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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

## WHOLE.

Get rid of the pieces!  
And put away the parts.  
There is only God.  
This you certainly know.  
I know that you know.  
There is only Spirit.  
The universe is a whole.  
Let us get away from the fragments.  
The fragments of time.  
The little pieces of thought.  
The scraps of life.  
Put all of the pieces together.  
The parts make one whole.  
The vibrations of eternity!  
From everlasting to everlasting.  
Yesterday, to-day and forever.  
This is where you belong.  
It will give you poise and peace.  
Glory, honor, and immortality.



## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* March has been a month of success.

\*\*\* The keynote was all right for the song of Success.

\*\*\* The movement is getting so mighty that all we have to do is to watch it.

\*\*\* The people are even getting so that they will write their addresses in every letter.

\*\*\* Beverly Boy has been the mascot, is still crying out for money to buy candy, and everybody has caught the vibration.

\*\*\* Baby Blanche is flying high; she is taking the regular school course, with dancing, painting, music, and French on the side.

\*\*\* I think my boy and girl are only samples of the children of the Christians, for I hear from others in the same vein and all of us are moving along in vibrant, buoyant life.

\*\*\* Why not? This planet is floating in life. We are just sailing along every day in a sea of life. It is all around us and all about us and there is no reason why it should not be in us.

\*\*\* I have told you that we Christians are going to inherit the earth. Let us cut out the "going to" and enter into our inheritance. Let the past go where it belongs, and let the future take care of itself, while we live in the present, the everlasting now.

\*\*\* "I have received no benefit whatever from the treatment. After the first ten days' treatment I was taken with a collapse and came very near passing away. You did not hit the nail on the head this time."

You did not pass away, so I may have kept the other fellow from hitting the coffin nail on the head.

\*\*\* "Strange how I have been eating raw apples since I began to take treatments. Only once in the past three years do I remember caring for them."

Your Spirit knows exactly what you want if you give it a chance to assert itself. Spirit is free and you cannot get it to act in bondage. I treat you for freedom to eat what you feel like eating.

\*\*\* "Do you know that I want to make money myself—earn it—lots of it. I can't see any possible chance, but this monotony of dirt and being tied down to it is becoming tiresome."

If you keep on reading CHRISTIAN you will want the earth and a potato patch on the moon. Then after a while you will realize that you have the whole thing. You can't help but get this desire for millions and millions when you are receiving my treatments. It is in the air. It is not that we desire to accumulate but that we are in the vibrations of the Whole.

\*\*\* "I want to thank you for not stopping my paper when I get in arrears. I would find it dreadful to do without the paper, but sometimes I have not the money to spare just at the time it is due."

That is the way my regular readers talk. I never send out bills. I have never made a dun yet through the mails. I leave you to keep your own accounts, for when you are in my vibration you are me. This is the secret of the science of being. We are

one and yet we are many. If you rob me you are stealing from yourself. The whole world will find this out after a while.

\*\*\* "I had a bad spell of asthma for two days and could not sit up or hardly get my breath. I sent my thought to you and in a few moments I fell asleep. When I awoke I was very much better. My husband came in and the first thing he said: 'Why you are better.' I said I had been having a chat with Shelton. He laughed, but acknowledged that I was not the same woman he had left in the morning."

That was a very wholesome laugh and you know that he who laughs last laughs best. You had the laugh on your side, for your asthma was gone and your breath was natural. Why did you wait two days? Why didn't you call on me right at the start? You just happened to think of it, didn't you?

\*\*\* "The climate of Paris is said to be very trying. Winter means fog and wet and not much else. But what is this in the light of these principles, in which I believe with all my heart? There is no reason why I should be sick."

This is from one of our American girls who is spending the winter in Paris. So you see the vibrations are reaching everywhere. She is in the right mental attitude and therefore has authority over the atmosphere. There is no reason why a Christian should not go anywhere into any kind of climate and remain immune to all kinds of accidents and surroundings. Just keep right on in this mental unfoldment and you will be in command of your environment, no matter where you happen to be.

\*\*\* "Greetings, dear friend. Enclosed find one dollar for treatments to get into the five-dollar class. Yours for Success."

This is one of the charter Christians, and I like that kind of talk. When you get the right idea about my terms you will see that they are of the Spirit. More money to me means more money to you. Keep your mark as high as you can reach in your mind. Then slowly and steadily work up to it.

\*\*\* "I am finding that coming into myself is coming into mental consciousness. I can't find words to express the joy that I have in having you for a mental partner. I did not think there was such a man as you in the world until I got CHRISTIAN."

This man lives in England and how he happened to get hold of CHRISTIAN I do not know. Since I quit sending out sample copies to hit or miss people the Spirit is bringing my own to me. The other day a man in Calcutta began writing me, and some other men in other parts of India came and it is spreading from one to the other. I believe in the kingdom of the invisible. It is the only kind of kingdom that will give freedom to the individual. The men and women who come into this kingdom will know each other by the mental vibration. Yes, my beloved friends, I am your mental partner. This is a great partnership, for we are in conjunction with the mind of the universe.

\*\*\* "I have a splendid position in a store with a chance for better salary as soon as I make good as head clerk and buyer. You helped me build up splendid health from a wreck. Now for prosperity. Happiness is a matter of understanding, and I am beginning to understand. So is all of it, for that matter."

I can only quote extracts from one letter out of a thousand, but this much serves to give you a hint as to the progress of the Christians. You are going to make good as head clerk and buyer. The same Spirit that built up your health will build up your business. You have the key to the situation, for it is all a matter of understanding. It is a mental unfoldment. You can see the beginning, but there is no individual high enough in intelligence to see the ending. The unfoldment reaches to the very limit of mental power, if there is any limit. Go right ahead in your steady unfoldment and you will be what you will to be.

\*\*\* "What I want is a position where I can earn my salt. I need a new suit. I have worn mine six years. Yes, I need a wardrobe from the foundation. I am tired of this nonsense. You said I needed to get hold of myself. There is no sense in this poverty business. When I am ill and call on you for help I always get it, so I know you can reach me in financial matters. I also want a husband and a home. It is bound to come."

Of course it is, for you are She Who Will Be Who and What She Wills To Be. All I can do is to keep telling you this in the Silence until you get it fixed in your own mind. I AM sowing the seeds of rebellion in your mind. I want you to rebel against poverty, against wearing an old suit until it is threadbare, against homelessness, against husbandlessness, against all of the "less" business. You must surround yourself with an abundance of everything. Get your mind into conjunction with the whole and your part of it will begin to come to you.

\*\*\* "I have been wanting to get in on the regulars for a long time. I am tired of the one-dollar-a-year enrollment. I ought to have a definite place in the procession and am going to have it. I tell you CHRISTIAN does knock the poverty stricken ideas out of a person."

That is what we are here for, to knock out everything that interferes with your happiness. I find that when we ask for health without asking for everything else in the universe we are not apt to get it. The vibrations of Success mean Success in everything. I have been saying over Health, Happiness and Prosperity year after year, and this covers the whole ground. It means health of mind and body. Happiness in yourself and in your environment. Prosperity in everything you undertake. Why do you wait for some future time in which to be happy and healthy and prosperous? Claim everything this very minute and keep on claiming it.

\*\*\* "I tried the doctors for over two months and was no better, and then I said to my friends, who thought I was demented: 'You wait and see; I am tired of this trouble and I know Shelton will make me well.' The cure began before I received your answer and in three days I was completely well, without a sign of the trouble."

Well, why under the sun did you spend two months with the doctors? Why did you not come to me the very minute? The loss of time and the loss of money and the misery was all your own fault. You are in a universe of life. You are living in life. You are breathing life. The little planet on which you live is floating in life. If you don't know how to call for it, ask me.

\*\*\* "During the eight or ten years I have followed you I have tried to keep in touch by writing once a year, feeling that writing often would annoy you. I am as eager for one of those pink envelopes as a kid for a toy and intend to ask you for one every month this year."

He means writing once a year and enclosing his twelve dollars. I want you to keep in touch with this center by receiving the pink letter every month. You are entitled to it if you pay your twelve dollars a year and you want to claim your own from me as well as from any one else. I go right along with the treatments, whether you write or not, but the pink letter is your own.

\*\*\* "Shelton, the farm is sold. We took your advice and got rid of the encumbered part so we might be free from the millstone of debt around our necks. Now we want you to help us invest our equity profitably."

Good for you! Now go slow and wait for the wisdom of the Spirit before you invest the money. And by all means don't go into debt again unless you see a clear way to pay out. Sometimes, but not often, it will pay to invest in real estate and make monthly payments. It gives you a better property and it keeps you busy, but it is often a burden. You must be sure that you are led by the Spirit before you assume any obligations for the future. It is seldom that the Spirit leads in that way.

\*\*\* "Mother looks and acts better, and as for her not living, it does seem to me there is no chance for her to die as long as you treat her. She is so now that she takes care of herself and sometimes wipes the dishes for me. How truly thankful I am!"

The mother she speaks of is only (98) ninety-eight years old. And I AM going to see to it that she begins her second century stronger than she began her first. You see when she began her first century she was very weak and people had to take care of her, but now at the close of the century she takes care of herself—and sometimes wipes the dishes! Hurrah for God! I don't see any reason why she should not cut new teeth and grow a new body. There is no reason why she could not. I speak scientifically and scripturally when I say there is no reason why we should not regenerate the body and do away with disease and death. My mother-in-law is as flip as a young girl, and she is nearly my age. I think she is two years younger than I am, by the almanac, and I am neither old nor young. I AM, and so is she! As we get out of the thought we will get out of the condition of old age.

\*\*\* "I am glad to see that you are increasing the price of special treatments. You are entitled to more as our circumstances improve."

Now that is a square and fair statement from a Philadelphia business man. I hope you will all catch the point. If I increase your holdings or get you a raise in salary I have a perfect right to a raise in my salary. This is all that we are asking, and it will pay you to enter into that kind of a mental agreement with me. Don't be in a hurry about it, but steadily hold in your thought the partnership between us.

\*\*\* "Please don't come up on your terms, please don't. I don't want my faith

in you shattered one little bit. I am a success in my work. My salary is \$1,000. I am a candidate for an \$1,800 position, and stand a fair chance of being elected to it. That's all right. I want it. But notwithstanding all this I find myself wanting a husband, and a little home sunshine of my own. Is it wrong?"

You might know that the writer of the above was a woman, even if she had not mentioned husband. The logic of it made me laugh. The consistency of it made me smile. She wants me to nearly double her salary and to get her a home and a husband, but is afraid that she will have her faith in me shattered if I come up on my own terms. I would like to know if sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander. Men can see the point, but women are haunting the bargain counters. Bless their dear hearts, they are all right anyway!

\*\*\* "I have had one pink envelope and letter and it is nearly worn out. CHRISTIAN is a great solace to me. I never tire of reading it over and over, new or back numbers."

I find this is the way to read CHRISTIAN and I would make this statement more emphatic if it did not sound too much like I was blowing my own horn. I have been in the business of printing and editing for forty years. I have edited a daily, and yet I give more time and more of myself to this little monthly than I ever did to any other publication. I throw away more than I ever put into the paper. It must have the right ring before it ever sees the light in CHRISTIAN. It is getting more and more a matter of condensation. Therefore you will have to read it over and over to get the meaning. The meaning is on the surface; but, it is also underneath the surface. I never pick up the New Testament and read but what I get a new vibration. The words are spirit and life.

\*\*\* "I am growing in grace and the precious common sense. No longer carry the world on my shoulders, but am letting others develop character by working out their own salvation. Never was so happy; am out of debt myself and now I want a regular income and shorter hours of work."

It did take a long time to get this woman to unload her burden! Did you ever see one of these women who think they must do everything for everybody? I have seen such women in all walks of life. The old maid who serves a lifetime taking care of the children of other people. The mother who does all of the work and picks up after every member of the family. No one is taught to do anything for themselves. Mother does it all. She not only bears physical burdens, but she is filling her mind with anxiety and carrying all the mental troubles. It looks selfish, but it is not for you to unload. You are absolutely injuring the people whom you are serving. This woman has got it down right when she says "letting others develop character by working out their own salvation."

\*\*\* "I have the tailor gown and the black lynx furs! I am well dressed once more. After receiving CHRISTIAN and reading that comment of yours I set to thinking out the way."

Do you remember this case where the woman was stinting and figuring and I gave

her treatments for all she was asking for and a little more. She got it. She thinks more of herself. She feels comfortable. Just like I feel comfortable with old clothes on, knowing I have a new suit upstairs in the closet. I will not have to buy a new suit next winter because I have not worn the new suit this winter. I can always wear old clothes with perfect comfort when I get new ones.

\*\*\* "The trouble with me is that I seem to swallow the truth slowly. Have taken CHRISTIAN since 1895 and I ought to have a better understanding of your truth than I do. Have always had the intuition but could not apply it."

Bless your heart, if I could apply what I see in my mind I could rise in the air and cross the ocean by my own volition. I would have put aside disease and death and be vibrating in the dynamic body if I could apply what I see in the truth. Don't get out of heart, my boy, but stick to your business. There is everything in it. You have all the time there is for development. Don't make haste. Rest your soul in peace.

\*\*\* "I wrote you to give me strong vibrations to help me in a business deal. My husband was not at home and with your help I put through successfully a ten thousand dollar deal in a mine, and quite surprised my husband."

That is the kind of a wife. You know we will find out after a while that the old Bible is exactly right, and that it takes the man and the woman to make the whole. Men have been lopsided because they lacked the feminine vibration in their business. Women have been lopsided because they needed the masculine vibration in their manners. Not having anything to do, the women began to put in their time with folly and then the men accused them of being foolish by nature. Suppose the order had been reversed, the men would have gone to the devil faster than they have gone. Let the woman vibrate with you in your business and if she makes mistakes don't take a fit over it. Think about how many mistakes you have already made yourself and about how many more you are going to make. If women had been trained in business they would have surpassed men, long ago, in that line of life.

\*\*\* "Now, Shelton, we want to go to Europe this spring and I think we shall, but my collections have not been good so far this year. I want you to treat especially for better collections this month. Keep right on, Shelton, you are on the right road, and so are we."

This man has been with me for many years and when he got married, several years ago, he tried to force his wife into this thought. I told him to let her alone and treat her as his equal and she would soon be ahead of him in this mental movement. He is a physician and the collections have reference to his own practice. You see, I practice medicine and run banks and butcher shops and bakeries. I am a broker and a real estate agent and a stenographer and a clerk and everything else that people do in the truth. I don't follow anything that is outside of the truth. Well, to make a long story short, this doctor's wife the other day wrote in here for herself, and her letter had the right ring.

THE MENTALITY OF MATERIALITY.

Is there such a thing?  
Has matter a mind of its own?

These are the questions that men are asking and answering in the present hour. They are interested in mentality more than they are in anything else in the universe. What is the reason for poverty, disease, sickness and all the morbid conditions and abnormal arrangements which we find on this planet?

This is the third essay on the law of vibrations. I am trying to give you the truth of my own unfoldment. For eighteen years I have been working in mentality and watching the effects on materiality. I gave my whole attention to the healing of the body. I was concerned with regeneration and nothing else until I began to see the wholeness of the universe. In getting control of my body I found myself in control of my mind. In getting at the throne of the mind I found Spirit. In other words, the kingdom of God began to assume order and harmony in my mentality.

I found everything coming my way. It must all come, for we cannot get the kingdom of God by pieces and parts. It comes as a whole. I find myself in touch with all the materiality of the universe. God cannot be God and something else. He cannot have power in one place and weakness in another place. He has all power. He is all of the light. He is God and that means that Spirit fills the universe and there is not an atom or an item in the whole that is not under the power and control of Spirit.

Now do you see how this matter of mentality begins to draw to itself everything? I am not here as a mere business. My time is not filled with the leadership of a clan or a cult. I have no followers. I am not leading anybody and I am not being led by anybody. I have been crying out for the freedom of the individual. I must set you free if I would be free myself. When a man begins to get into the spirit of Freedom he is not anxious to even teach any other man. He knows that freedom for himself must include freedom for all other individuals. Any attempt on his part to act as authority over any other man puts him in bondage. The man who rules another man is in bondage to this very rulership. Christianity teaches, in clear words and with no uncertain sound, the absolute freedom of the individual. The sublime teaching of Jesus is so simple that men have overlooked it. They have thought that it needed to be supplemented by rulership with titles and creeds and the pomp of ritual.

This was going backwards. It was making men stand still in their own tracks. The man who does not go forward will eventually slide backward. There must be a movement of some kind. The institution stands still. In the very nature of the institution it must abide forever in its own place. It has driven down a stake. It has established certain laws and rules. There can be no progress in that kind of an institution and we cannot have any other kind of an institution. The only progress there

is in this universe is the unfoldment of mentality. This, of course, must take place in the individual. If the mentality of the individual is hedged about by the institution he can never move a step forward.

Jesus never established any kind of an institution. You cannot fit his teaching to an institution. He said emphatically that his work should be carried on by the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit of Truth comes to the individual. There never was an institution big enough to hold God. In our efforts to break away from the institution we have always turned around and organized another institution. Let us look at the failures in the present metaphysical movement. Dowie killed himself by trying to boss an institution. It broke him down. Helen Wilmans did the same foolish thing; Dr. Teed has just died from the effects of blows he received on his head in a political row in Florida. He had established a little colony down in Florida, but he could not keep out of politics. Mrs. Eddy has shown more skill in establishing her institution than any of the others. It is in the spirit of the Jesuits.

But Mrs. Eddy, as an individual, is lost in her institution. She can never gain regeneration and the resurrection as the leader of other people. This is the reason why men have not accepted Christianity and come into the resurrection. The reformers all get the bossing bee in their bonnets. Satan takes good care that such people die. The kingdom of God is the kingdom within your own mind, and it does not extend into any other mind. It would not be the kingdom of God if you extended your authority from your mind over any other mind. Just as soon as you rule one other mind it becomes the kingdom of Satan. This includes husbands and wives, and all other human relationships. There are no bosses in the kingdom of God. All the bosses belong to the devil.

Every once in a while some of you send me literature and ask me about joining this or that in order to get secrets. Men are offering you secrets if you pay so much money and join their brotherhood. One woman, who has had a hard time in this world, wants to know if she should pay twenty-five dollars and take three degrees which are to bring her into mastership. There are no secrets in this universe that one man has to the exclusion of other men. God keeps his own secrets. When a man comes into the kingdom of God he comes as an individual and he cannot impart any secrets to any other individual. I have been teaching you the principles of the kingdom and God will give you the secrets when you are ready. The men who want to sell you the secrets are in the vibrations of Satan. The devil is a liar and a deceiver and he may have deceived these men into the idea that they have secrets to sell. Every man who serves Satan has a good excuse to offer and he is sometimes deceived so badly that he thinks he is serving God. God wants you to be deceived by the devil until you learn the truth. Satan is all right, but he is a miserable liar. Lying is his business. He is the official liar of the universe.

What has this to do with the law of vibrations? Much every way. I want you to get out of the vibrations of deception. In coming into the kingdom of God you come into conjunction with the real mentality of the universe. This real mentality of the universe controls all of the materiality. I find myself in touch with all of the money on earth. All the other good things come my way without seeking them. I find myself in possession of the planet, but I haven't very much use for it. I will not bother the earth. It can stay here and go around the sun every day. In possession of the earth is very different from having the earth in possession of you. When a man has the money for a new suit of clothes in his pocket he feels very comfortable in his old clothes. In the fall I bought a new suit of clothes and hung them up in the closet and have been wearing my old clothes all winter. How comfortable the old clothes feel when I know I have a new suit! Do you catch the deep and mighty truth underlying this statement? If so, you are very near the kingdom of God.

I used to be afraid that one dollar a month was too much for people to pay for fellowship in the Circle of Christians and the use of our mentality. I have now advanced my price in a scale ranging from one to one hundred dollars a month and feel very comfortable over it. The man who pays one dollar a month is touching elbows with the man who pays one hundred. The girl at her typewriter, by paying one dollar a month, comes into the vibration, fellowship and mentality of all the others. It is a mighty movement and not one is shut out. I feel very comfortable over it. Besides, it is a regular Jacob's ladder reaching up to the heights. The one dollar class keeps changing into other classes and so the ascending scale feeds your ambition. How did I ever get up to this place of complacency? By coming into the kingdom of the whole. My mentality is in control of all the money in the world. It is all mine. I own the earth. The earth does not own me. I am not concerned as to whether the earth keeps moving or not. If the earth owned me it would be a burden to my mind. It would be my master. I would feel anxious about it. If it quaked I would tremble for fear of losing it. But when I own it in my own mentality I know that the earth has a mind of its own. It will keep in its own orbit.

Let me illustrate this point by telling you how to ride on the railroad train. Does it tire you out to travel on a train? If so you are trying to pull the train. The way to ride in a train is to make yourself perfectly comfortable and let the engineer and the engine pull the train. If you find yourself pushing that train along you will wear yourself out and get nervous. If you settle yourself back and let the train alone you will rest yourself and enjoy the trip. I tell you that I own the earth and the moon and the stars. They are my independent holdings. It is not my business to run the earth and the moon and the stars. They do not own me. I am an independent individual riding on the earth. I have a per-

fect right to ride on it and I am not running it. It would tire me out if I got to studying about the rising and setting of the sun and wondering whether the world would keep in its orbit or not.

I used to want to travel over the earth. I thought if I only had freedom to travel all around the world it would be a great thing. Last February a friend of mine, who is a physician, started on a journey to Egypt. He is devoting his life to the science of mentality (a neurologist) and went abroad for a wider culture. He was going from New York to Alexandria, and after spending part of the time in Egypt, he was going to travel over Europe. It was a splendid trip and to my surprise he picked me out as his companion. He wanted me to go along in his own stateroom on the steamship and to share the whole year of mental and material explorations. Did I go? Only in my mind. I could not afford to leave you people for that length of time. If such an offer had been given me five or six years ago it would have broken my heart to reject it. This year it was all right. Nothing on earth owns me. The desire to travel does not own me. No other desire owns me. I can go when I get ready.

This is the law of vibration. I want you people to get into the place where you are independent of me, so that I can be absolutely independent of you. Now you see the reason why I will not be the head of any movement. I will not be the leader of any followers. I will not put any such load on my mental back. My shoulders shall forever remain free from that Old Man of the Sea—the Institution. Just as sure as you are alive the time is at hand when the individual will be his own priest, king, governor and banker. He will have all there is in himself and he will not have any ambition to lord it over any other individual. It is the ideal of Jesus Christ and it is genuine Christianity. This mentality spreads over the whole earth and you are in wireless conjunction with the whole. It brings you into the mentality of each and every individual who opens his mind to you. It puts you in possession of the planet, and yet you are not taking anything away from any other individual. A man wrote in here and said he had been under my treatments for years for Success and had not received any benefit. He was going about over the earth prospecting for a gold mine. This is gambling. It is dealing in chance. There is one out of ten thousand who succeeds, so he had 9999 chances against him out of ten thousand. I have told you all along that I have nothing to do with lotteries or any kind of gambling. The kingdom of God is not a game of chance.

Let me give you an illustration of this power of telepathy. The mentality of materiality is the title of this essay. I sat here at my desk and a messenger brought me a telegram. It was from Boston and read: "Shall I sell railway stock now? Wire answer." I wrote: "Don't sell. Keep the stock for the present." I handed the telegram to my wife and told her to write an answer and exchange answers with me. She

wrote: "Don't sell. It is good stock. Keep it." In the mouth of two witnesses shall every word be established, is a statement made in the Scriptures. If the two witnesses are in the same vibration they will bear the same testimony. It was a good answer, for the stock is still advancing in price. I only give you this to show you where I AM in the mentality of materiality. It is too vast a subject to handle in print. I use the Silent Word in all my work. I can't put the whole mentality of the universe into words on paper. You know how your minds will go on with the thought which you never can express in words. It is true that you are thinking in words, but the words follow each other so rapidly that you could not formulate them if you tried it.

You see how hard it is for me to bring you into my mentality by putting words on paper. I write you a few words on my pink paper and enclose these few words in a pink envelope. This is all that you can see. It is all that your mortal fingers can touch. But you know the letter is more than you can see and touch with mortality. I follow that letter up with words spoken in the Silence and these words can never stop speaking. Thoughts sent out into the Silence go on forever. Why, we have just begun to scratch the surface of mentality! Our little thinking is nothing to what we are going to do. Therefore stand from under everything that would fasten you down to present thought. If you want to own the earth you must give yourself treatments like this when you feel any burden upon you. Turn the whole thing loose and let it go. Say to yourself, I have no wife, husband, children, houses, lands. I am free! I have no encumbrances. I own myself and all of these things are outside of myself. This gives you freedom and power to turn around and take up everything.

What has this law of vibration to do with the body? What has it to do with sin, sickness and death? Everything. It is the law of health. The law of vibrations is the law of vibrant life. You have been reversing your thought by thinking that your body was your master. You said my feet, my hands, my head, my stomach, my bowels, my blood, my bones, and yet you let all of these things run away with you. The invisible You is under the control of this visible body. What is the matter with your leg? You call it rheumatism. Aha! It is leg ownership. Your legs own you. They keep you in misery. You know that your whole body owns you unless you happen to be in that wonderful place called the kingdom of God. You are afraid of your body. You are full of fear lest you lose your body. You might break your leg. You might lose your eyesight. You are afraid you will get deaf. And, oh, how you are afraid of that interior department! You have never seen your insides and so you are all the time scared for fear they will get out of order. If anything does get wrong in your insides you are scared almost to death, and sometimes you are scared entirely to death.

What is the matter with you? All these generations you have been taught wrong about the body. You have been taught to

fear it or despise it. Now, the body is no more you than the money in your pocket is you. If the money in your pocket owns you instead of you owning it you are in a bad fix. You will get more misery out of that money than you will happiness. The same principle works with your body or anything else that owns you. It is a taskmaster. You are laboring in the brickyards of Egypt and trying to make bricks without straw. I know of a case, yes, I know of thousands of cases like the one I am going to tell you about. A woman had been given up by all of the doctors and the neighbors and the kinsonia. She was a corpse in all but the little breath she happened to have in her body. Somebody gave her a copy of CHRISTIAN and she got into the vibration. She turned her back on all of the advice and all of the advisers, and began to advocate her own cause before the bar of the Almighty. She won her case, won health, won flesh and plumpness, won happiness and prosperity, and above all won herself. She began to own her environment. Instead of the environment owning her and making her a slave, she entered into ownership and the authority which comes from ownership.

I tell you that we are only in the borders of mentality. We have lived in materiality so long that it takes our breath away to think of anything higher. It is the business of my mentality not only to control money without controlling men, but to control the whole of my environment. I mean exactly what I am saying. The environment that is next to me is my body. It is the business of my mentality to control the body. I should circulate my own blood, regulate my own heartbeats, rise and fall in the ebb and flow of life so as to command my nerves. I should sleep when I am sleepy and awake when I want to awake. If I control my immediate environment, which is my body, I must go still further and control everything that surrounds my body. Now flop your wings! The air is the environment that is next to my body. It is the business of my mentality to control the air. Why should I be imprisoned in the atmosphere? Why should I be a prisoner in the eternal ether?

I have said this over and over to myself until it is engraved on my heart. In order to be free you must grant freedom to every other individual in the universe. All kinds of schemes are on foot now to make you master of your environment and to help you into mental, physical and financial freedom. There is only one Way. It is in yourself. Get in touch with the whole universe, but don't let it touch you close enough to crowd you. Give yourself plenty of room. Give a wide berth to everybody else on the face of the earth. Don't let money press down upon you by lack of it or by possession of it. Great Scott! Do you know what mental, physical, and financial freedom means? It means control over your mind and body. It means that you can walk on water and move through the air. It gives you the wings of Mercury and makes you the swift messenger of Yahveh. Get things, but do not let things get you.

Arise and shine!

## THE ETERNAL CREATION.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."—*Genesis*.

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead."—*Romans*.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."—*John*.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."—*Romans*.

"In the beginning God created ———"  
Here you plunge into plurality.

You have to do it. For the very name God which we have been using to fasten the idea of unity in our minds is plural. As we had to make a beginning for the use of our own finite minds, we had to make a word for God, and as the idea of oneness had already obtained in the minds of intelligent men, our translators made the name single. The original Hebrew word *Elohim* is plural and could be correctly translated Supreme Forces. So you see the very word is scientific. The supreme forces created and are creating all things. It is unity in principle and plurality in expression.

Do not shy at the parable in Genesis. There never has been and never will be a better statement of creation than you will find in the first chapter of Genesis. It stands out in original boldness. It's origin goes back beyond the records of humanity. The writer in Genesis only copied from other writers. These other writers copied from still other writers. It is the ancient parable of creation.

It is a parable and, therefore, must be interpreted as a parable. It is poetry, and yet it states the fundamental principle of creation. It is the Genesis of human unfoldment. I mean the mental unfoldment. It is the first word spoken by the eternal forces in giving man an idea of creation. It

is not any foolish fairy story. The words were not spoken to mental infancy. The men who received this revelation were far in advance in mental unfoldment. Modern science confirms the order of creation. The only quibbling is over the time. And yet the term day is used all through the Bible as an indefinite period of time. I need not call your attention to the statements. The unfolding ages are before the mind in the order given in Genesis. It does not make any difference in the principle whether the day is a thousand or a million years as we measure time. The time records of men are as nothing compared to the everlasting movements of mind.

In all of our so-called mental progress we have not got beyond a two-legged God in the skies. If we do get the idea of unity in our thoughts we spread the unity out so thin that we can't think it. The God with a form is incomprehensible and the formless God is beyond our thought. When we know that God is ether, electricity, light, fire, air, we can't conceive of these forces having intelligence. And yet this is just exactly what the Bible declares. The breath of the Almighty giveth us understanding and therefore that breath must be intelligent. This principle called God is not only the life and light, but the intelligence of the universe. It knows. Do you think that intelligence originates in the brain? Do your thoughts come from a material substance? Are they made out of stuff that you eat and digest? Certainly not. Then you must breathe intelligence. It is a vibration, a breathing. The universal breath is the universal intelligence.

Think of the thoughts of the Almighty. You can only think of a few of his thoughts at a time. The grass will engage your whole attention for a lifetime. For the grass is not one thought, but many. Get down your books and look up the lists and see how many varieties you will find on our little planet. Men spend a lifetime studying flora and fauna, and then confess that they do not know the fullness. Any variety of expression on the part of the eternal forces fills us full of knowledge. We can't hold very much at a time. This is all of the different kinds of things, animate and inanimate, that Spirit has brought forth from the invisible. It is very beautifully expressed in this statement in Genesis. The birds of the air, the beasts of the field, the fishes of the sea, and every creeping thing that moves on the earth or in the air or in the water. This is life. Life is activity. Anything that has action is life. From whence came all this life? It did not come from anywhere. It is everywhere. It is. You live and move in it. You are it.

If you get away from unity you will be lost in plurality. You are a finite being living in an infinite universe. The universe is in you or you could not be in the universe. This makes worlds within worlds. You are an epitome of the whole thing. You are the microcosm of the macrocosm, to use a couple of big words. There is a threefold universe, or you may say, three universes. How can that be? Is that not a

contradiction of terms? Certainly not, for man is a threefold being himself. There is a microscopic world beneath you, and a telescopic world above you. We have found out something about the microscopic universe, and when our glasses get larger we will know more about the telescopic universe. This subject is so vast that the mind of man trembles at the thought. Looking at the stars with the naked eye is enough to overpower the mind of man. The telescope is forever unfolding new stars and giving us a wider horizon. The telescope has helped us to stand on tiptoe and peep over the walls. The searching spirit of man is finding out a little about the universe, not much. Just enough to make him hungry for more.

Does this vast, this infinite number of things take away the thought of unity? When we think of suns and systems in infinite space the mind breaks down. How then can we think of an infinite God? You have been thinking about the Almighty for thousands of years and you are coming to understand God better day by day. It is impossible to have an infinite principle without infinite expression of the principle. How many worlds? How many suns? How many things has God created? Get right back to yourself. It is the only safe place for your mind. In this infinite universe you live and move and have your being. You hide in the shadow of the great Rock of unity. This helps you to go out and explore infinite plurality. Eternity!

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.  
Thou turnest man to destruction;  
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.  
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,  
And as a watch in the night."

Words fail us. The mind totters and we fall back on our little selves. But it is a great consolation to know that we live in a universe, a threefold universe. It gives us room to think. It gives us plenty of breathing space. As the mind unfolds we are glad we are not limited. Any limitation in our place of abode makes us feel cramped. It is a positive proof that the universe belongs to us. This little island on which we live, this little globe floating in the ether, would be a very lonesome place if we could not see above and around us. It would indeed be a prison if there were any walls about us. If space were closed it would be a prison, but as it is limitless we feel our freedom although confined to this planet. Limping along on this earth we look up to infinite space. Our little globe is a mere speck by itself, but it is in good company. There are others. This is what the unfolding mind demands and God meets all our demands.

How lonesome this island in ether must have been when men thought it was square with four corners and a jumping-off place. Ah, those insurgents of thought, the rebels against established opinions! The men who

began peeping into things. It is true we killed them as we always kill the prophets. But others kept taking a peep into things. Galileo found out that we were on a floating globe and the religionists told him to shut up and keep quiet. He obeyed the order. But the thought had escaped and no one could catch it. Thought is immortal and when an idea gets loose in the world it will keep on its way. The unfolding thought of a moving world was the first insight into an infinite universe. Men began to see other worlds and now we have a correct map of the heavens as far as we have gone. At least we have a patch of it on the map. It holds enough worlds and systems to keep our thought busy for a while. So much for the creation in our investigation. We have not fairly begun to investigate. We have been dreaming and are just now trying to awake. Science is giving us the instruments for further investigation. But is creation itself finished? I think not. I don't see how God can quit thinking. The old thought was that God created the universe out of nothing and left it as a finished product. The old thought is that he built like a carpenter builds a house. The carpenter brings new material and builds a new house. He finishes up the job and turns over the keys to the owner. The house is new, but it soon begins to get old and out of repair. It will in time fall to pieces. This is the old thought of creation. How can God quit thinking? If he goes on thinking, creation will continue forever. There is just as much creation in the future as in the past. God is forever creating the heavens and the earth. He rests from his labor and then begins all over again.

You see this on every hand. It is not a new thought, for the Bible is full of it. Paul tells us in the quotation facing this chapter that the whole of creation is groaning and waiting for perfection. This very place where I write on top of the Rocky Mountains is a recent formation. It came out of the fires a short time ago. This continent is a new continent. You can see on every hand the signs of the flames, the fires of creation. The waters have been divided from the waters by the casting up of the new continent. God is at work. Is there no place to rest? Is this eternal change going on forever? It is the order of the universe. Tides and times, the inflow and outflow, keeps the universe forever in motion. Anything else will be stagnation. Yet the principle never changes. It is always and forever the same. The place for the mind to rest is in the eternal Spirit. It does not matter then about the coming and going of things. This forming and reforming, this coming and going, is the movement of the universe. It is alive. That which is alive must move. Men of vision have affirmed that there isn't anything in the universe but matter and motion. A better expression would be mind in motion. Matter is being ruled out of the universe. Edison declares that the universe is composed of atoms and these atoms are points of intelligence. There you go in plurality again, for a universe of an infinite number of atoms

and these atoms all individual intelligences is where we are to-day in up-to-date science.

While creation is forever going on, it is forever being finished. God helps us by letting the tree grow to maturity and we eat the fruit and rest under the shade. We plant the seed and we watch the tree unfold until its life is finished. This is our tree and we enter into the joy of ownership. Other things are being finished before our eyes the same way all the time. There is an ebb and a flow in the tides of creation. Worlds are formed and reach their maturity. We have gone far enough with our peep glasses to witness the destruction of worlds. A thing is no sooner born than it begins to grow old. The infant in its grandmother's arms is as old as its grandmother. Time is relative. The clock and the calendar help us in marking off the periods of creation. This is a rest to the mind.

God also has the habit of letting us make things. We build all kinds of things. How full is our world of things that our own minds have fashioned. Taking the raw material we build things of beauty and we are advancing in this art as the years go by. But we are only imitators. The nearer we come to an exact imitation of God the higher our art. Swiftly we are moving forward to better and better things. Our work is not finished, and when we do finish a piece we get tired of it and want to make something new. Our great pyramids are standing out in the sands of the desert. They are only monuments of the power of mind. God makes everything out of mind. There is no other kind of stuff out of which we can make things. Then man takes God's mindstuff and fashions it all over again according to his own thoughts. Such is the unfolding power of mind. It is an infinite unfolding. Although individual minds may be finished. But while we pass out of the kindergarten others are just coming into it.

Paul tells us that the very highest mind among us is groaning to be finished. This shows that man is in a process of creation and not a finished work. We are anxious for the redemption of the body. The body of flesh holds us to the earth. The only way we can explore other worlds is by taking a peep at them through a telescope. The mind is imprisoned in a body of flesh. In this we groan, waiting for a deliverance. This is a promise that there really is a regeneration for the body. It seems as if we were put here in temporary bodies. These bodies are a kind of working clothes we will put off when we get through with our work. Every one of us is aware of the fact that we are in the body as individual intelligences. We are inhabitants of the body. We talk in that way about it. It is our hand, our foot, our eyes, our body from the tips of the toes to the tips of the fingers. We own it. We are walking around in it as we walk around in our clothes. But it binds us. It is called the bondage of corruption.

If this is true of our bodies, may it not be true of the body of the universe as we see it? It is in its making and is not yet finished. The heavens and the earths are being created. This is the cause of this inflow and

outflow in the circulation of mind. Now the men who are teaching what they call the Absolute (with a capital A) will cry out that everything is fixed and established forever. I don't think the mind can accept of any such teaching as practical. If it is not practical it is not true. The thing that works is truth. We see the order of the universe by looking at the visible things. In this objective world things are being constantly created. Creation is a continuous process. There is nothing fixed except principle. God is life and life is forever moving. It is always expressing itself. The variety and plurality of expression are essential to sanity. The universe is sane. The worlds, we understand, were created by the Word, and this Word is forever speaking, for the created worlds are upheld by this Word of Power. Things are not only made by the Word, but they are held together by the Word.

This means that the worlds were made by Thought and are held together by thought. The Word is another name for the Idea. The creation being a matter of thinking, it is continuous. Thought will never stop thinking. How can the individual mind take cognizance of the creative act, while this mind itself is in the process of creation? We are unfolding into real thinking, and therefore our thought is in its formative period. The physical brain is not able to receive the fullness of thought. It is a kind of phonograph with limited records. The promise of the prophets is that we are to take part in the creation on a certain plane of our unfolding. We are creators now in one sense of the word. We make things. The higher we advance in intellect the more beautiful and perfect are the creations of our own thought. But all of these efforts have to do with the substance furnished to us by the Word. We have not yet learned how to speak the Word that will create material. We can only use the material on hand.

But we are slowly coming to the place where we can create new material. Even now we take different elements of the old material and make a new substance. In this we are creators by changing conditions, by changing relations, by putting different elements together that were separated. This is a common thing among men. Don't you see that this step from alchemy to chemistry is an advance of the human mind in the way of a continuous creation? There is nothing in the universe that is fixed, except matter and motion. Spirit is forever moving in matter and using this material in making new forms of life. Man is in this unfolding Mind and is being educated in thought. Creation is a mental process and man is a mind. Mind is immortal. It is the very substance and essence of being. Therefore we get into our thought this everlasting march of the personal mind in the vibrations of the universal mind. In the language of Scripture we live, and move, and have our being in God. As the bird lives and moves and has its being in the air, so we live and move and have our being in the universal Spirit. This is not a fixed universe where everything is created, but where everything is forever being created.

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