

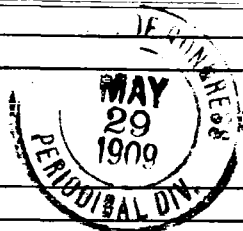
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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.



## EYE SEE.

I see.

Eye see.

See eye.

I AM the seeing.

The seeing creates the eye.

I hear.

I AM the hearing.

The hearing creates the ear.

The body is not being.

Being builds the body.

The builder builds the building.

The building does not build  
the builder.

I AM the resurrection.

I AM the life.

I AM the truth.

Who are you?

Identify yourself with Me.

Do you see?



## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* Are you going away?  
 \*\*\* If you take a vacation.  
 \*\*\* Do not neglect your treatments.  
 \*\*\* Keep in touch with this center.  
 \*\*\* Better enroll for three months.  
 \*\*\* Then you don't have to write unless you feel like it.

\*\*\* In the fall you will be ready for business and pleasure.

\*\*\* There will be no big gap between the spring and the autumn.

\*\*\* We will be right here, for Denver is a summer resort and we never have to go anywhere.

\*\*\* This is the advantage of living in the center of the world! And this is not local pride, for I live everywhere.

\*\*\* If Beverly Boy and I take a notion to go fishing, we will take you along with us, by carrying your names in my pocket.

\*\*\* This keeps us in touch with you right along, month after month and year after year, without a break in the mental conjunction.

\*\*\* "Shelton, isn't it lovely to be us?"

You bet! The more you come into the vibration of Us the more there will be of you. You gather strength and power from the whole.

\*\*\* "My husband was ruptured or strained yesterday and called on you in the Silence, promising to send you five dollars if he was any better to-day, so here is the five dollars. He is much better."

An honest man is the noblest work of God!

\*\*\* "CHRISTIAN is mighty, and the pink envelopes and paper are beautiful. The vibration from them is so defined and delicate."

This is the best definition of the vibration that I have received, and it tells the story. It is like the sunshine on these mountains. It does not come down with burning heat, but with a gentle warmth.

\*\*\* "My hope of regeneration is in you! Continue to send me your vibrations for all possessions."

Your hope of regeneration is in yourself. All I can do for you is to stir up your own vibrations. The kingdom of your God is within you. Don't get the idea that you are dependent upon anybody or anything outside of yourself.

\*\*\* My printing and mailing is done under contract at an office down town. We can not afford to be bothered with office work of that kind. In sending out the May number the printers sent only one copy to those on the two-copy list. This is the first mistake of the kind they have ever made. I can supply you with the extra copy if you have not called for it.

\*\*\* We can always supply at least four back numbers of CHRISTIAN for this year. There has been so much trouble in getting back numbers that this year we print thousands of extra copies. There is seldom more than four at a time and we will be very glad to supply these back numbers to all new subscribers. We will send these four numbers to new names if you will send us the names.

\*\*\* "Enclosed find symbol of my continued faith in your spoken Word."

That is the whole truth condensed in a few words. Your money is the symbol of your faith in my spoken Word. It is a symbol while the mental movement is the substance. You exchange the symbol for the substance.

\*\*\* William and Elizabeth Towne made us a pleasant call on their way to California. William came into the office and looked around, while Elizabeth talked to the Madam, and I think they made love to each other. Elizabeth looks younger and fresher and brighter than when she was here six or seven years ago. So she is growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. William seems to be happy and contented and taking things easy.

\*\*\* "When I received your last letter I read it and felt cold sweated, because you said I must quit drugs. Then I decided to do so. I have not tasted any since."

Good for you! The kind of drug I told you to quit would soon put you where you would not have any kind of sweat. You would have passed through the hell of suffering into the unseen and then returned to go over the same thing again and again until you learned the way out of the wilderness. Stop it now and you will get into the kingdom of God.

\*\*\* Elbert and Alice Hubbard were here in March and I had quite a chat with them after the lecture. I do not know whether to call it a lecture or not. It sounded like a sermon, and Elbert looked like a preacher while delivering it, and he talked very much like a preacher. He is down on all the preachers because some of them button their collars behind. They don't all button their collars behind. I never did. I told Elbert that Alice was one of us and a good Christian but I could not vouch for him as he came very nearly being a heathen.

\*\*\* "I am so much better. Everyone says, 'Why, Mrs. F., how much better you look, your lips are getting some color in them!'"

Thank God for such neighbors! You are lucky to have everyone speaking thus to you. Words have power to kill or cure. They generally use words that will kill, tell you how miserable you are looking, how nearly dead you are, and how such and such a one died in the same way. Oh, the world does move! We are getting out of the old thought even in our common conversation.

\*\*\* "I am still owing you for treatments you gave me a year ago last June. I am not naturally that way. I am a bachelor and own a three-quarter section of land, but what can a man do when he don't get anything out of it? Last year my entire crop frosted and last summer it hailed me out entirely. I stayed in the Circle as long as I could. I herewith send you seven dollars to pay up old debts."

I gave him credit for seven months ahead instead of behind. It is my business to keep a man from having poor crops, and when he does get down and out I want him to blame me for it. I think this old bachelor ought to get a wife and then he would have better luck. I am going to treat him for a big crop this year with plenty of money and a soul mate.

\*\*\* "I will enclose the address tag of my paper. Does this mean January 1, 1911? I suppose I ought to know. Hope I will not be so stupid always."

If I had it to do over again I would place the name of the month and the number of the year after each name. But it would cost much money to go over the whole list and change it now. The first figure is the number of the month. The other figures stand for the number of the year. This tag read 1/11, which means January, 1911. The numbers 9/09, for instance, would mean that your subscription expires September, 1909.

\*\*\* "I forgot that it was the tenth time for me to write to you. I shall send it, so don't stop treatments if I neglect it for a day or so."

I do not watch the clock or the almanac in giving the treatments. I expect you to keep your own dates and take your own time while I go right along with your daily treatments. Your date is your own date whether it comes the first, middle or last of the month. I want the regular ones to keep their own dates just the same as they keep the date of their birth. This divides our mail up so that it comes regularly every day instead of all piling in on the first of the month.

\*\*\* "Would you like to know what the vibrations have brought me this past year? A trip to Europe, a Parisian trousseau, a husband, with all that that word can mean, and a new sense of harmony."

I think when you can write this kind of a letter you have gained about all there is to gain on this planet. When you began with me you were asking for a very little and you were in doubt as to whether you would get that little or not. Your horizon kept on enlarging until you took in all of your own. It brought with it the vibrations of Success and a new sense of harmony. Don't you see how the mental brings all of the material along with it? And if this new sense of harmony had not come the other things would have been of no lasting use to you, no permanent good.

\*\*\* "My lungs were in much pain, but the moment I received the pink letter all pain left my lungs and with it the cough. I did not even know the letter had that special mission until several days afterward. Just think how much you have done for me, just me, in one short month!"

This may sound like patent medicine advertisement, but to those who are in this vibration it is easily understood. The pink letter is a medium for the mental vibrations. The letter was not only treated before it left, but was followed with treatments. There is no doubt in my mind that the healing Word will change conditions instantly.

\*\*\* "I want one of those pink envelopes, and a word on a pink sheet of paper, for a tonic. Your Word for me is bearing fruit."

All right, you will receive the tonic. It is really a tonic, but some of them call it Sheltonic. No matter what you call it so you get it. The pink letters are a great success, but they did not come before their time. They came along with the elimination of the snake and the soldier from the heading of CHRISTIAN. All the things that we do not like must be left behind us.

\*\*\* I would like for all who are back on their dues to pay up or get off the list. I want two thousand new subscribers to freshen up the list and to enter into the fellowship. I want what I want when I want it, so send me the new people right along. You remember that I am not offering you any premiums or inducement, except in this extra number of people with whom you will shake hands. I never have to offer any premiums to keep up the subscription list of CHRISTIAN. You people are always ready and willing to keep it going.

\*\*\* Many people have called for pink letters, thinking that they were to be sent out free like circulars or something of the kind. I never send out circulars or advertisements and each letter is written to you personally for your own sake. We have no stereotyped form and never send out any kind of fixed-up communications. Your letter is read and answered and you are given individual and personal attention. Pink letters cost all the way from one to one hundred dollars. They are worth millions.

\*\*\* I am trying to keep you people from being afraid of God. You know the Golden Rule says for us to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. The other day it struck me that that rule applied to God as well as to his creatures. God ought to be willing to abide by his own rule. He ought to do unto us as He would have us do unto Him. The Great Principle of being should be governed by the same law that governs the individual being. So don't be afraid to ask God for what you want when you want it. Tell him that you will return the favor to the best of your ability.

\*\*\* "Oh, for that soft snap! So that I can have a chance in my own home to be busy or slack, with a few comfortable minutes to be sick in when I feel like it! Now I can't have a headache in comfort."

She is running a hospital. You may imagine what kind of a woman she is by her words. One of those steam engine women that can run anything on the face of the earth. She has kept at this for many years and now wants to get into a home of her own where she can have a little liberty. Just a chance to do as she pleases for awhile. She will get it. The plans of the home are already drawn.

\*\*\* "Although only two weeks have passed I have lost six pounds. I AM so grateful to you and I feel better already. I must be getting into your vibrations as I feel sure my back will be made strong. Just spare one thought to me. It will take you but a moment and will mean so much to me."

This is a case of treatment for obesity and a weak back. She will go right on improving and then she will come to a standstill and get out of heart. This is the way it goes every time, but the next movement will be still better and so on to victory. There is an ebb and a flow in the mental tide and we must watch it. When you get into this vibration stay in it in spite of discouragements. You must not expect to fly high all the time. The mental movement is perfectly natural. You do not keep on a tension, but relax and let go and then take it up again.

\*\*\* "Please find enclosed one dollar for one month in Circle of Christians and five dollars for one month of special treatments for Health and courage. Am much better than when I wrote last."

That extra dollar was not necessary, for your five dollars kept you in the Circle of Christians with special treatments in addition. I have made this ascending scale so that you can stay in the fellowship for one dollar and add as much more to it as you feel like in the way of special or extra treatments. I have millionaires in this fellowship who can well afford to pay one hundred dollars a month. In fact, they turn up their noses at one dollar a month and I want to make them feel at home. I also want the one dollar a month people to be in the same fellowship of millions.

\*\*\* "I can't afford to stay out of the Circle of Christians. Why, I hardly know myself as compared to my condition when I began treatments nearly two years ago."

Now, that is the way that I like to have people talk about this fellowship. I want them to get something out of it right along every day. It must be something that they can't afford to lose out of their lives. I have often told you that I could not afford to stay out of it myself even if some other person was keeping up Central. My wife and I live on this fellowship. As we do not receive callers or make calls, you people are the elect with us. I know the power is growing greater every day and yet it is so simple and easy in its movement that we hardly notice the increase.

\*\*\* "I am the girl who asked your help to obtain a certificate in the recent examinations. I passed, and now I need treatments to get the school."

She got the certificate and she is teaching the school. But she never would have "got there" if it hadn't been for following my instructions. She was very careless about her writing, and I told her to turn her whole attention to writing, and keep on practicing until she could write, and punctuate, and make a presentable looking letter. Instead of getting offended at me she went to work and has made herself a splendid writer. A school teacher's handwriting is like a stenographer's clothes. A stenographer must look neat and clean, and a school teacher must write legibly and correctly. My girls obey my commandments.

\*\*\* "I am so thankful we can send to you mentally without waiting on the mails or the wires. Three times I sent to you promising to send you a dollar in each case. Once my aunt hurt her hand and blood poison set in. It was a very bad case. Again my husband seemed very sick. At another time he hurt his eye. Each case was healed and I send you three dollars."

This is the kind of people who are in this fellowship. They are mentally honest and that is the only way you can be honest. People who are not honest in their own thoughts are not honest at all. This woman is a healer in her own house. And when she calls on me for help and promises to pay for it she keeps her promise. This is getting to be a common thing with all the Christians. You are not only calling on me, but you are calling on this center and that includes all of us.

\*\*\* "I am getting along very nicely indeed and when I do not overdraw on my strength feel very fine. But I do not feel like trying to get along without your companionship. As I need you I am sure you need my five dollars."

That is a very pretty way to put it. You are getting along all right, but you want our companionship and the fellowship of the Christians. And, as you need us, you think we need you. Well, yes, for it takes money to move things along in this world, but we appreciate and delight in your mentality more than we do in your money. The money is the symbol and the mentality is the substance.

\*\*\* "Here is fifteen dollars for another month. I know God loves a cheerful giver. This goes to you cheerfully. Please remember the map of my holdings that is marked with red ink."

So you want God to love you, do you? Well, the love of God, as we teach it, means business every time. It is not a theory but a condition. It has to do with your real estate map. This love of God is the vibration of your own spirit in unison with the universal Spirit. It is practical. It has to do with the life that now is and of the world in which you are living. I apply the love of God to your real estate holdings and will help you to increase your business.

\*\*\* "Do your letters lose their value by passing through the hands of another before they reach me?"

Not altogether, but I much prefer that you receive my letters in my own envelopes and in your own name. They are love letters in the highest sense of that word and therefore should not be received through a third person. Many husbands and wives write separate letters.

\*\*\* "Your response to my wife's letter came to us freighted with the strongest, yes, by far, the strongest healing vibration that has ever come to us from you and yours. I have taken the liberty of placing it in my right breast pocket directly over my cracked rib."

It will close the crack in that rib. You have been receiving letters from me for many years, but they were not as full of vibrant power as the pink letters are from the fact that I had not been told by the Spirit to give treatments to my letters. I have been treating CHRISTIAN for many years, but only this year have I begun to treat my letters and envelopes. These letters and envelopes are mental mediums for spiritual vibrations.

\*\*\* "I think that I know that you are based on a firm principle and that I can trust myself to you."

You can trust yourself to me for I AM you. Get that in your mind. If you trust yourself to me as some one separate and apart from yourself you are doing a foolish thing. But when you recognize the Spirit in me as your own you are trusting yourself when you trust me. I know the Voice of the Truth. It is My Own Voice. But it is also your voice, for you and I are one. This is the law of unfoldment. If I do you a wrong I am wronging myself. When I injure you it is my own self that is suffering an injury. Never trust yourself to any one outside of yourself. This brings you into the fellowship of all men who are in the truth.

\*\*\* "When you raised your price to one hundred dollars a month I was afraid the one dollar people would be shut out."

Why were you afraid? Don't you know me? This is a partnership. It is a very peculiar partnership. You who send one dollar get thirty days of faithful treatments. You come in touch with all the wealth in the world. I have some gigantic undertakings on hand. Men who are dealing with millions and have vast interests involved. They can as easily pay one hundred dollars a month as you can pay one and yet you come into fellowship with all of us. It reaches further than mere money, for we own the whole universe and it is our aim to get control of all that there is here and elsewhere. You know that the only thing necessary is to get control of Yourself.

\*\*\* "I think you are mistaken about the prices for healing. In Boston the mental healers ask but one dollar for a treatment and five dollars weekly where treatments are given daily. I believe the Christian Scientists ask more, but this disproves your statement that ten dollars is the lowest weekly price for healing."

If I said weekly I meant monthly. I read the scale of prices in a Boston magazine and it was ten dollars a week. It is all right and no one shall get ahead of me either above or below. I put my prices higher than anyone and lower than anyone. This movement is of the Spirit and I know it is all right. I give treatments for one dollar a month and for one hundred dollars a month.

\*\*\* "The several people in our vicinity whom I have directed to you for help have been benefited during the time that I have been foolish enough to let go. I regret exceedingly that I have done so and now send five dollars that I may begin again with special treatments. My eyes are troubling me almost beyond endurance."

If you are going to do this thing why not do it right? You have sent other people and they have been getting along all right. But you switched off to one side while the procession passed you by and left you in the rear. There is no sense in it. We are all unfolding into permanent Health, Happiness and Prosperity. But we are not there yet and so let us keep together until we get there. It does not cost much to stay in this fellowship. It takes a little money and a little time and a little thought, but it is worth it.

\*\*\* "Do you approve of all she says? The book is full of exercises, mental, physical and breathing, which would require several hours daily if one tried to go through them all. But I think you do not approve of all this. Am I right?"

This comment is on one of the many books that are being published to show you how to lift yourself by the straps of your own boots. The whole country is being flooded with that kind of literature. It is a breaking out of materialism like we had when Darwin began writing about the evolution of man. They have established all kinds of schools and are even teaching you how to be a genius! "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." You may set this down as science. The bird flies without any effort unless it is wounded. When it begins to flutter you may know there is something wrong with it. When the spiritual mind begins to rise from the dead there is no fluttering or struggle.

\*\*\* "I like to read CHRISTIAN the best of any paper in my life, and I have been seventy-one years in this world."

"Well, as my wife has had her say, please let me say I think that CHRISTIAN is the best I have read."

The wife confesses her age, but the husband is a little shy about years. I think if you will keep right on reading and get into the vibrations you can put that "one" on the left side of "seven" and make it seventeen instead of seventy-one. You are sure to do that any way, either by cremating the old body while you are in it or by coming back and taking up a new body as a baby.

\*\*\* "And if he does not believe he yet has the Christ power for healing disease, why should he try to go beyond what he is now competent of? All hail to Dr. Worcester's brave, emancipating work, I say, though I am only an onlooker."

These are the concluding words of a criticism of my criticism of the Emmanuel Movement. I say all hail, too, as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. The preachers think the ice is thin and so they are afraid to venture. It is thick and solid and all they have to do is to put on their skates and skim along. Mental Healing is on a firm foundation. It will keep on growing until each man's mind will be his own healer. It is an emancipation, sure enough. The emancipation of the individual from the bondage of the institution. When the people get it there will be no need of preachers. The institution will have vanished from the earth and the individual will have entered into his own.

\*\*\* "By the way, my son wanted you to treat him for the tobacco habit and the next day after he sent his letter to you he tried to smoke and could not. He has not tried it since."

Good for the boy! I rejoice with the mother. Suggestion has caused nearly all of the crime in this world, and all of the folly. I learned to smoke by suggestion and kept it up for thirty years. I began at ten years of age and smoked until I was forty. I have been free from this bondage for nearly twenty years. It is the same with nearly all of our habits. The tobacco habit is growing and with boys it has taken the form of cigarettes. The novelists and playwrights introduce the cigarette into the novel and the play. It is a bad example.

\*\*\* "Under separate cover I am sending you another copy of the book. I want you to see that book."

I got the book and read the title page, which was a lie on the face of it. It reads: "Revealed Translation of John's Revelation. Given by The Lord Jesus Christ to Archie J. Inger." This book is in the same vibration of another one sent me from New York, entitled: "The Crucifixion: By An Witness." The books claim to be revealed by a medium. Let me tell you right now that the revelation of written words was closed with the last words of the New Testament and that it will never be reopened. Jesus Christ is not writing any books. The new revelation will come by the Spirit to the individual for his own unfoldment. The kingdom of God is the kingdom of the individual. Spirit must come directly to you for your own mental unfoldment. There are no middlemen in the kingdom of God.

\*\*\* I read the May number of *The Philistine* and thought how easy it is to throw stones, and how hard it is to dodge. As a thrower of stones Elbert Hubbard is an expert and a past master; but as a dodger he is a poor excuse. Several years ago he threw stones at me, but I ducked and his pebbles passed over my head. It seems that a preacher attacked Alice Hubbard, and Elbert devotes almost a whole number in defending her. No woman ever needed a defense from a man. The meanest woman on earth is better than the best man that ever lived. The earth is better than anything it produces. Jesus is the most exalted man on the earth; but he was produced by a woman. His mother was here first!

\*\*\* "I do dressmaking and plan as I may I work about sixteen hours out of the twenty-four. I am getting to feel I am a slave. Your methods have done a great deal for me in the way of charging and setting prices, as I get three times as much as I did when I first started with the treatments."

That is the way it works. I keep right on treating you for more work and better pay. Now, this woman has got to the place where she ought to use her mind in directing other women and so put the most of the work on others. This helps her into a physical and mental rest and gives employment to others who need it. When she began treatments she was afraid that she would charge too much for her work. I soon got that out of her head. People do not want cheap things, either in the way of work or material.

\*\*\* "My friend Florence has recently subscribed for CHRISTIAN. She thinks it is simply the greatest paper she has ever read. I always gave her my numbers and she simply devoured them. I said the other day: 'Isn't the last number of CHRISTIAN great?' 'Every number is great,' she said, 'I just love Tom Shelton.' Now, there is a compliment for you, and Florence is pretty great herself."

Of course Florence is great or she couldn't appreciate such greatness as she finds in CHRISTIAN. I don't take any such compliments to myself. It is the work of the Spirit. By the way, I was never called Tom, but the name is getting so it sticks to me. I have no objection unless you make it Tommy. But when you compliment CHRISTIAN remember that you are complimenting the I AM that I AM and not the son of my father.

\*\*\* "Have sold the old automobile and ordered a new one."

So writes one of my doctors, and the rascal will get it and be running around in my new automobile while I take the street cars. This is all right, for my airship is being invented. My wife says she will not ride with me in my airship, so I will select a blonde with small feet. You know that wife of mine is neither a blonde nor a brunette, but she does have small feet. I think she will go up with me in my airship when I get it perfected and my inventors are at work now making the thing as perfect as an electric automobile and much safer. This is no joke, for I send out treatments to the airship men every day. They are at work for me. I want to get off the earth. The atmosphere a few miles above is very pure and wholesome.



\*\*\* "I have been asking help of you ever since the first number of CHRISTIAN was published. Can you explain why it is that in the matter of health you have not done so much for me or so quickly as on money matters? I asked you once for a sum of four figures, to pay a debt, and I got it, too, right away."

The writer has been with me from the beginning and has received steady treatments every day for fourteen or fifteen years. I don't know why the money comes quickly and the health slowly. It may be because you put things into parts and pieces. There is really no difference between the principle of health getting and money getting. It is all one. When you get into the vibrations of the whole you do not see parts. Everything comes your way. It takes us a long time to get to the place where we know we are the whole.

\*\*\* "I have watched your unfoldment for ten years. Sometimes you have shocked my religious sensibilities, but I have loved your down right honesty—no hiding of faults or evading. As the years have gone on you have drawn closer to me in thought."

I shocked my own religious sensibilities and kept right on shocking them until I got rid of all religion. The most startling thing in Satanic Science came to me right at the beginning of my unfoldment, but I rejected it. It shocked my religious sensibilities. Spirit kept right on shocking me until I came into the fullness of Satanic Science. I know the Truth and the Truth has set me free from religion and every other from of bondage.

\*\*\* "We have had Christian Science treatments and they have helped him, but we have not the money to pay their price of five dollars a week."

This is from one of my good Christians who left me two years ago and went over to the Christian Scientists. Of course she had to stop her CHRISTIAN, for the orthodox Christian Scientists will not permit CHRISTIAN to enter into their fellowship. This is the religion of it. The science is all right, but the religion is Jesuitical. I am glad that people who can not afford the high prices can come into this fellowship for one dollar a month. It is a fellowship of individuals and each one of you can do just as you please.

\*\*\* "I must tell you about putting CHRISTIAN under my head recently. Feeling nervous I placed the paper under the left side of my head and soon fell into a peaceful sleep from which I awoke with steady nerves. As I opened my eyes I heard instrumental music at the foot of my cot where my zither is kept. It sounded like the tones of the zither only louder. The tones lingered quite awhile, the most beautiful I ever heard."

CHRISTIAN is in tune with the universe. There is no reason why it should not be a medium for all kinds of words that will bring you into harmony and peace. It is a mental medium, for the treatments have to do with mentality and not with any psychic or hypnotic vibration. This thing of hearing music is one of the wonderful experiences of the unfolding mind. It is also a common thing to smell aromatic odors like spices and flowers. The soul is in Paradise and has escaped this hell for a few moments. I often wander through forests with flowing streams and singing birds and the glory of life.

\*\*\* "You treated the child for me and he was healed instantly of cholera infantum."

That is about the only way you can treat cholera infantum. It requires quick work. It is one of the dreadful diseases of children. I want you to get to the place where you can heal your own children by your own thought. The children respond to my Word better than the adults. I find animals easy to treat and this brings me to the place where I know that we are to have dominion over the whole of our environment. That statement in the first chapter of Genesis is scientific. We are to have dominion over every living thing that creepeth on the earth, the beasts of the field, the birds of the air.

\*\*\* "Dear old T. J., treat for my sins to be forgiven. I am so anxious to be well, whole, at peace, so that I can claim this great blessing that I feel is waiting for me. You know I spoke of it before, that my baby shall come back to me again. I can't find words to express that longing for him, and I feel that he wants me in the same way and just as badly as I want him."

This is from a mother who had just buried her baby boy. This quotation is from the second letter. The first letter was the most beautiful word picture that I ever saw. It could not be answered, except in the silence. My wife is very cool and deliberate, and I never knew her to give way to her feelings. But when she read this letter she broke down and cried. She left the room in tears. What a world is this in which we live! What a world in which we die! Motherhood is the greatest mystery in the universe. It is the one awful mystery and next to it is death. Births and deaths are the beginning and the ending of mystery. Out of the darkness we come and into the darkness we go. Satanic Science is the only explanation for the mystery of being. Mortality is hell and hell is for a good purpose.

\*\*\* "What is the bridge between the ideal and the real? The ideal is perhaps true in the light of truth, but how can it be made real materially? I have seen people unhealthy bodily who tried to keep mentally healthy by denying the unhealthiness of the body. They were failures. If man is God, why doesn't his Godliness show up?"

There is no bridge between the ideal and the real, for one is the other and the other is the one. This antagonistic duality is the devil and hell and everything that disturbs and distracts and diseases and destroys. You must get away from this bridge building business. There is no bridge, except in your own mind. Man is a god on his way to Godhood just the same as a baby is a man on his way to manhood. The mind and the body are one in expression. The body expresses the state of the mind. The race mind is expressed in the bodies of the race. As we advance in our thought we come into better expression of the body. This is absolutely true in spite of the fact that there are many degenerates. The ruling mind of the race is seen in the very faces of people. Quit this affirmation and denial business and tell the truth. Sickness is sickness and you had just as well acknowledge it. But mind controls matter and you had just as well acknowledge that part, and get into control. The affirmations and denials are all right if you know how to make them, but lying to yourself will not help you into the truth.

\*\*\* "You are right. The brain is the organ of the mind, and, seems to me, the mind is the Spirit. Seems to me the life energy, either in us or the dumb animals, is the Spirit. But if this is true, what is it that gives man the power of speech?"

Spirit is the mind in that it is the substance of being. Mind is the expression of being. The tree has a mind and a spirit. Spirit eats. It is the only thing in the universe that eats. Now, this feeding is the expression of being. From the lowest to the highest it is being expressed by feeding on what we call matter. The power of speech is not confined to man, for everything in the universe that is alive has a voice of its own. Language belongs to man, for language is systemized speech. It is speech put into an everlasting form, so that thought can be preserved from one generation to another. Man was taught language by the Word of God.

\*\*\* "I was foolish enough, with a good many others, to invest. \* \* \* I even borrowed four hundred dollars to invest in this business. One woman put in her all, three thousand dollars, and she must be seventy-five years old. The promoter made everything look so bright. I can not imagine what all these people were thinking of to be so foolish. I would not feel the way I do if it had only been my own money."

I get such tales of woe once in awhile, but not often. One woman invested nearly four thousand dollars in a stock company that was organized or pretended to be organized for the publishing of a new thought magazine. She was only one of many and was taken in by the flattering prospectus of the grafter who got up the scheme. He promised big money to all who would invest and they took hold of it, notwithstanding the fact that new thought magazines have been dying steadily for the past dozen years. Of course the promoter put the money in his pocket and turned the magazine over to another party. The item above refers to a gold dregging scheme in Mexico. The writer comes to me after she has lost everything. If she had written me a postal card about the matter before she invested I could have saved her all this money. What is the use to come to me after you have made the jump? I know of one scheme that is taking in women by the thousands, and yet if I tell them to keep out of it they will get angry and think I am prejudiced. Now, all such can just go to thunder so far as I am concerned. If you pay for my advice and will not take it, there is nothing more that I can do. But for goodness sake come to me before you make the venture. Get yourself into such a condition of mind that you will not attract thieves and robbers. I have saved to my readers more money than I have received from them. This is my business to sit right here and help you to help yourselves. Let me say one other word before closing this item and that is, don't be fool enough to write to Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan, or other millionaires, expecting them to send you money to help you out of bondage. Such men are not scattering their money around in that kind of way. They would not have very much left if they did do such a foolish business.

## COMMONWEALTH OF CHRISTIANS.

"What a wonderful thing you have given us—the consciousness of infinity in ourselves! I think I have wished for some such thing, and even hoped for it—but to be actually conscious of it *now*; that seems almost too good to be true."

So writes a profound thinker who has been reading CHRISTIAN for many years. It is true that we have come into this consciousness of infinity. It has been a mental unfoldment. No power could have hastened the unfoldment. It had to come in its own time and in its own way. You who have been with me from the beginning know what a mental struggle it has been for all of us.

If we had gone into organization and began showing pride in a sect we would now be standing still in our own tracks. It was only by keeping in the middle of the road and going ahead that we have come into our own kingdom. It is a kingdom. There is no doubt about the character of the government. It is the government of a king over subjects, but the subjects are not men. The subjects are the members of your own body. It is a government of your own spirit over your mind and body. Each individual is a king and a priest and has dominion over himself.

The Bible is a history of the mental unfoldment of the Aryan peoples. It has been the development and promise of the individual. We have changed our tribes and governments and we are still pulling down and taking apart the institutions. We are picking them to pieces. But the individual goes on in his development. His mental unfoldment comes from constant experiment in founding and destroying institutions. Get him in a rut and he will rot. Let him into the open plain and he is a mighty god.

When the white man began to open his mind he looked at his naked body. He at once went to work to cover his body and get it out of his sight. He then went to work and made himself a habitation. He was looking outside at things. He forgot himself in his environment. He was thinking about building houses and boats and making weapons of war. His mind was filled with ambition to rule and exercise authority. He organized governments and built armies. He entered into a conquest of his environment. His chief ambition was to exercise authority over his fellows and to conquer all of his enemies. This outside work has been going on for centuries, but he is growing weary of it. He is beginning to think about himself once more. He is turning his attention towards that body that he covered with fig leaves.

In art and on the stage the nude is coming back to a place among men. They are asking about themselves and forgetting to fight each other. Man is wondering if it is worth while to contend for an objective kingdom while his body is filled with disease. He is beginning to think about his own flesh shriveling up and becoming weak and wrinkled with time. He is wondering why time should have any power to destroy his body. He is wondering whether it is worth while to build a palace in which to house a transient body. Then there comes another

thought, as to why he should be able to build a palace that will last throughout the centuries while living in a body which may not last a minute. Once more man is taking a look at the environment next to his own spirit. Never did man take such a long and hungry look at his own flesh.

He sailed the seas and he is sailing the air. He has chained the lightning and harnessed the ether. He has conquered the earth and the air and the water, and is conquered by disease and death. Why should he be conquered by anything in his environment? Why not make this body worth while? If we are so anxious to see the dance of *Salome*, or to view the nude in art, there must be some reason for it. You and I know that calling it a depraved taste will not explain the science of it. The science of it is that we are seeking perfection in our own bodies. We are asking for flesh that reflects the mind of the conquerer. We have polished the marble and painted on canvas the picture. Now it is up to us to make the thing a living reality. Therefore we come to consider the commonwealth of Christians. There is no use to look outside of your skin for personal power. If you get it by being elected to office or by being born in the royal line you will lose it by time or chance. All objective authority is a shadow of the real substance. Authority of the will must be in you and for you alone. You must be able to govern your own environment and keep your hands off other people. This is what man is thinking about at the present time. We have been traveling along this road in our search for individual independence.

I have been careful not to form any kind of a sect or society or cult. I will not even invent a pin for you to wear in the objective. I will not give you any kind of a center or club or church. This would interfere with our unfoldment as individuals. You must turn your attention to your own body and conquer it. We are getting right back to paradise, where we are uncovering ourselves to ourselves. You are looking in the mirror at the wrinkles and signs of age. You are looking! Do you know the depths of that statement? Who is looking? You are looking at yourself. Now, that look must be made scientific. You must see yourself a perfect body. The wrinkles must disappear in your face. Dimness must leave your vision. Dullness depart from your hearing and the tinted flesh, vibrating with the Spirit, must come within the range of your mental vision.

Your kingdom is personal.

It will help you to see if you will put aside everything that is not you. Begin away out on the outside of the subject. Put away all of your deeds and titles to real estate. They are not you. What you can't hold is not real. If some other person comes along to live in your house, then your house is not real estate to you. It is not a real estate to your heirs, for they must also have heirs, and so on down the stream of mortality. Therefore put aside your money and your holdings as no part of yourself. Then you may come on down and take off your jewels, put them all away in your jewel box, for they are not you. Take off all your clothes and remove your spectacles and your false

hair and your false teeth. Get yourself down to yourself. How much is there of you? All there is of you is taken to the bath. All there is of you will go into a coffin. You will not occupy very much space. Even in a box you will not take up much room, for they will put you under the surface of the earth. It is pretty tough on you, isn't it? You thought you were somebody and that you owned something. I have told you that all your kingdom is inside of your own skin.

Now, when you find that this skin is drying up, that your eyes are growing dim and your ears hard of hearing, you are not much, are you? The space you fill in the mental world is your real place in the universe. Now, a mentality that can not control materiality is not a success. Why haven't we entered into the regeneration and the resurrection? The time has not come. It is at hand. The day is dawning. The morning light is already beginning to appear over the hilltops. We have quit looking outside for our kingdom. If you people think that we are ahead of the times, and if you begin to regret leaving the institutions, let me quote from a Baptist newspaper. If there is any institution that represents the old thought it is certainly the Baptist, and yet they are beginning to talk about the kingdom of God as separate and distinct from the institution. Listen to these words:

"The issue resolves itself into having or not having any condition of membership in an organized church, except a declaration of one's faith, or loyalty to Jesus Christ. The issue is between having the ordinances or not having them. The Society of Friends may be right: the ordinances were temporary expedients and when one enters into the spiritual meaning of them the external becomes useless and must be discarded. This is doubtless the ideal toward which we are all working. Perhaps the time has come to abolish the ordinances altogether. If their meaning has become so grafted into the Christian consciousness as not to need the form, certainly all will admit that the purpose of the form has been fulfilled, and the need for it is no longer. All denominations have dissented from this and have accepted and asserted a certain amount of ecclesiasticism as taught by Jesus to be observed. That Baptists have held more rigidly than others to the facts of Scripture is certainly not a fault. If we admit others than baptized believers into our membership we surrender what we have always stood for. When the things for which we have always stood are accepted by the Christian world there may be no need for our existence. We do not believe that day has come. When 'Church' and 'Kingdom' become identical in meaning and coterminous we can all abandon the ordinances and have one organization known as 'The Kingdom.' Till then we believe the Baptists have a mission."

Did you ever think that such a statement could be made by the people who have been practicing immersion? When I quit the Institution, and refused to immerse people, eighteen years ago, I had to step down and out. Now they are talking the same way I talked, but trying to hedge by saying the kingdom will be merged into the Institution and we will have one organization. We will not have any kind of an organization. Each individual will be thoroughly organized within himself. Don't you see that the kingdom of God is within you and the Institution is simply mortal mind playing at self-govern-

ment? It has been all right for us to play. It has brought our minds up to the point where we can see the kingdom. But when the Baptists begin to talk about doing away with the ordinances, it is time for us to take a step still further forward, and set the pace for perfect control of the individual. We are setting that pace.

Do you feel encouraged that these people are coming on after us? Taking a man and baptizing him into the institution will soon be as much out of date as hitching mules to our street cars. We are no longer children in the kindergarten. We are men and women in the kingdom. The kingdom is within us. The kingdom is us. The commonwealth of the Christians is the commonwealth of individuals. The very moment that we organize the individuals into an institution we begin to look outside for authority and power. You must look within for all power and all authority.

Let us take another inventory of our holdings. You need not turn around and look up your real estate. Let your jewel box alone. Leave your clothes on the chair. Stand flat-footed on your naked feet and begin to gather yourself together. What do you want? You want to put off those spectacles. If you never had them on you want to leave them off forever. You want eyes that can see and keep right on seeing. Then you must find the source of real vision. The street cars run by my door with electric power. There is a central source, from which they draw power. You see the motion and you search for the cause of it. It is in the power house. What is the matter with your eyes? If they are growing dim you must be separated from the source of vision. You know the infinite supply of light is not growing weak. It is all there and will remain there forever. Why are your eyes growing dim? Maybe you don't know where this central source of light is located. You will have to put your mind in conjunction with this central source of light, else you will not get your share. The organs of vision are created by the principle of vision.

As you stand before God in your nakedness you take a look at your ears. Are your eyes so dim that you can't see your ears? Your ears are dull of hearing. Where is the source of hearing? There goes a street car flying along at a rapid rate. A storm comes up and they shut off the power. The cars stand still and wait for power. That is what we do here in this high altitude. Our cars have to stop during a severe storm. I make this illustration to show you that if your ears are dull of hearing you are being shut off from the source of hearing. There is something wrong with your mentality. No power on this earth or in hell or in heaven has the right to shut me off from the Central Source. As an individual I have the right to my own. Let me whisper a wonderful word in your ear. There is only one sense. We talk about five senses, but there is only one. Clairvoyance has taught me that seeing and hearing and tasting and smelling and feeling are all the one sense. They have a common center. I see and hear without eyes or ears so far as the objective

is concerned. The organs of vision are not vision. The organs of hearing are not hearing. We feel with the Spirit and not with the fingers. We hear and see with the Spirit. We taste and smell with the Spirit. It is all one sense of being. Now, you have a right to being and you can not lose anything if you are in conjunction with the whole.

We have been thinking about separateness. We covered up our bodies with fig leaves and with skins of wild beasts. We left our faces uncovered so that our eyes could see what we were doing. We went right on playing with things. All of our civilization is nothing more than playing with things. When the great earthquake came to Messina and Reggio the playthings fell into a heap and we perished beneath our own works. It is like the playhouses of children tumbling down. When the earth slips a cog all our boasted powers fail us. We are suddenly shut off from the source of power. Don't get away from that self of yours that I have stripped of all your environment. Come back home! You have wandered in the wilderness. It is time for your return to your home in your own naked body. Now, begin to build it into a habitation fit for your own Spirit. Make it indeed the temple of the living God. Let the breath of the Almighty give you understanding. Once more breathe into your nostrils the Spirit of Life. From the tips of your pink toes to the tips of your pink fingers be alive. Let the Light of God shine out of your eyes and keep yourself in conjunction with the source of vision. Let the Word of God speak in your ears and keep yourself in conjunction with the source of hearing. Then in your glorious beauty of body you can call yourself by your own name. You are really in possession of real estate. You own yourself. You have a deed to your own body. You have a clear title to your own life. No one can take it from you. The "magnificent worm" will not feed on your flesh. Electricity is vibrating through your body from the power house in the sun. All power in heaven and on earth is given unto you. This is the kingdom of the individual. This is the commonwealth of all Christians. It is the promise of the prophets and apostles in all the ages of the past.

It is a mental unfoldment. You must begin to think these things. Everything in the material world was in the mind of God before it became objective. All of the things that we are talking about must be in our minds before they will materialize. This is the reason why I am reducing the things to practice in dealing with money. I count you all as mental partners. The man who is working in one part of the world is in partnership with others in other parts of the world. We are all doing our own work in our own way and it is the work of all of us. If you are making money you are making it for us, and yet you are the boss of your own business. I told a man the other day in Chicago that we were depending on him to do our work in his particular patch. It is our work, and yet it is his own work. I want the girl that sits at the typewriter to

know that she is in fellowship with all of us, and while she is doing her own work she is doing our work. You must give each individual independence in their own environment, and yet we must all be in mental fellowship. This is true socialism. The socialism that wants an organization and a government is behind the mental times. Any kind of a government outside of the individual is unscientific.

The government outside of the individual is the kindergarten. It is not the kingdom. All the kingdoms of the world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord. How that word "Lord" does confuse the mind! All the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of Yahveh. Who is Yahveh? You. I. Yahveh is the Spirit of God. Yahveh is the universal Word. When this Word is in your own mind you are Yahveh. You are what your word is. You are that right now. You are all and nothing more than what your word is. You are what you are thinking. Your word is your thought. All the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of Thought. I AM trying to make you the king of your immediate environment. The environment next to you is your body. What can you do with your eyes? What can you do with your ears? What can you do with your limbs? Ah, what can't you do! Is there any limit to your power over your body? Who placed the limit?

Is there any limit to your thought? I have never found any such limitation. I have never yet found an obstruction to my thought. In my dreams my thought is limitless. I go when and where I please. I see through everything. Bless your heart, the X-ray and N-ray and radium are teaching us unlimited vision. The things that we thought were solid substance can be seen through as clearly as we now look at things through glass. Our eyes, by our own inventions, have penetrated the heavens. We have looked at the stars and have made maps of the worlds. Then how can you say there is a limit to your vision? If there is no limit to your thought, how can there be a limit to the movements of your body? You never thought of it, did you?

Well, you are now thinking of it. Never mind about what you never thought. Let the dead past bury its dead. What you didn't think does not matter. What you are now thinking is of vast importance. You are not thinking about your jewels in your jewel box. You are not thinking about your clothes in the closet. You are not thinking about your glasses on the dresser. You have even forgotten about your houses and lands. You are thinking about your thoughts. Your thoughts are things. They are real things. They are your own things. All else is rubbish. When you get that beautiful body you can then put on your garments of silk and your jewels of gold. It will be time enough to build palaces for your body when you have built the body. The commonwealth of Christians is the entire universe.

There is nothing left out of your holdings if you can hold onto yourself. I don't want you to have a foot that is so heavy that you can hardly lift it off the earth.

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