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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

Foundations

"For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."—Hebrews.

Foundations.

Sage Foundations.

Carnegie Foundations.

Rockefeller Foundations.

Foundations, Fiddlesticks!

Such foundations are built on the sand.

What is the use of all this nonsense about money?

The only real thing that is certain is mentality.

And the only mentality that is certain is the universal.

When men come into this almighty mentality,

When they come to know the mind of God,

They will cease to worship Mammon.

Then we will have a genuine foundation.

There will be rest for the people of God.

God knows that we need a rest from the money vibration.

A city whose maker and builder is God!

Science is preparing the way for that city.

Gold is so common a thing in that city that they walk on it.

ITEMS AND IDEAS

*** Carnegie.

*** Rockefeller.

*** Foundations.

*** What do I think of it?

*** I think the whole charity business is unscientific.

*** If there is anything that humanity needs it is individualization.

*** To keep on with this charity work and endowment system is to pauperize the people.

*** I am an Anarchist in the scientific sense of that word. The whole system of mortal society is founded on fraud.

*** It began with the man who had the strongest arm and the biggest stick, and the only change we have made is to replace the big stick with money.

*** It is now the man with the longest purse and the biggest pot of gold; and he is foolish enough to think that the money belongs to him and that he can give it back to the people.

*** Anarchy means the destruction of the old order and the making of everything new. Instead of founding our intercourse with each other on money or might we will found it on freedom, the freedom of the individual.

*** I believe in property rights for living people, but not for the dead. The living have a right to gather to themselves things and use these things while they are alive. Each individual has a right to provide for his offspring in a reasonable way, but this thing of handing down millions and millions from the dead to the living is unscientific.

*** God tells us that he is going to utterly destroy the old and make all things new. In other words, the Almighty is an Anarchist. He knows what we need. He does this kind of work in nature right along every day. The same rule will have to work in society. There are a lot of old musty rules and dusty laws that will have to be put out of existence. The fire is already beginning to burn in these old institutions. The smouldering fire will soon become a flame. It will be a regular bonfire and help to enlighten the mentality of humanity.

*** Did I say it will be? It is not in the future tense. It is already here. The fire began to burn two thousand years ago. It has been slowly gathering power until it is now a beacon light for the whole world. It is not any kind of a religion. It is not an institution. It is not one sect taking possession of the earth. It is a vibration. A movement of the Spirit. Our little, narrow creeds and sects only hinder the light from shining. They are so many bushels under which the light is placed. But these old things are being put to one side. The individual is coming into his own, and the new kind of thinking will drive out the old thought.

*** Did you ever stop to think about it? The people have been living on authority. They have been learning to speak over and over the same old words. We have thought

we couldn't learn anything except from others. In other words, we must learn what others have learned over and over and take the written word as authority. Now this is not true, even in material science. All the original books were written by minds that had received their inspirations from the universal. The first books had to come out of the ether. The first words had to be spoken by inspiration. Even in material science the great inventors got their information out of the atmosphere. There must be a universal knowledge accessible to our thought. The new kind of thinking is opening up this atmosphere.

*** Men are asking God directly instead of indirectly. They do not call on the Spirit by quoting books, but by holding their own minds open to the reception of truth. Jesus Christ, like all the other prophets, came speaking within himself. He not only refused to quote Scriptures, but set aside the written Word and spoke from the authority within His own Spirit. He could quote the Scripture when He felt like it, but in the great sermon on the mount He quotes to refute and repudiate. He tells you what the old thought is and then tells you what He thinks about it. "I say unto you" is the way He puts it. The new way of thinking will not even quote Jesus as authority. The man who comes speaking by the Spirit will set aside books and institutions and speak what he hears.

*** When you come to think of it, you have learned so many things from other men that are not true. It takes so long to get error out of the mind. We have been repeating over and over what other men have told us without regard to whether it was true or false. Age lends luster to falsehood. Time gives a certain kind of credential to error; but we are coming into this new thinking where we are judging everything of the past in a practical way. Just think of the nonsense that has been poured into our minds. The old thought is that we are mortals and have no control over destiny. Disease is a matter of course and we can't help it. Death is as sure as taxes, and we must all pay the penalty. All of this nonsense has been received with the solemnity of religion. It has been worked into the mind objectively and subjectively until humanity has lost hope. All of this is being changed and man is coming into his own mind. He is repudiating the mentality of mortality and has struck down into the depths of his own being and found a new order of thought.

*** I practice this kind of thinking every hour of the day and dream in this kind of vibration at night. I go where I please in mentality and am not confined by time or space. This is getting to be a common thing with thinkers. Our inventions have helped us to get up to this place in our thought. The railroad and the steamboat set the vibration and we kept going. Then the telegraph came and our thought moved swiftly. Then the wireless came and we began to think higher thoughts. Now the airship is soaring over our heads and the automobiles moving swiftly under our

feet. This is quickening our thought, and yet we are not satisfied. Telepathy is coming, and with it a higher vibration. I don't wait for airships or automobiles, but go instantly in my thought. Here are two telegrams on my desk—one from the extreme East and the other from the extreme West—and I have answered both of them in person. I say in person, for my personality is mental. I AM a mind and therefore can be where I will to be in my thought. I visited a hospital in San Francisco and a private home in New York within the last minute. The body will have to come up to this kind of a movement in the mind. The physical is slower in its movements but it must move, for mind is master.

*** I used to think that my movements in my dreams were fantastic. I would sail over mountains, cross rivers and go where I wanted to go in my dreams. It never came to my mind that the thing was anything but a dream. I now know that it was science. My spirit had to take advantage of sleep in order to get out and air itself. Just as soon as the fool mortal mind was awake spirit was hobbled. The spirit was told to stay indoors where it couldn't fly. Mortal mind kept drilling in the same old way by putting one foot before the other in walking. It was left, right, left, right, one, two, one, two, unless a mad dog got after you, and then you moved a little faster. You never thought of lifting yourself up above the earth and sailing in the air. But just as soon as you closed your eyes in sleep the spirit sneaked out and had a good time all by itself. Now we are turning our dreams into science. Spirit is coming into its own. What I can see I can be. Seeing is altogether mental, and I am letting my mind have free course in order that it may be glorified.

*** Then we are getting a larger view of God. The old God was a kind of giant in the skies, without any connection with us whatever. Even the word Father, as used by Jesus, had no real meaning to us. He was a kind of an old man of the sea, for we couldn't get the idea of father without connecting it with grandfather and other thoughts of mortal fatherhood. In the new way of thinking we make God the father of our spirits and, therefore, we make Him a universal principle and not an individual. He is the personality of all persons and the individuality of all individuals. In other words, I am the father of myself. This is the meaning of "I and the Father are one." This is the meaning of the saying, "Before Abraham was, I AM." There is no one before me, for if I am immortal now I have always been immortal. When I speak of the Spirit within me I AM speaking of myself. This is a great advance over the old thought. It is the only way that we can think and enter into the vibrations of our thought. If there is a God outside of me to whom I am responsible then I am nothing more than a creature. A creature can never be immortal, for what has a beginning will have an ending. The new way of thinking makes me say within myself I AM that I AM.

*** It took me a long time to get up to that declaration. I kept calling myself by one name and my Spirit by another. In holding converse with myself I separated myself from myself. This kept up a controversy in my mind. I praised myself and blamed myself. I had all confidence in myself and yet I distrusted myself. I had one self that was weak and sinful and I looked up to another self and called it my Father. It is the way of mortal thought. After awhile the Spirit within me kept saying I AM yourself and there is none other. I got that through my head after awhile then my thought reached backward to the everlasting and forward to the everlasting and the roots of my being took hold of eternity. What a wonderful change this made! I was no longer localized. A cablegram from London called me instantly to London, and I was sitting by the side and talking truth to the suffering one. I had no trouble about going from place to place, and there was nothing in my way. I had ceased to be a mortal. I never had been a mortal, but the fool notion of mortality kept me out of the vibrations of omnipresence.

*** Do you see the scope of this new way of thinking? If my head has gone forward my heels are bound to follow. This new way of thinking is either lunacy or the very science of sanity. It accords with all dreams and visions of Spirit. It is in harmony with every aspiration of your soul. It is the fullness of your desires. Therefore, it is the science of sanity. It is that which was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. It is what we long have sought and mourned because we found it not. To hell with all limitations and restrictions, and hell is mortal mind. It has no real existence. It is the old foolish way of thinking. This science of sanity brings you into vibrations of being. How you did enjoy your dream and with what a dull thud you awakened! Now you are going to really awake and find that your dreams are true. Mortality is a sleep of the soul. This new way of thinking will open our eyes and turn us from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. You will be very much surprised to wake up and find that you and God are one and the same in being. You don't get this out of books. The books have a few hints of it. Nearly all the books teach you the same old mortal foolishness.

*** The old thought kept telling you about the ugliness of sin and how you were going to be punished for your sins if you did not repent. Now this is an old lie, for there is nothing so beautiful and enticing as sin. There would have been no progress in the world if it had not been for satanic vibrations. It is perfectly natural for us to like the devil. You say that murder is horrible. Oh, I don't know! It is all owing to how you go about it. There is nothing more exhilarating than murder if you go about it in the right way. You want to have well-drilled murderers in uniform with plenty of ammunition, then you want to have banners as well as bullets. It is a good thing also to have a brass band or

two, so that your killing may be measured by music. You know I am an old cavalrman, and war is a splendid game. You let an army move along in the streets with banners flying and music playing and we all feel the thrill of movement. It is in us. It is perfectly natural for us to take sides and play the game to the death. I know of nothing on this earth that makes as good a show as the rhythmic movement of armed men.

*** I hear you say that the sin of stealing is ugly. Aha! there is where you get left. The playing with property is one of the prettiest games of the world. The petty thief doesn't have much fun, the pickpocket is not always in the joy of living, but go at stealing in a wholesale way and the game produces genius and greatness. Organize a trust and steal by wholesale and you will become a great general in the world of robbers. The generals in the game of war are not to be compared with the marshals on the field of finance. It is a modern game and our great financial generals are having lots of fun. Patten, the wheat king, said the other day that the loss of a million dollars to him was no more than a dime to an ordinary man. He doesn't care anything about the money. He is in the game for the excitement. The fun of it is in the sin of it. Satanic Science interprets the whole matter from a scientific standpoint. Men sin because they are immortal and feel ownership in the universe. Sin is a beautiful thing. It has kept humanity from stagnating under the burden of mortality. It has filled our hearts with courage.

*** It takes a brave man to sin. Religion is founded on fear and conscience makes cowards of us all. The new way of thinking removes the vermiform appendix called conscience. The worm does not turn but is cut out. We cease to be worms of the dust. This reminds me that the new thought of God has changed his character. As we get rid of rulers on earth the great ruler in the sky is changed into a benevolent being. The old God was a kind of king. He was not responsible to anybody or anything and was an absolute monarch. We made kings the rulers to fit our idea of God. The individual was in uniform. He was a soldier or a servant. He had no right to his own soul or his own body. The mortal world is still in that vibration, but the new way of thinking is bringing the individual out of it. In the new thought we have no ruler in the sky or on the earth outside of our own skin. This is the result of our own divinity. There can be nothing above divinity. In the divine there are no superiors or inferiors. The kingdom of my God is within me and the kingdom of your God is within you.

*** The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson. He is one of us. He is called an infidel, but he protected the rights of the individual. Thomas Paine and Thomas Jefferson did more than all the others put together to protect the inherent rights of the individual. I am very proud of my two front names, for in my case Thomas Jefferson is one of my

men. But when these ideas begun to take form in these United States we were in advance of all other people at least one hundred years. The world is coming up to us. Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine were inspired by the fundamental principles of Christianity. I now see it. Yet I was taught to believe that Christianity was a religion. It is the science of sanity. The prophet Jesus preached the freedom of the individual. He declared that he and God were one and the same in being. He could not be separated from the Almighty. This is the new way of thinking. The New Testament is named rightly, for it is forever new, in spite of the cobwebs of religion. Rub off the mold and you will find the pure gold. It is there in essence. Put it into the smelter of your own mind. The fire will purify and bring out the truth. We are just now getting up to date.

*** The new way of thinking is even getting into the magazines and from the magazines into the daily newspapers. Here is a clipping from the morning paper. It sounds good to me. It shows how God has changed his character in our minds. He is no longer a petty tyrant ruling by his own whim. He is Myself. He is You. In Him we live and move and have our being. Therefore, He must be as good as we are to say the least. An irresponsible God has produced irresponsible rulers on the earth. Since men have come into moral responsibility and put themselves under obligations to each other they are demanding the same thing of God. Josh Billings said that parents who trained children in the way they should go ought to go that way themselves two or three times. This is what the new way of thinking is saying of God. He must give us a square deal.

"The obligation that demands from man life for the moral ideal, and that denies him the privilege of endless service of the same, contains an unconscious but obvious insult to the Deity," writes George A. Gordon, in the April Atlantic. "Is there no obligation resting upon the Being who has put man under moral bonds? Has he no sense of fairness who calls upon men for that supreme quality? Is God justified in throwing man into the boiling stream of time, in calling upon him to learn to swim, or to rescue those who have not yet learned, and finally in drowning this valiant swimmer as the best way of getting rid of him? According to what conception of justice is man under duty to surrender his soul in service while God stands absolved? I can imagine duty from man to man to stand fast, were there no God; but I can not imagine a moral Deity absolved from accountability to the conscience which is his sovereign gift to man. On this ground Jesus would not be the apostle of God, but his immeasurable moral superior. If we hold our moral world and all its precious treasures without the concern of the eternal, by all means let us hold and increase it, but let us cease to worship God or to pay him the compliment of the homage that he does not deserve."

George Gordon would have been hanged by the old thought. The priests would have fastened him to a stake and made a bonfire around his body; but this is all gone now and the lingering echoes of such error are not even disturbing modern thought. Of course the old institution is dying hard, but

it is dying just the same. There is nothing left of it except property and real estate, and even that is being confiscated in France. Babylon is falling! The city of confusion will soon be a thing of the past.

*** "No, no, T. J. Make your charge and make it plenty. The world has and is clamoring to pay well for the truth. You remember another lady who received large donations and got tangled in the web of her own weaving. Where did she land?"

I know that my terms are scientific, and they are as large as I am willing to make them under the present economical conditions. It brings them within the reach of all, and I am not willing to shut anyone out of this fellowship on account of financial conditions. The ones who are hard up are the very ones who need the mental treatments.

*** "Now you are talking right. Give us Satanic Science in book form. I wanted to throw away half of the Bible until you began writing Satanic Science. Now I see! Universe! One God!"

The Bible is a record of the unfolding mind of humanity and the very first objective appearance of that mind is satanic. So you see that Satanic Science is really the science of health and a key to the Scriptures. I don't know when I will ever get the book rewritten, as it keeps growing on me until it is now twice the size it was when it was begun. It may be bigger than the Bible before I get through with it.

*** "With the woman in the lead and my heel on the serpent's head, I must have victory."

Now you had better go slow in dealing with a serpent and a woman. She is just as likely to get on your back and ride you to ruin while the serpent bites your heels. Look a little out! There are two sides to the woman question, and the man who thinks he understands the devil and the woman had better think twice and then some more before he acts. It is all right if you know how, and if you don't know how you will be swamped. It is the mystery of the ages and it is the mystery of iniquity. It is the man of sin and the woman of scarlet. As you see things in this mortal life it is satanic from birth to death and from the cradle to the coffin. I hope you know, but be sure you know before you go. It is a far cry back to the place from whence you came. The wilderness is full of fiery serpents, and there is only one serpent of brass to heal your hurts. God pity you, but you will have to plunge into the wilderness before you ever get into the place of peace. About the time you think you are ready for victory defeat will stare you in the face.

*** "How can you believe in reincarnation? Isn't one trial with all of its ups and downs and disappointments enough for almost any poor devil to go through?"

I don't know that I do believe in reincarnation. If I believe in it to-day I may not believe in it to-morrow. In this fellowship we have no creeds and no fixed beliefs about anything. The trouble with mortal mind is that it fixes itself in certain beliefs and all hell can't unfix it. There are about one thousand different kinds of religion with each fellow fixed in his own particular

brand. Then we have all kinds of politics with each adherent shouting for his party. Don't believe in anything, but leave your mind open and free. I only say that reincarnation seems to fit the place better than any other theory. I know there is a mental unfoldment.

*** "My son had to be taken to the insane asylum. Christ did cure the insane, why not him?"

Christ did not cure all of the insane by a long shot. There are a few cases of insanity that he cured, one or two cases of paralysis, several cases of blindness, many lepers were cleansed but only three persons raised from the dead. Quit looking backward for healing. Christ is not in the past. He is in the present. He is here and now. There may have been some good reason why your son was not healed. Spirit knows the reason and we must speak the word and leave everything in the hands of God. Many cases that I think can't be cured are healed instantly, while many others that seem easy are never healed.

*** "Begins to look as if the devil is one of our very best friends, but how about John, 8th chapter and 44th verse, if you are going to take the Bible literally?"

There is no doubt about the devil being one of our very best friends, but we have always been looking on him as an enemy. We thought he had got loose from God and that God couldn't catch him. He was a kind of rebel against God and God did not have power to put down the rebellion. The verse you cite is all right: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do." The whole of that verse is Satanic Science. He was talking to those who had been born in sin and shaped in iniquity. The devil is onto his job.

*** "I am done taking treatments from anybody but you. This other healer having just attempted to make me place with her on deposit all the money I had in return for which I was to receive the loan of a magnetic stone."

Just such "heelers" are getting thicker than blackberries in August. There is no doubt about people liking to be humbugged. Barnum said it and he knew people. I have had persons write me and send one dollar for treatments and then go right out and invest hundreds and hundreds of dollars in some fraud. They will even tie a string to the dollar they send me and turn everything loose to a smooth talker with a scheme like the magnetic stone.

*** "I think I will tell you that I have just resigned from the Christian Science church. I really believe in the principle of Christian Science, but I was unable, or perhaps I had better say unwilling, to live up to the many requirements of the by-laws."

This is the way many are beginning to talk; but I must honestly say that the ones who come to me just about balance the ones that go away. If you have to have a religion the Christian Science kind is the best in the market, but so far as I am concerned I could not stand any kind of bondage. I will not go to lodge, church or anywhere else that I have to go. If there was a rule passed that I had to get up in the morning I would turn over and go to sleep. Everybody in this house gets up for break-

fast except myself. If they had irregular hours I wouldn't mind it, but they get up promptly at six o'clock, and I will not obey any clock.

*** "I am sending you another dollar for treatments for success, money and happiness. As you say my treatments are too far apart to bring the best results, I will try to do better this year."

The writer of the above is an M. D. and has been a spasmodic member of the Circle of Christians for many years. There are many physicians on my list who send me all the way from one to five dollars a month regularly. They believe in mental healing for themselves, anyway. The drug doctors are pretty good fellows and I like to have them on my list. When I began as a mental doctor it was not considered respectable and was looked upon as a fraud and a humbug. It has now become so respectable that it is getting to be disreputable. All kinds of mental healers and heelers are in the field. There is always room at the top, and mental healing will have to pass through its teething the same as any other science.

*** "The stars prevent me from getting married; and, yet, I am of that nature that I need a home and some one to love. Is your influence stronger than the stars? Do I have to live out the influence of the stars?"

Where did you get all of that nonsense? The stars can't prevent you from doing anything you want to do. All that rot about the stars is like religion. It is a made-up affair. It is like the make-believe of children at their play. If I thought the stars were against me I would buck right up and fight the stars. The whole universe is for you. The only thing you have to do is to discover yourself.

*** "I don't feel the help like others feel it. Is it because I am not in harmony, or what? I am so anxious to come into the vibrations of the Fellowship so that I can feel them every day. I have such hateful feelings towards others most of the time."

Your last statement tells the story and answers your question. No one who lives in hateful feelings towards others can get into this Fellowship. In order to get into our vibrations you will have to love everybody without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude. You will have to give the hand of Fellowship to Dick, Tom, Harry and their sisters, especially their sisters, no matter where you find their sisters. Just reach out and shake the honest old tail of the devil himself. Can you do it?

*** "I have been studying 'Science and Health.' It wants to cage people to make them sing and all who were born in cages, or the confines of some religion, want to be caged, but I was born outside of religion and am free."

You have stated the case in a nutshell. Christian Science as a religion could never have succeeded if people had not been born in bondage. They must have some kind of a string tied to them or they are unhappy. Religion has kept everybody in a cage, and we were all born parrots.

*** "CHRISTIAN has just arrived, and hits the nail—several nails—on the head, as usual. I suppose you know that I have been having a lively mental time lately. I finally reached the conclusion that the stocks I was trying to own on borrowed money owned me, instead of my owning

them. I have therefore sold them out at a loss, financially; but I think at a gain every other way."

I didn't tell you to buy stocks, and I didn't tell you not to buy stocks. I leave you free to do as you please, but stock gambling is just like any other kind of gambling. It is not governed by law. It is lawless, a kind of outlaw. Play the game if you want to play it. It is none of my business. I will not treat you for success in any kind of gambling or any games of chance. Such games are not under the law of spiritual mentality, and I do not deal with any other kind of mentality. Now play the game if you feel like it, but you must know it is a game of hit or miss. It is governed by chance. You might win, but winning might be the very worst thing for you, for it would give you a thirst for more gambling.

*** "I don't mind telling you if I hadn't had a pretty good course of instructions in the last few years I should think that I had gone to the devil, instead of the money I lost. But evidently I have just had a course in learning that I wasn't handling that business right."

Well, did you ever! Here is a business man who doesn't blame me for his loss, and he certainly is an apt student. He knows that I have been teaching him the truth. I have pointed out the straight road to success. He left the main road and went off on a bypath on his own hook. He got tangled up in the bushes, but didn't blame me for it. I sit here without any interest in your business except in a mental way. I am your mental partner, and it is my business to keep you in the vibrations of success.

*** "Stop my paper. Your style seems to me light and irreverent and I can only approach Divine Truth with awe."

Why should you spell divine truth with capitals, and why should you approach it with awe? You are scared. You are evidently afraid of the bullroarer. Now there isn't any truth except divine truth, for there is only God. You didn't approach me with awe, and yet I am divine truth. Will you never get over your scare? Are we always going to be children in understanding? Is the roaring of the bullroarer going to make us take to the brush forever? I mark you off the list, but I hate to do it.

*** "It seems to me you only treat me for a week, that one, when I send the money."

If it seems that way to you it is that way to you, but it is not true. You have been in the Circle of Christians for a number of years and your treatments go right to you every day without any regard to your letter. The trouble is that you call me up with your letter and let it go at that instead of calling me every day.

*** "I realize how perfectly absurd this letter would be or sound to the world—but this is the one lack of my life, so why can't I tell you of it, when I know that you can help me. I want a husband. I certainly need a man of my own in this big, lonely, desolate town."

Nothing is absurd in the matter of calling for what you want when you want it. What kind of bait do you use? Do you know how to fish? Do you bait your own hook

or ask some other fellow to bait it for you? Men are easy marks. They are soft snaps. I am surprised that a girl who can write such a beautiful handwriting and is so sharp and bright doesn't know how to fish for men. Just go on your way and make out like you don't want any of them and that you would not turn your hand over for a husband. I am treating you to make yourself a center of attraction, and some of these days you will meet your own.

*** "Here is your dollar. I promised it to you in the Silence about a week ago, when I asked your help and you said I could have it. In the face of the most discouraging financial condition we came out on top, receiving help from the most unexpected source."

It is easy to call me up by telepathy, but when you make a mental promise be sure that you keep it, not so much for my sake as for your own. Keep faith with God and you will not be deceived or led into the wrong way by Satan. You don't have to telegraph me. Telepathy is quicker and surer than the telegraph. Make your requests known in the Silence and pray without ceasing when you are in trouble. My wireless message is going out every hour in the day, and you can pick it up and use it. It belongs to you, but don't steal it. Make your mental promise and stick to it. The practice will do you good outside of material results. Keep in mind that this is a mental fellowship. You have a right to share in the thoughts of all of us and to contribute your own share.

*** "Am so glad that I sent to you for special treatments. To think that you are helping me five times a day gives me a lot of courage."

The beauty of the whole matter is that your mental doctor can call on you five times a day without ringing your doorbell. He can feel your pulse and look at your tongue without disturbing the household with his physical presence. He can call on you in the night time, when you are sound asleep, and give you the treatments without awakening you from slumber. The mental doctor is the coming doctor, and don't you forget it. I began to practice when it was looked upon as a freak or fraud, but now it is being recognized by all the colleges and the churches as up-to-date science. It is not often that the pioneers receive their reward while they are living. The martyrs generally have to die and wait for a hundred years before the people begin to sit up and take notice; but the mental healers are coming into their reward right here and now. The mental prophet has honor even in his own household, sometimes, and among his own kinfolks, but not often.

*** "I suffer greatly from depression, and for eight years passed have been on the verge of suicide. Have noticed of late a strong longing for a woman companion, and I wonder if this does not come through your treatments."

This is, of course, from a man and a bachelor. Of course, the desire for a wife comes from my treatments, for there is no doubt but a woman will either kill or cure. She will make you commit suicide or she will lift you out of that foolish notion into an ambition to live. But say, my boy, this

idea of suicide is silly. You have no right to kill any other man. You wouldn't think of going out to kill some other fellow, and yet you have just as much right to go out and shoot or poison or drown another as you have to kill yourself. If you really owned yourself you would not feel like suicide, but as you don't own yourself you have no right to take your life. Brace up and fight the devil and destiny. I know a man who hasn't any legs or any arms, and yet he lives a useful and a comparatively happy life. You couldn't kill yourself. If you tried it you would wake up in a worse tangle than you are in now. You can't swim away from yourself. Get you a girl! Enter into the joys and sorrows of life. Don't take any of it too seriously. God is responsible for you. Leave results to the Spirit, but hoe your own row.

*** "I have watched you for a long time with much interest, but did not come into the Circle until last month. I expected money would get you like others who were climbing so fast and high. Adversity is easier to bear than prosperity."

Well, money has not got me and I have not got money. If I had given my attention to money I would have lost my interest in the truth. I would even now put my terms higher if it were not for the Fellowship. I think more of the Fellowship than I do of the finances. I keep my terms within the reach of all. You are right about adversity being easier to bear than prosperity. Many people are going to the devil through prosperity. Too much of anything is not good for the soul.

*** "What is your opinion on the subject of socialism? Shall we work for that political party?"

My opinion of socialism is the same as my opinion of all the other isms, and that is that you had better steer clear of it, but I am a socialist. No one can be a Christian without being a socialist. Socialism is altogether different from being a socialist. You can't be a Christian without being an individualist, but socialism would destroy the individual and make him a spoke in a wheel. You need not look to any political party for salvation. When the disciples of Jesus went out into the world they were accused of turning the world upside down. They preached the kingdom of heaven, which is the kingdom of the individual. Salvation comes from within your own mind, and nobody, not even God, can rule over you against your will. Look within yourself. You will not find anybody else there, for there isn't anyone else. You are it. All efforts to bring anybody else into yourself are vain and unprofitable; but when you find yourself you set everybody else free from yourself. The freedom you demand for yourself is granted to every other individual in the universe. This is Christianity. All else is mortal mind. You will know this when you know it. You can never know it anywhere but in your own mind. Not even a "soulmate" is essential to your salvation. When you are self-saved you do not care whether school keeps or not. All responsibility is lifted off your shoulders and your soul is free. This is the reason why I am a goat instead of a sheep.

SATANIC SCIENCE

THE RESURRECTION.

"Now, when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her.

"And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her. Weep not. And He came and touched the bier; and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother."—*Luke*.

"And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was ruler of the synagogue; and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought Him that He would come into his house: for he had only one daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay dying. * * *

"While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

"But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, Fear not, believe only, and she shall be made whole.

"And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her; but He said, Weep not; she is not dead but sleepeth.

"And they laughed Him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And He put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid arise. And her spirit came again, and she rose straightway: and He commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done."—*Luke*.

"Jesus therefore again groaning in Himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone.

"Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto Him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

"Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee thou hast heard Me. And I knew that thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent Me.

"And when He thus had spoken, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

"And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin.

"Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go."—*John*.

Man is not a body, and yet he is a body. He is grass and comes forth as the flower of the grass. God is the universe, and yet He is not the universe. Man comes forth as the grass because he eats grass. He is certainly not eating himself. While we call man grass we know he is more than vegetable matter. He is devouring matter. He is eating grass and mineral. He continually renews his body by eating. He is not eating the ether. He is not a cannibal, eating his own flesh and blood. The eater must be spirit. Spirit is the only thing in the universe that eats. This spirit is forever eating matter. It takes on and throws off matter by eating. This brings us into a

practical understanding of being. You begin to study yourself. You have an appetite. You have a thirst. All of this is in your conscious life. It is only when you are alive that you eat. The dead man has no appetite. His eyes will not see and his ears will not hear. His lungs do not draw in any breath. His heart is still. The organ called the body is useless. You may feed it all kinds of food. But there is no power to digest or assimilate. This is true of a man when he is only seemingly dead. In his unconscious state his body is useless. His mind can not use the organs.

But see! There is a change going on in this man. He begins to move. Who begins to move? The man! There is a movement in the man. You mean there is a movement in the mind. Yes, there is a movement in the mind, for the mind is the man. He slowly comes into consciousness. He opens his eyes. He begins to discern things and persons. He is aware of his existence. He is very weak and you begin an effort to induce him to eat. Ah, he takes food. He takes drink. He begins to control his environment. He rises from the dead. He issues orders. His legs hear the command. His arms obey his will. All of the body becomes an organ of his mind. What has taken place?

A resurrection!

What has been raised? The body was dead. It could not raise itself. You never heard of a dead body getting up and walking about of its own accord. You never heard of a living body walking of its own accord. Then the resurrection must have been mental. The mind is never dead. The mind is immortal. It is a god. When perverted it is a devil. When converted it is a god. Then the mind is something that can be converted or perverted. It is good when it is good and bad when it is bad. We see all of this in the same mind. There is a conscious mind which may become unconscious. There is a subconscious mind which may be brought to objective consciousness. There is a mind in the flesh that may be perverted or converted by thoughts. This mind is under the control of thoughts. Thoughts play on the mind like the musician plays on the strings of his instrument. Then man is a mind in the universe of thought. There are no dead minds. Jesus tells us in plain words that all minds live to God.

Jesus not only tells us that all minds are alive to God, but that all minds retain their personal identity. He says that God would not have spoken of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by their names if they had not been in existence. God knows nothing of dead men. They have no existence in reality. A man who has lived is alive forevermore. The mind is from everlasting to everlasting. This is taught in the whole record of Scriptures and is beginning to be taught by modern science. Satanic science opens your eyes to the fact that you are the whole thing. There are no longer good and bad spirits separated from each other as eternal beings in immortal badness or goodness. Minds are all immortal and they

are bad or good, according to their thinking. "As a man thinks in his heart so is he." But he does not think the same way all the time. The devil of to-day may be a god to-morrow. He may change his mind. Right here is where we come into the resurrection of the mind.

It is a mental condition.

But mental conditions are subject to change. You hear much in the Bible about conversion. Listen to the prophet:

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart:

The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever:

The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;

Let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright,

And I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,

Be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

You understand that Lord in this quotation is Yahveh. Bear in mind that Yahveh is the Word, the Logos, the Reason, the Mind, the Thought of the universe. There is nothing wrong in the Mind of the universe. God is good and God is sane. The individual mind may be perverted. The universal Mind is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. The mind of the individual may be converted. It is subject to change. This is the glory of the individual. Instead of being cast down by our perversions we should rejoice. The perverted mind is positive proof that the mind can be converted. This law of thought in the universe is perfect, converting the individual mind. If the law of universal thought is not perfect there could be no perversion or conversion. It is infinite mind that makes it possible for the individual mind to unfold. Study the statements in this quotation from the Psalms. It is an exalted mind thinking of its weakness and its grandeur. The words are from one who was inspired by Yahveh.

You hear the same wonderful exaltation in a negative way in these words of Isaiah:

"Go, and tell this people,

Hear ye, indeed, but understand not;

And see ye, indeed, but perceive not.

Make the heart of this people fat,

And make their ears heavy,

And shut their eyes;

Lest they see with their eyes,

And hear with their ears,

And understand with their heart.

And convert, and be healed."

You see that conversion is a change of the mind. This change of mind is followed by a healing of the body. There can be no

resurrection of the body without a resurrection of the mind. The body is no more your mind than your clothing is your body. You use your body in putting on and taking off your clothes. You command your hands to unlace your shoes. You order your feet. You command every part of the body and you issue these commands from your mind. The mind is a liar, a thief, a murderer. The mind is the truth, wisdom, righteousness and redemption. This power of the mind is the power of Yahveh. The strength of your body comes from the substance of the universe. The strength and power of your mind comes from the mind of the universe. As a body you live and move in the objective world. As a mind you live and move in the mental universe. Now the resurrection of the dead is a resurrection from the dead. There are no dead minds. Then what do we mean by a resurrection from the dead? There are perverted minds. The resurrection from the dead is a resurrection from perverted thoughts. Death is abnormal. The thought of death is an unclean thought. The casting out of the unclean thought is conversion of the mind.

This whole train of thought is confirmed by the words of Jesus Christ when raising people from the dead. He said that the dead were asleep. He told his disciples that Lazarus slept and He would go and awaken him. They could not understand His words, and so He had to explain that Lazarus was dead as they understood death. In the mind of Jesus the seeming death and even the mortification of the body was only sleep. The sleep of the mind. He talked the same way to the sisters of Lazarus. They were looking forward to a resurrection from the dead at some distant future. Speaking as Yahveh Jesus said: "I AM the resurrection and the life." She was hearing the very words of the resurrection spoken into her ears from the lips of Jesus. When the Yahveh came to the grave and ordered the stone rolled away one of the sisters tried to restrain him by saying: "By this time he stinketh." She was looking at the body and knew that it had been dead four days. Jesus was looking at the mind and cried with a loud voice: "Lazarus, come forth!" This was mind speaking to mind. The mind that was dead came forth. It was an awakening of thought. "And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go." There was no power in a corpse to withstand the will of mind. I will be who I will be. When this will of the universe acts through mind there is a resurrection from the dead. The thought of death disappears and the living thought takes its place. It is right thinking in the place of wrong thinking. It is the will of God operating in the mind of man. I AM the way, and the truth, and the life. There is no other way, no other truth and no other life.

Jesus raised three people from the dead. If this record had been made by a novelist there would have been a resurrection nearly every day. It was written by the Spirit of

God; therefore, we have only three resurrections. There is a young girl. There is a young man on the way to the tomb. Then we have the man Lazarus buried for four days. This is all that is necessary for a mental record. Let the mind of man come up through the principle, and there will be a resurrection of the whole of mankind. We will all hear the Voice of the Son of Man and come forth into life. What did Jesus do to this maiden? Turn to the record and read it carefully. It is all so simple and yet sublime. There is no noise and no ceremony of any kind. The gentle Jesus speaks the Word and awakens the mind of the girl. She is brought back to mental consciousness. This is all there is of it. And yet the all of it is as high as heaven and as deep as hell. It involves the whole principle of being. What power did Jesus use? The only power there is in the universe. The power of thought. He used words to convey the thought to the mind of the dead child. Then her mind was not dead. She was asleep.

Jesus is walking along the road with His disciples. He meets the funeral procession. It is a widow taking her only son to the tomb. Jesus stops the procession and speaks, not to the living but to the dead. It is a beautiful poem and yet it is a practical exhibition of the power of thought. The living seemed to be carrying the dead to the grave. Life is in the mind and the men who bore the corpse may have been mentally dead, more so than the seemingly dead man. Jesus could see into the mind. He said not a word to the living except the two words to the mother: "Weep not." He had said many things to her in the silence. It is said that He had compassion on her. The compassion of Yahveh has power in it. It is not mere pity. It has power to restore. It is the compassion of the Almighty Word. "And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother." This was all. The mind of the young man was awakened. The principle pervades the whole universe of God.

The resurrection is an awakening. Jesus had a fashion of speaking to everything and to everybody as mind. He recognized spirit and mind as the only real elements in the universe. He spoke to the fig tree. He talked to the winds and waves. In these three cases of resurrection He talks to the dead. He does not recognize them as dead. It would be foolish for Him to speak to one who was dead. He never yet spoke a word that was not answered by intelligence. The tree knew his voice. The winds and waves understood and obeyed His commandments.

The more you study these cases of resurrection the more you will be struck with the statements of Jesus. He is holding converse with persons whose ears are supposed to be deaf in death. It only shows that the whole of the Bible hangs together. The power speaking in Jesus is the same Yahveh that we met in Genesis. It is the same Yahveh who breathed into Adam the breath of life. The same Word which said, Let there be light. It is all one Word from

the beginning of the book to the ending of it. We expect Jesus to be obeyed when He speaks. While we can't understand the creative act we feel the presence of the Spirit. It is all so full of sublime simplicity.

This resurrection from the dead is the same principle of being which you find in the other so-called miracles. It is not a miracle in our modern sense of the word. He was not doing something supernatural. It is an extension and expansion of the area of mind. The healing of the paralytic was on the same principle as the resurrection of the dead. The healing of deafness is the quickening of the dead ears. The opening of the eyes of the blind is the resurrection of the organs of vision. It is the creative Word acting before our minds.

He said that the dead were asleep. It is called an awakening. What is mortality but a kind of sleep? None of us are wide awake. Our eyes are closed and our ears are dull of hearing. It is only in moments of exaltation that we feel wide awake. The true being within us flashes once in a while like lightning. It is a light in the darkness. The darkness is mortality. The spirit of man is in the womb of matter. It takes a new birth to bring him into the light. It is called a sleep and also a birth. It is the coming up of mentality. The seed of God is spirit and the fruit is mind.

The three persons raised from the dead were not regenerated. They were called back into their mortal bodies. Lazarus lived an ordinary life and was not even exalted to apostleship. He does not become prominent as a disciple of Jesus. The young man of Nain was delivered to his mother. Jesus passed on His way. The young man lives his life and is once more carried to the grave. The twelve-year-old daughter of the ruler may have lived many years, but there is no record. Why were these people called back to mortal life? The whole history of humanity is an unfoldment. These three persons were called back to show us that mind is not dead. It is a proof not only of the resurrection, but of the reality of mind. It all points to the regeneration of the body by the resurrection of the mind.

All of these miracles were for our learning. When I say our learning, you must understand me to mean all of us. The people now on the earth have been here before. Many of us may have been present in the body watching these miracles. Some of us may have been subjects of those miracles. The resurrection began with the opening mind of Adam. It will be finished when the whole race has risen from the dead. Adam, in his unfoldment, brings all of us into the kingdom of God. Not one of us can be lost. The resurrection is for the race. It is in all of us. What is in us will be brought out by mental unfoldment. Jesus is the Way, but a way is useless unless we all walk in it. I AM the resurrection and the life. I AM Yahveh, the Word of God, the Mind of God, the Spirit of God. You see we are coming back to the place from whence we came. The morning stars will sing together and all the sons of God will shout for joy. The whole creation will sing praises to Yahveh.

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