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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

MY BODY AND I

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I got this body in the Fleshing shop
When it was small and pudgy-like and red;
No teeth it had nor could it stand erect—
A fuzzy down grew sparse upon its head.
At sight of it the neighbors stood and laughed,
And tickled it and jogged it up and down;
Then some one put it in a little cart,
And wheeled it gaily through the gaping town.
When it grew bigger and could walk and run,
I wet it in the pond above the mill,
Or took it to a building called a "school,"
And there I had to keep it very still.
And later, when its muscles stronger grew,
I made it sow and reap to get its grain,
And tanned it in the summer's fiercest suns,
And toughened it with wind and cold and rain.
It served to keep me near my friend, the Earth,
It helped me well to get from place to place,
And then, perhaps, a tiny bit of me
Has sometimes worked out through its hands and face!
How long I've had it! Longer than it seems
Since first they wrapped it in a linen clout,
And now its shriveled, patched and breaking down—
I guess, forsooth, that I have worn it out!
And I? Oh, bless you! I am ever young.
A soul ne'er ages—is nor bent nor gray,
And when the body breaks and crumbles down—
The Fleshing shop is just across the way!

—*The Success Magazine.*

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** At Home!

*** After seven months' absence.

*** I mean physical absence; for the mind was here and there and everywhere.

*** I remained at the Hotel Majestic exactly seven months to a day, and we were fourteen days on our way home.

*** I know the reason the number seven kept with us; for it was a spiritual movement, and seven stands for the spiritual half of twelve.

*** Five is the physical half of twelve—if you can call five and seven halves—and stands for material things: finances and the physical life.

*** The unfoldment reached in New York was spiritual or mental and had to do with the new mind. Therefore we were under the control of the number seven.

*** We changed our minds, or our minds were changed for us; and, instead of coming home by Niagara Falls and the lakes, we came home by ship as far as Galveston.

*** I told you that I was going to give you an ocean voyage, and it came much sooner than I expected, for we had seven days on the ocean, and it was Paradise. If you ever want to get into Paradise, sail down the Atlantic coast and across the Gulf of Mexico about the last of May.

*** There were only two private parlors on board the ship, and we had one of them; so our work could go right along every day without interruption. You were all with us, and I know you entered into the joy of the voyage. Then two days at Galveston on the beach, and a start for home.

*** I said "a start for home." A freight wreck kept us from making connections at Fort Worth, and we had to stay there until next day. The new hotel at Fort Worth is splendid; but, as our trunks had gone on to Denver, we had to go shopping. I had been initiated in the shopping business at Wanamaker's.

*** I watched the women at a shirt-waist bargain counter in Wanamaker's. That wife of mine dived into the bunch, came out with three "bargains," and I wondered at her coming out whole. At Fort Worth I went to a bargain counter and bought four shirtwaists at one-ninety-eight apiece. She paid three-and-a-half apiece at Wanamaker's. And they came in holes before they were laundered!

*** At Fort Worth a tall blonde waited on me, and the waists I bought at one-ninety-eight are beautiful; and my mother-in-law said they had made a mistake in marking them, for they were not cheap, but first-class in every way. I was the only fellow at the bargain counter at the time. Hereafter I am going to do the bargain hunting in this family. Especially if tall blondes wait upon me!

*** After saying good-bye to Fort Worth and a beautiful hotel, we started for home once more. The floods caused us to make a detour into New Mexico, and kept us on the road until the first of June. It was all

right, for we had the drawing-room of the Pullman, and all of you were with us, so we went right along with our work every day. Our office being in the sun, it did not make any difference to us where the train happened to be.

*** How is Mama? Oh, she is all right! The way to be happy though married is to make a wise selection in mother-in-laws. Any common, ordinary little woman or big woman may make you a good wife; but it takes talent and genius to be a good mother-in-law. Mine has both. I may change wives, but I will never change mother-in-laws. She keeps all of us straight and goes on her own way rejoicing. This is not flattery, but genuine facts, as all of you who have been reading after us know.

*** Baby Blanche? She has grown into a lovely girl of ten, and is above her mother's shoulder. She has had a glorious time evading practice until a day before the examination for the medal given by the faculty of her music school. Then there was a day of reckoning. She got up in the morning before six, sat down to the piano, and remained there for the rest of the day, except for meals. Went to the examination that evening and passed with flying colors; and the medal will be presented to her during the coming week at a public musical.

*** That is just like her Dad; for he never does anything until he has to do it. I don't know how she did it; for her hands are so small, and her feet barely touch the pedals. She weighs only fifty-eight pounds, but what there is of her is a bunch of mentality. And Beverly Boy? Well, he is something like his mother. In fact, he is very much like her. He is as stubborn as a mule. He knows what he wants when he wants it. And he gets it! The other morning he paid me the highest compliment that can possibly be paid to a human being. He crawled out of bed, picked up his clothes and started for my room, saying he was going to Dad. His mother asked him why; and he said, "He's my friend!" It is said of Abraham, "and he was called the Friend of God." It is a very high place in the kingdom of mentality.

*** Glen! Did you ever hear of Glen? I think you did when he was a small boy; but I will introduce him as a member of the family; for Mamma could not have remained here and run this house without Glen. He is my brother-in-law, and a young man of nineteen—a student in the University. He is talking about entering Columbia University next fall; and, if he does, that will take both the mother-in-law and brother-in-law to New York for four years. What shall we do? I don't know. Spirit knows, and we have ceased to plan our lives. The planless life in the kingdom of mentality is the only life worth living. Let things unfold in their own way. Do the best you can and follow Spirit every hour; and the days and months and years will take care of themselves. Aye, all eternity will take care of itself, and you will have no fear for the future and no regrets for the past.

*** Here we are at home on top of the Rocky Mountains, just a mile above New York City. We are doing this work in the middle of June, and it is really too cool for comfort. The windows are all down and the doors closed in this office. So you see where we are keeping all of you during the hot months after giving you a good week on the ocean. I know that you know by this time that everything is mental and the new Kingdom is forever new. I think you will like this number of CHRISTIAN better than any number of the year; but the other numbers had to come as a preparation for this number. The first half of the year was full of theory and teaching. The other half, beginning with this month, will be practical demonstration. We are keeping regular office hours and doing our mental work the same as if we were medical practitioners; except that we receive mental patients instead of physical callers. It's getting to be an easy thing for you to come in here and talk to us mentally. She is down here about six o'clock every morning. But if I said the same of myself, you would think I was drawing upon my imagination. But I have really learned to get up and get down here by seven o'clock every morning, and then we go right on with our work as long as we have anything to do. Keep right along with us, for we are going on into the fullness of the mental kingdom.

*** We can furnish you with back numbers of CHRISTIAN from March, and shall be glad to do so. It is your business to have just as many numbers of CHRISTIAN as your dollars call for; and you now have a whole volume of good things in the last four numbers of CHRISTIAN. I should like for everybody to read March, April, May and June, so as to get ready for the practical unfoldment in the other six numbers of the year. March begins the new era, and brings us into the aerial or aeroplane vibration. Now the thing for us to do is to make this practical. There is no mysticism in Christianity. Jesus Christ is the prophet of regeneration by the resurrection of the mind. He came opposing ritualism, mysticism, symbolism and all the dark things of mortal mind. He is the teacher of sunlight science, and you know that the sun is very practical. It is the mind of the universe. It shines down on everything and brings forth fruit. This is the kind of science that we are coming into after our visits to Egypt and the interpretation of the pyramids. Make it practical by circulating CHRISTIAN and thinking clear thoughts. I want you to come into the resurrection! Get control of your own environment. This means body and business, mind and matter, here and hereafter, now and forever. Get busy!

*** "I can't keep up with your flipflops on terms, but here is a dollar for June, and I guess I will get all that is coming to me. CHRISTIAN is the best thing I have ever seen in a mental way, and I enjoy it immensely. Say, did you shut off that old bald-headed man in New York? Or are you carrying him around yet?"

I am a flipfopper when it comes to terms; for you know I am a preacher, and all I

want to do is to preach, pass the hat, and let it go at that. That wife of mine hasn't any kind of religion, and so she sits down on the preacher and wants to run this business in a business way. She got far enough to put a business suit of clothes on me, and that is about all. Down under the short coat is the preacher. But, Jeff, you are going to get all that is coming to you anyway. You bet I left that old man in New York! I wouldn't let him get on the boat. There has not been such a great change in the physical man, but the mental man is every whit new. I have gained twenty pounds in weight, and now weigh one hundred and fifty instead of one hundred and thirty. According to my height I ought to weigh a hundred and sixty-five, but I am putting in a new kind and a new quality of flesh, bones and blood. Mentally the man who went to New York will never return. There is a resurrection of the mind and a regeneration of the body. It is not theory. I read a good thing about theory the other day. The theorist is the man who sits on the bank thinking he is learning to swim by watching a frog. Let us jump into the river of life and learn to swim. This river flows from the throne of God; that is, the throne of mentality. The only thing we have to do is to set fire to the rubbish of mortal thought.

*** "I cannot express how vitally interested I am in this kingdom of mind. Every paper is so wonderful. I have read and heard many say this or that is the way to truth. But in CHRISTIAN I feel sure of the truth, and an inward something always corroborates your sunlit words."

This is from a new one, and it is safe to say that when the Spirit reads CHRISTIAN the vibration tells the story. It is safe to put CHRISTIAN into the hands of people who really think for themselves, and it will often stir up people who do not think. Keep the words moving, for they are the words of truth. Spirit knows its own business.

*** "Is the I AM copyrighted? I like that way of signing letters and would like to use the phrase myself. Your treatments last fall for my success have proved a success. I am getting along swimmingly in every way and am still growing and climbing. Some day I will be as great as you are."

Why, Lucille, you are as great as I am now. For the I AM is the same yesterday, today and forever! Do you remember, when I started in this work you were not knee-high to a grasshopper? I remember you very well, and now you are a beautiful woman, vibrant with new life and reaching up into the higher vibrations. Of course, you can sign I AM before your name, but be careful how you use it. Never put I AM before anything that has to do with disorder, disturbance, distress, disease, death, or any of the other devils in mortal mentality. I AM stands for your own divinity, and the devils have no place in your real mentality.

*** "Am glad you have raised price to five dollars a month, and am enclosing money order for one month's treatments for business success. I wish I could send ten dollars for you both. I know I will get one hundred fold from this investment. Next month can send double."

Is that from a business man? It sounds like business, doesn't it? It is from a busi-

ness woman, and she is going to make good. I AM her partner. I did not raise the price; for it has been the same for twenty years. I simply changed the wording so as to make it more definite.

*** "I have paid a pretty big nurse's bill, but I am going to take a plunge this month and send five dollars for special treatments for health and money, and then I can drop off the years like an old garment. I don't care which of you gives me the treatments, so long as the good things come my way."

I give you these words to show you how people with good common sense understand this business. The writer has been lifted out of nervous prostration by our treatments, and she paid a big bill to the nurse and to the physicians. People will pay twenty-five dollars a week to a trained nurse, and five or ten dollars a day to a physician; while their real help has come from our mental treatments. Therefore, it is perfectly right for you to "take a plunge," as you call it, and send us a little piece of money.

*** "You plough straight ahead, and it is certainly clean-cut Christianity. I never wish to be without CHRISTIAN. I am One Of Us."

We are not only ploughing straight ahead in CHRISTIAN, but we are using the modern plough with electricity back of it. The mentality in CHRISTIAN is not the old religion or the old law or the old theology, but the Word of telepathy; and it comes fresh every minute. The River of Life is not a pond.

*** "Enclosed please find check for ten dollars. Five dollars for each of those right hands of mentality of yours. Words could not express all that you have done for me mentally. Now, if more people would understand just what you say in this issue of CHRISTIAN about eating, the drug doctors would have a very scrump time. Money—why are we bothered about that? No matter where we turn, they want it. And I know you hate to ask for it, but even you cannot get along without it under present conditions. So it is up to US to get it. I am getting on the right track, or rather in the right frame of mind, to get what I want."

Now, that is from a business man, and he is up-to-date and wide-awake. In spite of the comic papers, he lives in Philadelphia; and this shows that Philadelphia is not all sleeping. There are many of US in Philadelphia. In fact, Pennsylvania is a close second to Massachusetts and California on our list. Money simply represents all of the material world. The mind controls matter, and in order to control all of matter in this civilized age you must control money. Money is everything condensed into a promissory note. Your ten dollars calls for ten dollars worth of anything in the universe that is for sale—and nearly everything is for sale. Mentality itself is on the market, and it brings a good price. Just get right into this competition and play the game as a true mentalist ought to play it. You need not be afraid to send me ten dollars while you are paying out to other people. You buy from us ten dollars' worth of mentality—vibrant, electrical mentality. It is given to you freely and faithfully every hour in the day. You are perfectly right when you say it is up to US to get it. Everything in the universe belongs to us, and we have the right kind of mind to get it and use it. My two right

hands are working for you. My two heads are thinking for you, and my two hearts are beating for you. It means business! But it does not mean business in any sluggish or sordid way, for we mentalize our business; mixing mentality in everything that you eat, every act, every motion, everything that concerns your being. Mix mentality with it. We will help you to do the mixing.

*** "Here is my right hand. Shake! You have more than two right hands, I know that you know and I also know. We are going ahead very swiftly, and the body must change with the incoming tide. How glorious it is, and yet so simple! No wonder Jesus said that a little child knows. Why didn't we know it before? But in the 'fullness of time' I see. Would you please give us your opinion of the reason why these men who are giving out such fine theories (for the supposed benefit of mankind) do not put them in practice themselves, but are passing out? I refer to such men as Wallace D. Wattles and Dr. W. R. C. Latson. It takes a new mind to make a new body. A new patch on the old trousers won't work."

You have answered your own questions. These men did not appeal to the Spirit of life like a little child. But they went at it with a screwdriver, a hammer and a monkey-wrench, and tried to work the thing out with mortal mind. Dr. Latson got into that psychic vibration and couldn't swim; so he killed himself. It will not do to mix up the psychic vibrations, unless you know how to do it. The psychic is purgatory, which lies just between the animal and the spiritual. This metaphysical movement has been floundering around in psychology. They must study pneumatology. The devil is the prince of psychology. He reigns supreme in hell. Disease and death are down there, and you breathe them into your nostrils with every breath. Christianity is as simple and plain and practical as any other science. It is the science of simplicity. The mind of the Spirit knows; and the one who knows is not in torment. But we are getting out of the psychic rapidly, and the waves that are now going over the world are the waves of true mentality.

*** "Would you kindly explain how your treatments given now for one dollar differ from those given before? Can you tell us anything about dreams? I feel that mine mean something. After my daughter's death my dreams of her were so wonderful and beautiful. I feel that she comes to me."

The dollar-a-month, or fellowship, treatments are precisely the same now as they have always been. They are given every morning bright and early, and the rest of the day we devote to business. It is just the same as if we were medical doctors attending strictly to business—with this difference, that we do not settle matters by writing a prescription and sending you to the drug store. We stick right to you, with all of our mind and strength and power, until you are out of the woods, and then we stick to you for the very joy of sticking. Dreams do mean something, and very often they are prophetic. I give treatments in my dreams. I haven't the least doubt but that your daughter communicates with you mentally during your sleep.

VEILED VISION AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Spirit is the only teacher.

The only help we get from mortal education is in using language as a medium for the Spirit.

And even in this case Spirit has a hard time making us understand spiritual thought in mortal words. It is like our efforts in teaching children.

You would think that the highbrows in religion who are graduates in theology would know the truth. But they are blind leaders of the blind. It is astonishing to see the ignorance of the very highest officials in both Romanism and Protestantism. They are utterly ignorant as to the meaning of Christianity. They are set in the idea that Christianity is a system of religion. It is nothing of the kind. Jesus Christ is the prophet of regeneration. That means the resurrection. In regeneration we are not governed by objective authority. You had as well try to run the body of a child by pumping air into its lungs with a pump.

The child is born with a spirit of its own and organs of its own. It can only use its own body and its own organs and live by its own breath. Christianity is the illumination of the individual. The individual Christian lives by his own divine breath. He must see and hear, and be from within his own spiritual being. Therefore, in his very nature he must have a life and not an institution. Christianity is the life. I AM the way and the truth and the life! You can't have that life in books. You can't have that way in officials or an institution. It must be in you as your very self.

Paul was one of the great lawyers of the world. He understood the Jewish institution and the law of Moses as perfectly as any man on the face of the earth. He started out to persecute Christians and to enforce the law. When the Great Light came to his mind and his brain was illuminated by the Spirit, he understood Christianity. It is the only way you can understand it. This is what he says of those who refuse to be led by the Spirit and are under the yoke of the law:

"And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: but their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

It does seem that this ought to be understood by any ordinary Sunday school teacher. It is as plain as speech can make it, that Christ rules his own kingdom in

you and not outside of you. It is a mental kingdom. All who are reading the law for light have their vision veiled. And they can see only a dim outline of the truth. Yet the institution is just now having a great commotion about abridging or shortening the Ten Commandments; as if the Ten Commandments had anything to do with Christianity! If the Lord is that Spirit, there is no need of any law written on tables of stone or in books. Spirit writes in the heart and in the mind, and he is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. He is always present in you, as the Way and the Truth and the Life of your own individual being.

But here is the proposed revision of the Ten Commandments:

- (1) God spake these words and said: "I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.
- (2) "Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image to worship it and serve it.
- (3) "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- (4) "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labor.
- (5) "Honor thy father and thy mother.
- (6) "Thou shalt do no murder.
- (7) "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- (8) "Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- (9) "Thou shalt not steal.
- (10) "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods."

This proposed revision is to be accomplished by the Church of England, the leading representative of what is known as Protestants. There is a great discussion going on about it.

Cardinal Gibbons, of the Roman Catholics, thinks the proposition is horrible. These are his words:

"I recall having read of the proposed revision of the Ten Commandments by an Episcopal clergyman at a recent conference. What a horrible thing to undertake to lay hands on God's commandments. We must not dare to change one iota of God's work."

I will not quote from the small fry, but you see what the big fish are saying about this proposed abbreviation of the law of Moses. It sounds to a Christian as if Moses were still in authority. And he is, so far as any authority goes in the Institution. They act as if Jesus Christ had not come into the world. They talk as if the Spirit of God was absent from the earth. You see the difference between sunity and mortal mentality.

I have talked about my sunphone, and some of you have misunderstood. I call up the Christ and ask what he has to say about these things. He does not need to give me any new words, for the Word spoken once is spoken for all eternity. All my sunphone had to do was to call my attention to the words of the Spirit already written in the New Testament. Paul tells me not to turn to the Old Testament for authority. The only way to get that veil of the law removed from the vision is to turn to the sunphone; in other words, to listen to the words of Jesus Christ, who is the way, and the truth, and the life. Here is his revision of the Ten Commandments:

"But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they

were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Jesus Christ not only condensed the law into two commandments, but on these commandments he hangs all of the law and all of the prophets. You can put the whole thing into four words: Love God and man. It is utterly impossible to love by law. Therefore, he does away with the whole law and declares that we are to be governed by love. Now, God is love; therefore, it means that we are to be governed by God. It is the government of Christianity, and there is no other kind of government in Christianity. All else is of the devil; and the devil is a lawyer. We are told that while we were children we were under the law, and this law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. After we are brought to Christ we have no further need of the schoolmaster. This is not only the truth, but it has been spoken in the words of Jesus over and over again; for he thus speaks to his disciples—and that means all of us:

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

On several other occasions he cautioned his disciples and told them not to take any vow or oath, or assume any kind of authority over each other. They were told not to be called Father, or Master, or by any title, official or otherwise. This does away with the whole institution. You can't have an institution without objective authority, and you can't have Christianity with it. The only thing that you Christians can do is to live mentally under the government of Christ and objectively observe the ordinances of men. But, thank God, in this country you do not have to observe the ordinances of religion. You are free to worship God in spirit and in truth.

I only call your attention to mortal thought so that your mind may see that Spirit is the only teacher. God is the only king in the kingdom of God. Mind is the only ruler in a mental kingdom and that mind must be the Mind. It must be government by direct conjunction with the Spirit of Christ. This is exactly what is coming to the earth. You know, when a thought takes hold of the people it sweeps everything out of their minds. It does not matter whether that thought is right or wrong; for we may be in a panic by thought as well as in peace. An epidemic of disease may spread over the earth through thought-waves. An epidemic of righteousness may come in the same way. Peace on earth is now entering the minds of men

everywhere. The thought of international peace is becoming universal.

This is the way Jesus Christ governs humanity. He said he would go away from our physical presence, so that he could come to us mentally. He will return to us in his personal presence when we are ready in our thoughts to receive him. It is a mental kingdom, but it is also a material kingdom. He is to reign on earth, not in heaven. But it will be a heavenly reign on the earth. Peace on earth and good-will to men comes not by law but by love. Men and women have been trying to love each other by law and have made a mess of it. The only way that you can govern by law is with a club. Law demands force; love, just the opposite. Law says that you must do or suffer punishment; love leaves you entirely free. For love is God, and God is free. This is the very kernel of Paul's statement: "Now where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." If it is a law at all, it is what James calls the perfect law of liberty. In other words, it is the law of the Spirit of Life in Jesus Christ.

The veiled prophets of the institution!

The same old men who were standing in the way of Jesus centuries ago. Cardinal Gibbons is horrified, or thinks it horrible to change God's words; and yet he and his kind have changed God's word right along, and they keep right on changing it. They are living in direct violation of the word of God. The title "father," and all other titles assumed by the institution, are contrary to the Spirit and the letter of Christianity. They act as if Jesus Christ were still dead, and they see him only as the crucified one. The vision of Jesus is that of a hopeless human hanging on a cross—a bleeding victim offered up for the sins of the world. This is the terrible punishment of the cross of Christ. Men with veiled vision can see only the law and the cross. It is all law. It is all cross. They will remain the crucified ones until they turn to the Spirit of Christ and see Him as He really is.

Cardinal Gibbons should call Jesus by telephone.

This will be called blasphemy by the priests and preachers of the institution. And yet, if you can't reach Jesus by telephone or telepathy, He is dead. He is not only dead, but damned and delivered into the grave of oblivion. If the Lord of Life is still on the cross, then there isn't any Lord of Life. If Jesus can't hear what I think and answer my thoughts, the whole thing is bosh and tommyrot. These men in power are using Jesus as a figurehead. If he can call them up by telephone there is no need of commandments or laws. Spirit will do the work and be the will. This is absolutely and unconditionally true. Jesus Christ is ruling the world by telepathy, and the institution lives as a mortal monument. It has no more life in it than a tombstone. It has no more power than the statue of William Tecumseh Sherman in Central Park. There is no more life in the institution than there is in the Statue of Liberty.

In the days of the old institution, which is the same as the present institution, Jesus came as a carpenter and taught the doctors

and the lawyers and the scribes. He proved his mission by working miracles before their eyes. And still they rejected him, because he did not come in the name of the institution. He is now sending his wireless message over the whole earth. Men are deaf and blind, because their ears and eyes are closed to the subjective, and can see only the objective institution. Why, the earth itself is alive. It is not only alive, but it is intelligent. It is not intelligent in the sense that it reads books. The planet does not have to go to school and learn letters. It is mentality. It is vibrant with the light and the life of Spirit. There is absolutely no need of anyone going outside of himself for enlightenment. You are a battery in direct conjunction with the heart and mind of God. The idea of having to go to a priest or a preacher, a lawyer or a teacher, for the truth of your own being! This is Christianity. All else is the same old dead thing that men make as mechanics. The institution is built just as men build houses and boats. Take the title of "king." What is it? It is nothing but an assumption, a suggestion; and yet men are over in England spending millions of dollars and kowtowing to this empty name of "king." This is the way all institutions are established.

Take a look at the real Jesus Christ. I wonder if Cardinal Gibbons or Canon Douglass or Pope Pius ever saw this Man? He certainly is not on the cross. He may have been dead, but He is now alive for evermore:

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars and out of his mouth went a two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last; I AM he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

How do you like the picture of our Man? And doesn't he fit this age? He is not of the cross, but belongs to the Triangle. The men of the cross will die on the cross. The men of the triangle will rise from the dead. This is the electric age. And our Man is an Electric Being. Eyes as a flame of fire and feet as if they were of burning brass. A voice as the sound of many waters. That voice expresses musical mentality. And his countenance as the sun shineth in his strength. Did you think that the apostles and prophets were coming back here to repeat themselves as preachers and teachers of religion? Not a bit of it. They are coming back as en-

gineers—as electric engineers. They are in the triangle, and the triangle is the sign of the builder. They are men of science. They are coming here to teach us the truth in a practical way. The institution has served its purpose as a kind of kindergarten, and the law as a schoolmaster. Now we go under the apostles as engineers and electricians and astronomers. They must rank with the MAN whose picture I have just given you in the first chapter of Revelation. There is a little summing up of the whole matter by one of us, Garrett P. Serviss, of Columbia University:

"The earth is so sensitive to magnetism that, if we may believe Messrs. George Negre and Paul Combes, Jr., of the Geological Society of France, the next step in wireless telegraphy will be to throw away all batteries, all cumbersome apparatus of poles, towers and antennae, all accumulators of mighty electric force to shock the ether, and trust entirely to the magnetic currents which flow incessantly, like the nervous impulses of a living body, throughout the rocky frame of our planet.

"These experimenters are not alone in having discovered that electro-magnetic signals can be transmitted through the ground from one point to another without connecting wires by simply setting up a difference of electric potential between the sending and the receiving instruments. Telephones have been constructed on this principle by which the human voice can be transmitted more clearly than by the usual system of connecting wires.

"But Messrs. Combes and Negre go much further. They have found that batteries can be entirely dispensed with, and that a pair of iron stakes lightly set in the ground and connected by a wire immediately reveal the existence of currents due to the earth itself, which, by easy manipulation, can be employed for sending signals. The natural currents of the earth seem to follow the geologic strata, as well as metallic lodes, mineral deposits and underground water supplies. By their aid a hidden vein of copper ore was recently traced in the province of Salamanca, Spain, under the river Douro and beyond the Portuguese frontier. In northern France a layer of phosphatic chalk has been similarly followed for a long distance under ground. It is easy by this method to detect the location of underground water.

"But this is not all, by any means. The earth is so full of wandering currents of magnetism that the same experimenters declare their belief that it is possible not merely to trace the location of subterranean minerals, but to transmit electric signals in any direction without the use of batteries. The earth itself supplies the necessary differences of potential, and all that is needed in order to take advantage of them is a simple apparatus to record the variations, and to produce the reversals required for signaling. Thus without any external manifestation, signals may be sent and received at widely separated points. The earth currents are much more powerful than one could have believed. Bourbouze has shown that they suffice to decompose water, to galvanize metal, and to run a small motor. It only remains, say Messrs. Combes and Negre, to invent the means by which these currents may be made to send messages without wires or batteries, to furnish electric light, to supply heat, and in many other ways to serve human needs. Thus the earth is found more and more to be a kind of living organism, with whose life ours is so closely bound up."

That sounds like sense and science. It also sounds like the New Testament.

THE MODERN MENTALIST.

We are now in a mental resurrection.

Mind is immortal. The only mind that is mortal is mortal mind. And mortal mind is moonshine.

You know what moonshine is, or any other reflected light. The real light is eternal and immortal; for it is God. There is a seeming light that considers itself mortal. The mind is looking through mortality, and does not recognize the fact that it is not what it seems to be. It is immortal mind contemplating mortality and making itself one with what it contemplates.

Just now we are awaking to the fact that mind is God and all else is matter. This separation between mind and matter is the resurrection. As soon as men come to know that they are Spirit and can handle matter, the resurrection is at hand. It is gradually coming into our consciousness. Day by day men are thinking more and more of mentality, and less and less of materiality. The mind is not at war with its environment. It is no more at war with its environment than you are at war with your clothes. If you set up antagonism between your body and your clothing, you are acting just as foolishly as to go to war with your material environment.

The newspapers and magazines are being filled full to the brim of New Thought. Old things are passing away, and all things are becoming new by being mentally renewed. Mentality is immortal. It is not going to become immortal. It is now immortal; for from everlasting to everlasting mind is God. It is the same in being yesterday, today and forever. To come into this consciousness is to come into the consciousness of eternity. It is God-consciousness, spirit-consciousness, mental consciousness. How hard it is to get away from the old thought that you may lose your mind, that your mind may grow old, that your mind may fail! You might as well talk about God growing old, of God failing, of God losing Himself. This confusion comes by identifying your mind with its surroundings. If a man should swim out into the ocean and identify himself with the water, he would drown.

Why, beloved, the only way that you can breathe is by recognizing the fact that you and the air are separate, that you are an individual breathing air. Any other kind of consciousness would cause you to smother. Now, why do you allow the ocean of matter to overwhelm your mind? Just because you are surrounded by disease and death is no reason why you should enter into the consciousness of disease and death. You are an immortal mind, and therefore should control your surroundings. This is what we are coming into day by day, and it is spread over the whole earth. Publicity! The keynote of modernism is publicity. Think! And speak and write. And keep on thinking and speaking and writing. All the world is finding out what all the world is doing and thinking. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, thoughts are flashed from one part of the earth to the other. Instead of being overwhelmed by environment, men are becoming

masters of their own mind; therefore, masters of all else. For there is nothing outside of mind that mind cannot control.

We call it mentalizing. And it is our business to mentalize for you until you come into your own mentality. Did you know that coming into your own mentality is coming into universal mentality? To know your own mind is to know all minds. This is the reason why I tell you that to know, to really know, good and evil is to be a God. When you really know good and evil you know all that there is to be known. Good and evil only stand for mind and matter. God is mind, and matter is the devil. God is good, and matter is evil. Now you know, when you recognize this truth, that there is no evil, that all is good. Evil, under the control of good, is good; for good makes it good. God is all and in all. That is, mentality pervades the universe and is the substance of all things.

This brings you into fellowship with US; for we are all here, and none of us can get away. There is no place for us to go. Mind fills all space, and there is no outside to mind. Matter may be formed into worlds and systems of worlds, but all of these worlds and systems must float in mind. We look at the water and walk on the earth, and even soar into the air; but all of these things are in mind, and there is nothing outside of mind. The universal ether, the universal spirit, is mentality. In this mentality we are individual minds. It is our business to enter into the joy of this universal mentality. Instead of being submerged and swallowed up by the universal, we live and move and have our being in it. We are not only a part of it, but we are akin to it. The universal mind is our father, and the universal matter is our mother. Thus we are one with mind and matter. To bring the thing down to your own individuality, look up to the sun and recognize it as your mental father. Every beam of light, every ray that falls, is your own. It belongs to you. You have a right to mould and shape your own existence.

There is a general resurrection going on; for mind that has been buried in mortality comes forth as new mind or new thought. I cut out a speech of George W. Perkins, former partner of J. Pierpont Morgan; but I lost the clipping. He is talking new thought in business. He tells us that our constitution and business laws were made in the ox-cart and tallow-dip period of our unfoldment. It is time for us to adjust the present laws to the present methods of doing business. There can be no great business carried on in the world without co-operation. This is the age of electricity and steam, and we are going to use both in business. Capital must combine in order to do great work, and so must labor combine. Combination is the order of the day, and they are going right along until the whole mentality of mankind will act as one mind. It will not be in any lockstep of the penitentiary, but the flexible and free movement of new thought. Going to get a new Constitution? I don't know, but we will patch up the old until the new cloth will make the old garment look new

anyway. Going to do everything on a business basis; and we can't put things on a business basis without brotherhood. All honorable business is conducted in a fraternal way; for business men must act honorably with other business men.

It is not only going in to be a combination, but it is a combination of individuals. Individuality does away with the lockstep. The man at the head of business must have other men under him who have heads. Mental mastership means the control of other minds. It is individuality, and therefore intelligent independence. In other words, everything is personal, founded on principle. Just now reading of the wedding of former Postmaster-General Thomas L. James. He is past eighty years of age, and his bride—the fourth one—is thirty-nine. This is what General James has to say, and it is good new thought:

"The trouble with most persons past fifty is that they live up to traditions that should not exist. They think they are back numbers, when they should feel that the most useful years of their lives are being lived. Why should one have fifty years' experience in learning how to live and then throw up the sponge? A man or woman should put that experience to good account and retain youth.

"Some persons are old at twenty, and some are young at eighty. I am as young as most men I know who are in their forties, and it's because they think age and I think youth. The calendar has nothing to do with it. Your mental attitude to yourself has everything. I simply won't get old. I won't lose my enthusiasm and my joy of living. I won't get into the back-number class by thinking back-number thoughts. I look forward and not backward. And when a man does those things he retains youth—for it never leaves him."

That is the way to talk. Mortal mind has been under the dominion of mortality. You know the mortal mind is that mind which you get by suggestion from your surroundings. It is a kind of moving-picture show, fastened in your mentality and moving with your movements. The poverty mind, for instance, keeps a man in poverty even after he has gained wealth. I am stingy about many things, simply because that stingy mind is reflected in me from my early environment. The man who thinks poverty, thinks disease, thinks weakness, thinks wrong, is filled with all of these things. But the real mind is awakening to the battle. It is a battle of the vibrations. Shall a man succumb to suggestions, or rise up and assert his own mentality? Why should a man lose vision, hearing and other mental faculties at eighty, or eight hundred, or eight thousand years of age? What has time to do with mentality? In the beginning was your mind, and your mind was with God, and your mind is God. Therefore there is no sense in giving way and being smothered by suggestions.

And yet mortal mind is saying Ha ha! and Hee hee! to the marriage of General James of eighty to a young woman of thirty-nine. It is this environment that we have to overcome. The same is true in regard to the poverty thought. You must not only believe that you can get on in the world, but you must overcome the unbelief of your environ-

ment. "He will never amount to anything." You have heard that over and over. That kind of treatment is made sometimes before you are hardly out of the cradle. It follows you along the road of life. You must overcome it. The only way to overcome it is from within your own mentality. I AM the resurrection and the life. It is my business to get on in the world.

We find the same thought cropping out in reference to your health and everything in your surroundings. Suggestion seldom comes in the way of encouragement. If you have any disease, everybody in the neighborhood knows it, and they are all talking about it. Your good health does not call forth so many compliments. But it is a day of the resurrection of real and genuine mentality. You had just as well get into the procession and go along with US. It is coming, coming, coming rapidly. The undertaker is going to lose his job. The old graveyards will give up their dead—the graveyards of thought. One day we started out on a tour in New York and landed in Old Trinity churchyard. That wife of mine spent an hour reading the inscriptions on the old tombstones. Then we went down Wall Street, but not until we had heard the chimes and entered into Old Trinity for a little rest. It was the stepping out of the ancient into the modern. All things are going to be modernized; for the grave will give up its dead, and that which has been will be. This new day and new hour is here; for thought is coming out of the tombs. It is going to put off the grave clothes. It is rising from the dead.

They are modernizing Jerusalem. Do you wonder at me dwelling on this point so much? It is a wonderful sign of the times. They are not only rebuilding Jerusalem, but it will soon cease to be trodden down by the Gentiles. It will once more be a city of the Jews. Have you been reading the newspapers? Did you know that they have found the lost tribes of Israel? The ten tribes have been found in Abyssinia. This is very modern and very up-to-date news. The ten tribes have been found, and they are called Falashas, which means "foreigners." After all of these centuries they are still called foreigners in the land of their adoption; or rather the land of their pilgrimage, for the Jews have never been adopted by, and have never adopted, any other nation. These ten tribes have kept the law of Moses and have observed the rites of their religion, in spite of their heathen surroundings. It sounds like fiction, doesn't it? Well, it is modern fact. For a strong committee, with Oscar S. Straus as chairman and Cyrus L. Sulzberger as secretary, is now raising funds in the United States to rescue these ten tribes from oblivion, and bring them into fellowship with the other two tribes of Israel. What does it all mean? It means a mental resurrection. Every prophecy spoken by Jesus Christ will be fulfilled.

Do you know that Christ did not talk in the occult? He was not a Mystic. Christianity is practical. The mysticism woven into it comes from paganism. Jesus was a practical man of a practical kingdom. He not only taught us the kingdom of mentality,

but he practiced it. Therefore the fulfillment of his promises will be practical, literal, flesh-and-blood fulfillments right here or the earth. He not only told us that blindness was a disease and abnormal, but he proved it by healing—by opening the eyes of the blind. He not only talked about the abnormal conditions of men, but he, by a word—that is, a thought—eliminated the abnormal and undesirable, and placed man back into his right place. The reason why he opened blind eyes and unstopped deaf ears and raised the dead was to show us that mentality is not subject to these abnormal conditions. Therefore, the surprise will come to those who think that Christianity is metaphysical and impractical. It has to do with your dim eyes, my beloved; it has to do with your deaf ears.

In other words, my dear sir and madam, Christianity deals with you from the bottom of your feet to the top of your head. It is not only a kingdom inside of your skin, but it is a kingdom of your whole being. Why have we not seen it? I saw it, but it was away off in some future heaven. They told me about it in sermons, and they sang about it in songs. But it was all away off in the skies among the stars. I expected to go to heaven when I died, and to have a new body and a new environment. There is nothing of that kind in the New Testament. Jesus Christ did not tell his disciples that they would come to him after death. He said he would come. He told them to look for his coming. He was the one that was going to do the coming. The expectation in their minds was for the coming of the Christ. The whole spirit and essence of Christianity is the coming of the mental kingdom here on this earth. It is the coming to your own body of a mind that can control it. It is the coming of a power within you that will make a body for the indwelling of your spirit. A temple that will suit you. One that fits your mentality.

Why, listen to the orders: Go preach the gospel, heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead. That doesn't sound much like waiting for a kingdom in the sweet bye and bye. This preaching and healing is to be done here on the earth for the purpose of making men fit to live here. It begins not only with the cleansing of the mind from disease, but with the destruction of death itself. Who started that "sweet bye and bye" business, anyway? It was the institution, after it lost the power of healing. They lost the power to heal just as soon as they began looking away from the earth and lost sight of that temple of the spirit called the human body. What do you want, sweetheart? Fine clothes—be honest about it! You like beautiful garments. Well, your spirit likes a beautiful body just as much as you like beautiful clothes. Your spirit wants to be beautiful. It is beautiful within itself, but it wants an environment of beauty. This is the reason why you are shocked when you begin to see the gray hairs and the wrinkles. It is because your spirit does not want to be surrounded by the symptoms of disease and death. It is not vanity. It is

inspiration. It comes from your spirit. You want to be well, and you are a spirit. All desires center in your own immortal being. You want what you want when you want it. And a possible future will not satisfy the present demands.

The modern mentalist is coming into an understanding of all these things. A man has trained his mind to think and to do business and to achieve, and he does not like to give up and quit just when he is ready to go forward. A half-century of experience is worth something. Therefore the mentality is asking for a way out of mortality. Christianity comes to the front with the way. The only thing that stands in the way of Christianity is religion. All religion belongs to the old thought. The preachers and doctors and lawyers are helping to hold the world in the old thought. The soldiers are losing their grip, but the other "professionals" are holding on like grim death. The doctors are teaching us to fear disease, and the lawyers to fear the law, and the preachers to fear everything here and hereafter. Fear is a poison. It is a mental poison, and there is nothing that so deadens the senses and pollutes the blood as fear. Therefore, you will have to rise up within yourself and throw it off; for you cannot get any "professional" help at the present time. There stands Christianity, with modern, up-to-date thoughts in plain words. Jesus is the most modern of all moderns.

It is strange but true that the New Testament is the newest book on earth. I have told you elsewhere in this issue that Jesus speaks the final Word. His words are right up to the present minute. Mental healing is the newest thought on the planet. Mental healing is exactly what Jesus teaches in Christianity for the kingdom of heaven. It is mental healing for all kinds of sickness. Nothing can stand in the way of real mental healing, not even death itself. Jesus Christ is modern mentality. He said that heaven and earth would pass away, but that his Word would not pass away. The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are Life. Spirit and Life cannot pass away. We are going to have a new heaven and a new earth, but we do not need any new words. The words of Jesus are alive, and alive forevermore! This is the reason why his words are bringing the lost tribes of Israel out of the wilderness. This is the reason why the Jews are turning their faces towards Jerusalem. Glory to God, peace on earth, good will to men!

*** "Am sending you in this mail money order for five dollars, thinking that you may by this time be money-mad. When you get home please remember me and that I need a little touching up."

This is nothing new, for he has been sending me five dollars ever since I can remember; and he don't need much touching up either. He is bright and new every day. No, we are not money-mad, and New York did not set us crazy over anything. I will make an honest confession right here, on top of the Rocky Mountains, in the month of June, and say in a whisper that I am lonesome for New York! Bless old Gotham! It got into our blood, and we both like it.

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