this planet floats is the breath of God. The light that shines on this paper is God. If you are in the light, you are in God. If you are in the air, you are in the breath of being.

Correct your habit of thought, and you will be in God, where you belong. Do you think there is a little patch of air somewhere in the universe that God breathes? Is there a light in God that does not shine every-

where? Certainly not. The very stars shine in the light of God. The suns and systems are floating in God. Open your eyes and see the light all around you. The discovery of the X-ray has shown us that light penetrates everything. All the bones of your body are exposed under this ray. This is only the beginning of the unfoldment of light. It will go on until we are full of light. Jesus tells us that the whole body should be full of light. This would be an enlightened body.

"But, but, my dear fellow," the religionist is ready to say, "the air may be polluted." Certainly it may be polluted, but is God such a wheezy asthmatic that he can not regulate his own breathing? Can't God get his own breath? A universe that is self-existent must have a way of protecting itself. The air may be polluted, but it is the breath of God all the same. Here comes in the work of the devil. He is the prince of the power of the air. He is a messenger of Jehovah. He is a ruler in the kingdom of Spirit. It is his business to purify the air. He is a purifier. He could not be the prince of the air unless he ruled the air. A prince is a ruler. Everything is purified by fire. The lightning purifies the air. You remember that Jesus said he saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven. This is a scientific statement. Science is uncovering proof of the Scriptures. The apostles and prophets had to speak in parables. Science is speaking the same thought in plain words. Let us not get away from our theme.

We are talking about Wholeness. The whole air, the whole light, the whole love, the whole life, is God. We are sometimes confused by the use of words. Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, "Receive ye the Holy Breath," but our translators changed the words and said holy spirit. The original words carry the thought of breathing to the end of the sentence. Keep this thought before your mind, that everything floats in the breath of God, and everything that breathes must breathe God. There isn't anything else for us to live in, for God is our life. You have heard that over and over, but you fly away to some particular place in space. Your own breathing is so common that you can't realize that you are breathing God. The light that shines on you has become so familiar that you can't call it God. Yet this light is God. The air that you are breathing is God. How else could you live and move and have your being? David understood the Allseeing Eye:

"O Lord thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsittings and mine up-
rising,

Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my laying
down,

And art acquainted with all my ways,

And there is not a word in my tongue.

But, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before,

And laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

It is high, I can not attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?

Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:

If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art
there.

If I take the wings of the morning,

And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me,

And thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, surely, the darkness shall cover me;
Even the night shall be light about me;
Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but
the night shineth as the day:
And the darkness and the light are both
alike to thee."

All the men of vision are talking the same way. They feel the presence of universal knowledge. "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me," exclaims David, and yet he felt it. The individual mind does not grasp the whole of light, and yet we see. We can not comprehend the whole of thought, and yet we think. No individual can hold the whole of love, and yet we love. The bird has the whole of the air in which to fly. The fish has the whole ocean in which to swim. So we live and move in the whole of God. It is this universal principle of being that we must know as One.

Is this pantheism? I don't care what you call it. It is what all the apostles and prophets of spirit recognize in the Silence. It is the unity of being. The men of vision see and know God in everything. The flowers sing a song of divinity. The blades of grass beneath the feet before us speak the Word of God as clearly as the stars in heaven. You can't get away from God if your eyes are open. The only thing that will hide you from God is ignorance. Mental stupidity will throw a shadow over your mind. The shadow is not evil. The want of intelligence is not a crime. You are pushed forward by the devil and led onward by the truth. It takes the push and pull to bring you out of darkness into light. The service of Satan is just as essential as the service of Christ. They both work for your good. It is the work of the present hour to turn the parables of the past into the clear language of the present. Duality of being is a fairy story. There could not be such a thing. There is plurality of expression. This we will come to in our next chapter. One principle of being. This is the order of the universe. Unity of principle and plurality of expression. God is one, and yet God is many. God could not be God without expression. There could not be a pent-up divinity, a God in prison, a deity entangled in his own creation. The air is unhindered. Spirit is free. Life has no bounds.

The quotations which face this chapter need a little comment. Paul did not use the word "blood," so you want to omit that word from his statement. He did not say that God "made of one blood all nations of men," for he did not make men out of blood. Just leave that word out, and it reads "made of one all nations of men." The nations of the earth are not all of one blood. This is where plurality comes in among men. It is plurality of expression. I will have more to say on this subject as we go ahead.

Paul uses the word "Godhead" in his statement to the Greeks. He is the only writer in the Bible who uses this word, and he only uses it three times. The other two places are in Romans and Colossians. If there is a Godhead, there is plurality in Godhead. Paul is speaking of the principle of life. The head of that principle is spirit, for spirit is life. Godhead would not be an expression of being, but being itself. It is not matter or mind, but Spirit.

The words used to express this principle convey the same idea. Air, light, fire, elec-

tricity, ether, all these words mean about the same thing. It is an effort of the mind to get hold of the idea of the Godhead. Now you live and move and have your being in this Godhead. It is not a far-off divinity, but the very essence of your being. I have said that there is only good, but you can not ascribe goodness or badness to a principle. Light is life. Air is air. Water is water. God is God. We do speak of bad air and good air. But you know that air is neither good or bad. It is air. We speak of pure water and impure water, but water is water. There may be impurities in the water, but water is always water. Light is always light, and fire is fire. God is neither good or bad, for God is God, and beside him there is "none else." Therefore, as God is all and in all, the very essence of being, the very being itself, how can there be good and evil in the universe? Satan is, therefore, he is spirit. There is positively no other being for him to be. Get the principle of being into your mind as One. Then you can go into plurality of expression without getting tangled up in your own thought.

Your peace of mind depends on cosmic consciousness. This does not mean cosmic comprehension and cognizance. It is impossible for the individual mind to comprehend the whole and take cognizance of creation. This would make you the whole. You are not the whole, but the whole individualized. You are a personal expression of the impersonal principle. Of course, the whole is in you, else you could not be conscious of it. Cosmic consciousness is the consciousness of the wholeness of the whole. You do not understand it in its fullness. You do not comprehend the Infinite. This is beyond the being of the individual. But you are conscious of its wholeness. There is no confusion, there is no war, there is no opposition, there is no kind of rebellion. This brings peace to your soul and rest to your mind. Any other conception of the cosmos is confusion of thought.

In leading us into the thought of wholeness, the Bible is a revelation and an unfoldment of the mind of man. He is given the first principles of being and taught the wholeness, the harmony, the order, of the universe. The parts have confused his thought and left him in a state of war. This war has been traced back by the poets to the gods. This confusion in the minds of men had to have an origin in the mind of God. Satanic science comes untangling the tangles and bringing order out of confusion. The world of chaos changes into a world moving with the music of the spheres. God is God, and there is no opposition, no antagonism, no force that is not in harmony with all the other forces of the universe. Get this thought in your mind, and you will give the devil and hell their proper places in the unity of the universe. All the elements of being are in Being. There are no elements of being outside of Being. There are no forces operating against Supreme Mind. All the powers that exist are ordained of God. They are under his order, and operate in harmony with this thought. This statement is true of God, the principle, and the gods, the personal expressions of that principle. All the gods work in harmony with the principle, the Godhood.

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