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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

In the Name of God

"And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."—
I Cor. 15-28

IN THE NAME OF GOD:

Let us have peace in place of war.

Peace on earth and good will to men.

Peace between husbands and wives.

Peace between parents and children.

Peace between races and religions.

Let God be all and in all.

Merge all mentality into the One Mind.

Get rid of preachers, priests and politicians.

Do away with landlords, warlords and law-
lords.

Stop using the police, the sheriffs and the
soldiers.

Let us have levitation as well as gravitation.

Let the sons of men become sons of God.

Abolish poverty by abolishing property.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness
thereof."

"And all mine are thine, and thine are mine."

IN THE NAME OF GOD!

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Let us get rid of the items before we begin on the ideas.

*** The other fellow is still calling for names and paid-up subscriptions.

*** The call to pay up is for persons who send in only one dollar a year; for they are the ones who forget.

*** Every one of you look on the little printed tag and see when his time expires. The first figure is the number of the month, and the others are the year.

*** Let everybody get at least 1/13 after his name; for that means paid up for all of this year. The twelve thousand new names for 1912 are coming in rapidly, and we shall soon have the number.

*** This number of CHRISTIAN is worth your twelve dollars and much more. Just as soon as new readers get into the vibration and understand what you are doing, they enter into the fellowship; for they recognize themselves as belonging to US.

*** I said this number of CHRISTIAN was worth twelve dollars and then some, and I ought to know. My first editorial was written in 1872, and I have been writing constantly ever since. I know values. This is the reason why this periodical takes more of my time and thought than a daily paper.

*** Now, don't you get the idea that because I have been editing forty years I am an old man or a back number, or anything of that kind. If I ever get into that class, you will find it out in the first issue of CHRISTIAN written in that vibration. I AM as young as God and as old as God. And that means that I AM from everlasting to everlasting.

*** "Adjustment" is the keyword for this year and many years to come. I never give you a monthly word to memorize, but a word that fits the whole year. I notice that great bankers and financiers and politicians are now using my word "uncertainty," in referring to 1911. They will soon be using our word "adjustment" for this year. Adjustment covers all of your environment.

*** Adjustment to what? To whatever you call your environment. It may be that you are surrounded by a very narrow circle and your horizon extends a very short distance from your own nose. If that is so, you ought to adjust your thought to your environment without much trouble. Do you think so? If so, you are badly mistaken in your thought. The wider your horizon and the greater your thought, the easier it will be for adjustment. You try the experiment of adjusting yourself to a little, narrow mortal environment, and see how utterly you will fail.

*** Look around you and see how you can adjust yourself to the people in your own households, not to say your uncles, aunts, cousins and general kinsonia. Your thought takes in this little bunch and you are loaded down with burdens. Everything is going wrong. The trouble is with your concentration. Some of the new thought leaders tell you to concentrate. You will never reach adjustment by concentration. What you want is expansion. You want to

take in the whole world, and then go on and annex all the other worlds and suns and systems.

*** Don't leave anything out. If you leave anything out of your calculations, you will be narrow-minded and lopsided. The very best way for you to take care of the little things is to enlarge and take in everything. The universe exists. It is here. It is all here, and there is no chance of a single atom getting away. I told you, and am telling you again in this number, that God has not added a single thing to himself. In all eternity he is the same God now as he has always been; and that means that he is the same God in the universal and in the individual.

*** The same number of spirits exist now that always existed; for God cannot add to or take from himself. This gives you a rest to your soul, and makes you know that you have always been and will always be. Now, sweethearts, the same law applies to matter. It is utterly impossible to increase matter by a single atom or to decrease it by a single atom. The universe is mathematical and musical mentality operating in matter. It has always been as it is, and will forever remain as it is. And, therefore, if you adjust yourself to your environment, you must come into the realization of eternal spirit in eternal matter.

*** What makes the change? What is evolution? What is unfoldment? Matter. Spirit has to have something to play with and act in for his own amusement. The universe exists, and it has a spirit and a body. All spirits are the Spirit of the universe. There is a spirit in every atom of matter, and the individualized spirits are the operators in matter. Men of vision now tell you that every atom has intelligence of its own, and knows what it is doing and why it is doing it. Edison tells us that all atoms are points of intelligence. Then we as spirits toss matter around to please ourselves.

*** Now, the spirit that is playing on this typewriter butts in and says we don't toss matter around to please ourselves, but must toss it around according to law. She is talking from mortal mind. WE ARE THE LAW! It is inherent in Spirit, and the reason that we are lawless is because we are in the mentality of mortal mind instead of the real mind. Bergson tells us that intuition is above instinct or intellect. This is true; for man is a triangle, a trinity. On the mortal plane he is governed by instinct, and when he is born out or passes out of that environment he enters into the psychic, and that is governed by intellect. Now, intellect hasn't any more sense than instinct.

*** Intellect goes right on inventing things for its own destruction. This girl that is trying to argue with me while I dictate says that a lighted match touched to gasoline would cause an explosion, law or no law, spirit or no spirit. That is quite true. The match and the gasoline are products of intellect. The torpedo and the torpedo destroyer, gunpowder, nitroglycerin, all kinds of dynamite, are made by intellect. Man has to be a creator on the intellectual

plane, but he does not need anything of that kind on the spiritual plane. Intuition has to do with the third step in man's unfoldment. Intuition finds everything ready-made, and adapted to the use of the Spirit. The animal and intellectual planes are temporary. They are no more permanent than your mortal body is permanent.

*** You study the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians in the light of intuition or inspiration. There is a natural body and a spiritual body. The one is inside of the other. The word "natural" is not the right word, and neither is the word "spiritual" in the sense we use it now. The words used by Paul are now coming into use in modern language. There is a psychic body and there is a pneumatic body, is what he said; and the psychic is first and afterwards the pneumatic. The pneumatic body is inside of the psychic body, and the psychic body is inside the physical body. The realm of the intellect is in the psychic, and inspiration is in the pneumatic. Now, you are a spirit or pneumatic encased in a psychic body, and this psychic body is clothed with matter. The resurrection is controlling and renewing this clothing to suit yourself.

*** This is why I am out for the whole thing. I don't expect to change my environment without changing my thought. The whole world is in this process of adjustment. Even in darkest Africa there is a movement of mentality, and civilized people are in a perfect ferment. The little leaven is leavening the whole lump. People are getting ready for reality, and they are sick of sin, sickness, death and the devil. It has been all right up to this time for us to live under the influence of instinct and intellect. Now we are demanding that intellect shall know what it is doing and not keep on guessing. Oh, yes, you are going to take instinct and intellect into the mental kingdom, but Spirit will be the king. Spirit knows. The one who knows has the right to command the instinct and intellect and lead them into true light. If you are living on the animal plane, you are in a mortal environment. You can never adjust yourself to that kind of an environment.

*** The mortal mind with its mortal body will wear out and return to the dust from whence they came; for both the mortal mind and the mortal body are of the earth earthy. If you are living on the intellectual plane, you are in hell. You know just enough to make you want to know more, and your mental misery keeps you straining your eyes to see and your ears to hear. You see, your intellect is using your old mortal machinery. The mightiest intellect is using the mortal eyes and mortal ears and mortal nerves and mortal brain. The great sage rubs his glasses and peers through his telescope and microscope with his old eyes. He can only see with mortal vision while using his intellect and the many inventions his intellect has turned out. The old philosophers with trembling limbs and watery eyes look into the history of humanity and sink down to narrow graves in the earth.

*** The triangle is triumphant! This means that God shall reign and use both the instinct and intellect in immortal mind. There is only one Mind that is real. There is only God, and he is all of US. I don't care one single straw about your thought in regard to longevity. I care nothing for your race-suicide. If I am going to die, why not today? Why put off the inevitable until tomorrow? There is nothing that will satisfy your divinity except divinity. I know Jesus Christ, and he taught and practiced immortality. If we are going to be Christians, we must rise from the dead; and this means the bringing of the instinct and the intellect into the consciousness of Spirit. What are all your diseases? They tell you a long string of stuff about healing diseases. I don't see any reason why I should want to get rid of one disease, if I am liable to break out with a worse one in another place. The Word spoken by Jesus is to get rid of the thought of disease.

*** Instinct is sniffing the air, and intellect is talking about microbes and all the germs and other devils that are ready to devour the body. What the devil do I care for microbes eating on this mortal body? If it is going to be eaten at some future time in a box under the earth, let the eating go on right now, and I shall enjoy the fun a little while myself. Intellect doesn't know how to get rid of the bacteria. It is puzzled over all the different phenomena in the physical. They are finding out some things, but just as soon as they find out a few things there are millions of other things that come forward that they do not know. And so poor old intellect is dumbfounded and dies in his ignorance. Instinct is a better guide to health in many respects than intellect. Why not take in the whole triangle and ask Spirit to enlighten intellect? Jesus was not an educated physician, and yet he knew all about man, and everything that there is in matter. He saw it.

*** Seeing is being, and there is nothing else that is being. The darkness is the cause of disease and death. Light, my beloved, is not intellectual, but spiritual. You may turn all of the intellectual light that you have on your digestion and assimilation, and you will still be dyspeptic. Spirit is the healer. All your dieting and talk about foods is skimming over the surface of things. Spirit knows. And I want to tell you right now that Spirit is not going to keep on using the coarse vegetable and animal foods that the mortal has been masticating. The real man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mind of God. Inspiration knows how to eat words and assimilate thoughts. Intellect can only see with mortal vision. Flashes from inspiration come once in a while, and the intellect rejects them for fear he will go mad. Instinct is afraid of losing its body and intellect is afraid of losing its mind. When the sunphone rings its bell, the intellect trembles with fear. Satan is the king in the psychic, and intellect serves him with fear and trembling. He is afraid of new thought. Moses had left the field of intellect and was

keeping sheep in the wilderness when he saw the Great Light. Telepathy does not come to the intellect, but to the spirit within you. Intellect has rejected it. Intellect says there is no such thing as telepathy. Intellect is a great liar and the father of lies. Now you will have to get out into the third dimension before you will understand God. In God we really live and move and have our being. God is our environment.

*** The men of vision tell us that in God we live and move and have our being. This is what all of the apostles and prophets and seers have told us. It belongs to you. You are an apostle, a prophet, a seer through your own intuition. As I have said, the universe is here. The universe exists, and you are in it, to know it, to enjoy it. The only way that you can come into consciousness of the whole universe is to get into God. There is no other way. In science you understand how to get into God. I am not talking about this little planet and its mortal inhabitants. I am talking about the whole universe and the whole spirit of the universe. The horizon of your thought must take in everything there is in the universe. Now, don't make a little mark around yourself and your immediate mortal family. In the kingdom of Spirit you are conscious of the whole. Then you say to your instinct and intellect, OBEY GOD. You are a son of God. You are the offspring of light. You are light. And this light is the light that lighteth every man in the universe. It is all pictured to you in the Bible, but it must be understood spiritually, and that means scientifically. Get into your consciousness the fact that you are a trinity, and you will begin to know who you are.

*** Just so long as you think you are governed by instinct and have to eat like an animal and digest matter in that way, you will live and die like an animal. If you go no farther than intellect and think you have to think mortal thoughts and remain in a mortal vibration, you will wear out your mortal machinery and go to the boneyard. The moment you become conscious of your own spirit and know that you are the I AM, you will command your instinct and your intellect. Let the electric fluid flow into your veins and arteries and drive out the bloody water of mortality. This will give you levitation to control gravitation. You can go up as well as down. Instead of having your arteries harden, and your whole system filled with bugs, you are a Big-bug yourself, reigning supreme in your own environment. This is the way that we have started out, and we are going to keep on this road in spite of hell and high water. Let me tell you that the hell is in the high water. It is true that we must be born of water, but it is also true that we must be born of the spirit. I AM tired of swimming around in the water, and my soul is soaring into the air. I don't want to go up there with gasoline, either. I want all of the machinery to be in my own body, my real pneumatic body, and under the absolute control of the God within me. This is the way my

sunphone talks. There is a vast difference between the moonphone and the sunphone.

*** Now, the sunphone puts me into mental conjunction with the real minds of the planet. The whole world is moving in one certain direction. That direction is towards the resurrection from mortality. In the first place, men are weary of the struggle for mere mortal existence. There is no sense in this bread-and-butter problem, for there is plenty of sustenance on this planet for all the people that can get onto it. We have been spending our substance in fighting each other. Fear is a child of the intellect, and the intellect is Satan; therefore fear is devilish. Just as soon as men were filled with fear they began fighting each other. Now, what under the sun is the use for civilized people to be afraid of each other? It is certainly time for the angels to begin doing something besides singing. They have been singing "Peace on earth and good will to men" for about two thousand years. I believe they have been at work by telepathy teaching men to think thoughts of peace. The leaven is at work, and the soldier is becoming a back number, and the battleships are going out of existence by their own weight. It is taking too much of our money to build battleships and support war.

*** Men are beginning to figure the whole thing up, and the wisest men on the earth are talking about it. They are not inspired by intellect, but by the Spirit of God. Intellect wants to boast and brag and flaunt its feathers and gold lace in the faces of femininity. But there is another feature in the field of intellect. Women are weary of warriors and they are counting the cost. It takes seventy cents out of every dollar to pay for war, past, present and future. Think of this generation paying seventy cents out of every dollar, and if it keeps on what will the future generations have to pay? The mother-mind is taking a hand in this modern thinking. We are going to get out of the wilderness. The triangle will be triumphant. A woman will not look in the glass simply to see her mortal face, but will look in the mental mirror for a reflection of the divine mentality. We are going to control matter with mind, and mind with spirit. Instead of looking through a telescope with your blurred vision, you will look at the skies by clairvoyance and see without any artificial lenses. It will be a real and genuine electric light in your eyes. The electric fluid will flow in your veins and arteries and illuminate your whole body. The time is coming when we shall be visiting from planet to planet, and exchanging ideas by telepathy and otherwise. We are in the vibrations of the resurrection. I never expect to leave this mortal body for anybody to bury. I shall cremate it. It will be such a slow process that the old will disappear as the new comes into view.

*** I have just as much right to ask questions as any other man that ever lived or ever will live. I have told you that spirits are immortal and the number cannot be increased or decreased. Matter is also immortal, so far as its existence in space is

concerned. Matter can be placed and re-placed, formed and reformed, but it remains the same forever and in exact measure. No atoms are destroyed and none are created. If this is so—and it is so or God is not so—I have a perfect right to ask questions and demand answers. Moses is not the only one who can see God face to face. We are not to look backward for the prophets. They are not in the rear of the procession. They are here and ready to receive your thought. Don't be afraid to think thoughts. I also have seen the light that never shone on land or sea—the inner light. It is your light. It is my light. It belongs to all of US. We have been here all time, and we are not going to leave; for there is no place for us to go except everywhere. Now, don't you see that your little, narrow, contracted view of life is satanic? It has nothing to do with reality. It is a little cobhouse that you have constructed under the influence of mortal limitation.

*** Get over your scare! There is nothing to fear behind you or before you. There is nothing to scare you anywhere in all of this universe. You are absolutely indestructible. Water cannot drown you or fire burn you. Disease has no power over you, and the microbe and bacteria are good eating if you know how to digest and assimilate the devil and his angels. Eat 'em alive! Get courage into your heart—not the courage of intellect with brass buttons and a gun, but the courage of inspiration. The calmness and serenity and sovereignty of God. Angels must laugh at our mortal ideas of courage, especially in this modern day. Any fool can turn the crank of a machine gun and mow down mortal men. It does not take much even of intellect to fire a cannon when you are four miles away from the enemy. Of all the fool things that intellect has invented modern warfare is the limit. The idea of paying millions and millions of dollars for battleships to float in our little oceans to blow up other battleships! Mortals are fools, and I suppose it was intended for them to be fools. But, sweethearts, this foolishness is only temporary. It is not an incurable disease. The light will drive it all out and make us see ourselves as one and not many. No man ever hated himself unless he was insane. Now, include all of us in yourself and you will have the wisdom of God.

*** Adjustment must come all along the line. It begins in the individual and spreads into the universal. Old things must pass away and all things become new; for the old thoughts are outworn and outgrown and ready for the scrap-heap. This may have been said in every age of the world where men were trying to advance, but it is more evident today than in any of the ages of the past. It is a fulfillment of prophecy. Men are learning to govern themselves, and self-government can only obtain in the kingdom of God. God reigns in the spiritual nature of man. Then the spirit of man is God. It is divine. You can't separate man from God or God from man. God is not outside of the universe, for there is no outside. He is the spirit of the universe. We still

say "He," in spite of the fact that we are out of the kindergarten and know that God is the principle of being; therefore, male and female. The name of God that I give you in this number of CHRISTIAN is the name of the whole of Being. It includes all there is of being. Now, you must include within your own personality the whole of being, or else you are not in the image and likeness of God.

*** The triangle is made perfect by the joining of the parts. If you separate the parts, you destroy the triangle. It takes three angles to make a triangle. Of course, there are many kinds of triangles, but man is an equilateral triangle. Bergson separates the parts, or names them rather, as instinct, intellect and intuition. That is, these three words translate the three French words that he uses in his book, "Creative Evolution." Paul calls the three body, soul and spirit, and prays that the three may be preserved entire or whole. He uses three Greek words: "soma," "psyche" and "pneuma." Each of these words has a very distinct and definite meaning. "Soma" means more than the body, for it means the physical. "Psyche" stands for the intellect; and "pneuma," for God, or the Spirit. Now, the somatic, psychic and pneumatic form a perfect triangle, an equilateral triangle; for the one part is just as essential as the other. There are very few examples in the whole of human history where the triangle was made perfect in the man. In fact, we have only three men—Moses, Elijah and Jesus. These men did not suffer disease or death. They had perfect control over body and mind through the spirit. The disciples of Jesus were taught this truth, but they were plunged into the psychic, which is satanic, and only exhibited the power in flashes.

*** The limitation was not in the words spoken by Jesus or in his promises, but in their own failure to grasp the true meaning of the Word. On the day of Pentecost they were filled with the Spirit and spoke in seventeen languages and dialects. This one instance shows that there is a plane of all knowledge. The speakers did not even know one language very well, yet they spoke in different languages and every man heard in his own tongue. They were not ready to maintain this high standard. I have said that the intellect is satanic, but I do not mean evil in the sense we use the word "evil." There is no evil. All is good. This is the reason why we must maintain the three angles of the triangle to be well balanced. The satanic is just as essential as any other element in this unfoldment. You must pass through purgatory before you enter into the serene and majestic plane of heaven. The intellect is the middle world between the somatic and the pneumatic. The apostles of Jesus were plunged into hell, here on this earth; for there is no other kind of hell, and the whole religious world is in that hell to this day.

*** I need not call your attention to the sufferings of the early Christians and the damnation of the Middle Ages, or even to the psychic purgatory at the present time. The whole machinery of church and state

is satanic. But once more let me say that this is not evil in the sense that we have been using that word. The intellect is all right, but it is a liar and a deceiver and a world of torment. There is no rest to your souls under the influence of the intellect. This does not mean that it is not all right, for it is, and is an essential part of the triangle. The devil is in the women, for "the female of the species is more deadly than the male." She is the mother of death. Kipling is all right. Hall Caine tries to make a little advertising out of it by his parody saying that the woman is the mother of the man. Now, there are two sides to this question, and you must understand that there is no evil. It is true that she is the mother of the man, but what kind of a man has she been mothering? She has been giving birth to a psychic man, and he is a devil. When she gives birth to a pneumatic man you see the difference, and she is at once hailed as the mother of God. I am not entering into any argument, but stating science so that you may see the three angles of the triangle. We are passing out of the somatic into the psychic and from the psychic into the pneumatic.

*** Yet we never pass out of either of the three. Our warfare is caused by the one element fighting the other. Let me call your attention to that parable of paradise once more. The serpent speaks to the woman, and she leads the man. The serpent is intellect. Satan is the psychic. And if it had not been for that satanic movement in the woman, we should never have made any advancement or unfoldment in mentality. Where you find an active devil you find insight. The man was deceived because he did not understand the woman. The power of suggestion led him into the wilderness. Now take a jump forward in history and see that same man in Jesus Christ. You know that Jesus was talking to himself on the Mount of Temptation. In our childish thoughts we have seen a snake talking to a woman and a big devil talking to Jesus. There was no personality except the woman and the man. The serpent spoke in the woman and in the man. It was intellect. Jesus saw the kingdoms of this world and their glory. And he knew that they would all be given to him if he would bow down and worship intellect. He knew the truth.

*** Intellect gives you a temporary sovereignty. Spirit gives you eternal dominion. Jesus did not want anything that was transient. He had been all along the line. He had heard this old suggestion of temporal power and glory many times. At the hour when his bell rang in heaven he was ready to listen to the voice of Spirit. He commands the intellect to get behind him, and he went down from that mountain knowing all things and having power to use his intellect for the glory of God and the salvation of men. Now you never look at Jesus as an intellectual giant. Such a thought never enters your mind. Yet he knew all things. The whole objective universe lay open to his mind. He could talk to the trees, the winds, the waves, as well as to

men. He knew all that was in man's mind and he knew the universal mind. In a limited sense this is true of many other apostles and prophets. It is true of all of us when we enter into the domain of Spirit. We do not lose our intellects or our bodies, but we control them by the creative energy in us. An illuminated mind in an electrified body, or what Paul calls the mind of the Spirit in contrast to the mind of the flesh. Triangulation is regeneration. It is making the perfect man, and the perfect man is the Christ. The promise is that all Christians are to be kings and priests in the kingdom of God. In other words, we are all to have the power and the glory and the majesty of Christ.

*** The giants of the intellect have never been of any more benefit to humanity than physical giants. What are the high thoughts of Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Spinoza and, maybe, twenty others, compared to the utterances of inspired men? There are very few of my readers who know anything about the men I have mentioned. They are the Jack Johnsons of the intellect. But the men of vision come close to your own heart and your own mind and help you into your own kingdom. Moses was raised to the high rank of a prince and educated in all the learning of the Egyptians. This learning did not do him any good in the way of redeeming his people from the curse of slavery. He fled into the wilderness and became a shepherd. One day a voice spoke to him from a bush. There was no quoting of books or reference to the mysteries of the pyramids. It was a very plain but sublime statement of truth. This prince of Egypt heard the words and obeyed the commandments. He questioned the authority of the Voice and asked for the name. The answer was: I AM THAT I AM. In other words, I AM THE WHOLE OF BEING.

*** This man of learning humbly and meekly listened to clairvoyance speaking in his own mind, and went forth to conquer the objective kingdom with nothing in the way of a weapon except a crooked stick. He was told to throw his shepherd's crook on the ground. It became a serpent, and he fled before it. The I AM told him to reach forth his hand and take it by the tail. He did so, and once more it became the shepherd's crook. The serpent is the symbol of the intellect. The I AM was to be His will and his power. It is a simple story, but it stands out on the pages of history as the wonder of the ages. Moses became the Father of law and order, and incidentally of human liberty. This great lawyer was a man of vision rather than intellect. He handled the devil and his angels. Elijah the prophet comes in the same way. One lone man is more than all the army of the kingdom. One lone man under the Spirit of God is mightier than all the king's horses and all the king's men. I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life. Jesus comes as the third prophet in this triangle of Truth. It is God working in us. But the body and the intellect were used by the Spirit. It was triangular after all. It is the triple alli-

ance. The apex of the pyramid is in the air. It is in the ether. It is in the spirit. But we want the solid base of the somatic and the psychic on the earth. There is a trinity in being, and yet the three must be one in order to produce heaven or harmony.

*** I emphasize this triangle, for many of my readers have been taught wrong. They have ignored the scriptures, but the scriptures are scientific. They give the whole of the truth in the unfolding ages. New Thought ignores the trinity of being and makes everything mind. Many of them have lost sight of God and are almost as material in their thinking as the materialists. The result has been a walking around and around in the psychic without any further advance. I ought to know what I am talking about. I lived and preached on the somatic plane under the influence of instinct, without knowing that there was any other world. I was not even under the influence of intellect; for it was instinct all the time. Instinct covers all of this law of suggestion which is handed down from father to son. My grandfather and father were preachers, and I was the third in succession to the pulpit. I preached what I had heard others preach. I taught what I had been taught. I did what others had done before me. This is not even intellect, for it is instinct. It is just as much instinct as one sheep following another.

*** Suddenly I became clairvoyant and clairaudient and was plunged into the psychic. I saw visions and heard voices, without knowing how to interpret the visions or voices. I ran hither and thither seeking light from others. They had no light to give me. They said it was mediumship. I went back to the scriptures and began studying them for myself. I soon saw that I was in hell. I found out that I was, where all the rest of us are, in the intermediate state, between the somatic and pneumatic. You don't have to die to go to purgatory. There is no world somewhere in our geography called hell. It is mental. It is right here on this earth. It is among us. And this very psychic vision is a proof of the Scriptures. It is here and we must investigate it. The moon mediums have gone just so far in their investigations. They see visions and hear voices, and it results in confusion of thought. I began to question all visions and all voices. I said if there is an inner vision and an inner voice, it must go farther than the little things of this mortal life. It must take up and take hold of body and mind. The light that is in me must shine out into the objective world. The result has been that I have steadily gone forward into an understanding of the truth. There isn't anything in the universe that does not come under our observation.

*** Just as soon as I began giving treatments and going into the Silence, all of the voices and visions were under the command of my own word. Not in the sense that I could call up a vision or make a voice speak, but in the sense that I kept my own mental balance and soon understood the meaning. You want to make this practical.

I am helping you to make it practical in your own unfoldment. It is the spirit that quickens. No other power can heal the sick. The mightiest intellects in the world are helpless in the face of disease. No giant in the intellectual world has ever been able to heal the sick, cast out devils, or raise the dead. Spirit is the king in the kingdom of heaven. God is the ruler of the universe. I give treatments to your spirit through your mentality. I go into the Silence in order to see and hear the Word of Truth for you. There is not one single doubt in my mind about the ability of Spirit to heal all manner of sickness. I know that Spirit in Jesus healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, cast out devils and raised the dead. I know that the vibrations of the Spirit will heal the very worst cases of sickness.

*** I say this not as a "professional" healer or as talking shop. If I did not know that I am doing what I am doing, I would not do it. I would get into some other business for a living. I have seen all kinds of sickness give way to treatments. And I tell you the truth when I say that old age itself is a disease. It is a disease of the veins and arteries and bones. It is a disease of the flesh, and Spirit has power over all flesh. The resurrection from the dead is a rising of your own spirit into objective manifestation. I said to this vision called Clairvoyance: "You must come into the objective. If you are the I AM that I AM, you can see in the subjective and objective." The organs of vision are created by Vision. All the organs of sense are created by the Spirit and can be controlled by the Spirit. There is not a nerve in the body or a drop of blood in the veins that is not under the control of God, and God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient Spirit. Your own spirit is God, else it could not be Spirit. This must come into your own consciousness. It is the real consciousness of your being. Objective consciousness has to do with matter, and matter is subject to Spirit. So, to get at the essence of your being, you look within instead of on the outside.

*** This satanic influence is just as essential as any other. It is the power that we use in healing. It is the vibration of regeneration. The only way you can control death is through life. The satanic influence came to Jesus after his forty days of fasting in the wilderness, and, instead of yielding to that influence, he picks it up and takes it along with him as his servant. Satan is the fire that falls from heaven. Jesus takes this electric vibration and turns water into wine. Therefore I say unto you, do not get scared at this satanic influence. It is the very marrow in your bones. The vital principle in your being. The electric light in your life. But you must control it. If you don't rule it, it will run away with you. There is no power in you that can control this intellect except your own divinity. Now, don't get down on your knees and begin to tremble before any power in the universe. YOU ARE THAT POWER! Stand on your feet and proclaim yourself a son of God.

IN THE NAME OF GOD.

"What's in a name?
A rose, by any other name,
Would smell as sweet."

Certainly, and the reason is that the rose has a name of its own. The odor of the rose is its name. It does not matter in what language we try to express the idea of the rose. It has its own inherent being, and that being is its name. Everything in the universe is individualistic. There are not two leaves exactly alike or two blades of grass that are the same; so all the flowers that bloom in the springtime have their own individuality.

What is the name of God?

Now, don't all of you speak at once and shout out the name of your own particular brand of God. There are gods many and lords many in our own minds, but in reality there is only God. He is the Lord. The whole world is full of names and notions of God. The question I am asking you is for the real name of God. He has a name. The name is as unchangeable as His Being. For the name of God is the Being of God. A name, to be true, must express the character of the being named. You talk very glibly about doing things in the name of God. I want to help you to find out the meaning of God by giving you His true name.

What is my name?

Many new readers wonder why I sign I AM before my name in all of my letters. I have been signing I AM in all of my healing letters for more than twenty years. At the first I did not sign it of my own accord. It was by what is called automatic writing. When the I AM was signed before my name, I thought I had made a mistake and took out my knife to erase the name. The Voice of the Spirit said if I erased His name my own name would be useless. I saw the point, and have been using I AM all over this world, and it has carried me in triumph through the wilderness.

I use it because it is my name.

The tag that I received from my father is not my name. It is an accident. If my father had been named Smith, that would have been my tag. My grandfather was a great admirer of Thomas Jefferson, so he put his name in front of my father's tag. Then my father named me after himself, so it was Thomas Jefferson once more. Now, you know it is nothing more than a tag or a number. My father got the tag from his father, and so on back to Shelltown. At least two men wandered away from Shelltown, and the Irish branch left out an "l" and a "w" and made it Shelton. The English branch left out the "l" and the "w" and changed the "t" into a "d," making it Sheldon. So the name has been handed on down, and the Lord knows when it will cease to be as it is. But you see it is only a tag. It is not my name. You can carry this illustration still farther.

The woman inherits her name from her father, and then she marries and takes the name of her husband. In modern life she may have half a dozen husbands by the divorce and remarriage process, and finally re-

vert back to her maiden name. It is not anything. Just a mere handle to an unknown quantity. If the woman makes a name for herself in the world, she is Somebody and hangs onto that name. Sara Bernhardt will always be Sara Bernhardt, no matter how many husbands she might annex. She is! I could mention at least "twenty" of the great women in the world who have made names for themselves.

Even among men the *nom de plume* is often the real name. Mark Twain is much more than Samuel Clemens. Mark Twain is the name of the mind that was in the mortal man. The other is the name of the mortal. The immortal man goes on down the centuries under the name he made for himself. I give you only these two instances of one woman and one man; but your own mind can go over the mental map and pick out many others. A real name must express what you are within your own mind. The mortal can be placed under the tag, and that tag may be chiseled on a piece of marble to mark the last resting-place of the mortal body. His next incarnation will come under a new name. Now let us get at the name of God and we shall know our own name. You see, my father was only the father of the mortal, but the mortal was nothing but a kind of a vegetable. I was not born of woman. I AM a Son of the Sun. I AM a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec, without beginning of days or end of life. This is the reason why I use my mental name. I would not presume to heal the sick under any other name. As you are immortal, your name must express immortality, else it is a mere tag. This does not mean that you are somebody other than yourself. Get that nonsense out of your head. I will have more to say about it after I get the proposition fairly before your mind. Let us distinguish between the mortal and the immortal.

"Man that is born of a woman
Is of few days, and full of trouble.
He cometh forth like a flower,
And is cut down;
He fleeth also as a shadow,
And continueth not."

Such is the mortal. It does not matter what kind of a tag you put on this man. The place that knows him now will know him no more forever. He is made out of dust, and to dust he must return, either by cremation or burial in the earth. The cremation can take place by mental vibrations without waiting for what we call death.

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

These words spoken by the prophet Jesus are clear and to the point. Science is confirming the first part of the statement and getting pretty close to the second part. All science agrees that life is born of water. All forms of life, including man, were formed in water. They are now investigating the mind or spirit, and are ready to declare that it is born of Spirit. If the flesh

gives birth to flesh and Spirit gives birth to Spirit, then the mortal and immortal man are clearly defined. The one is of the earth and the other of the air. The one is born of water and the other is born of Spirit. We now know that fire or electricity or radium, or any of these other new names, will fit Spirit. It has also been established that all life is begotten by the sun.

But back of the sun or in the sun, and in the ether, and in the electricity, is the Word. This wonderful thing that we call the Word was in the beginning with God and is God. The atoms of the universe and all forms of matter were created by the Word. All things are held together by the Word. This is another name for mind. And still another name for Spirit. Let our minds get hold of the right definition and we shall know God, and to know God and the Word is Life Eternal. You get right into the Being of God when you know His Name. I mean, not some name that men have been using, but the real name that God gives to his own being. God certainly knows his own name. To be conscious of your own name is to be conscious of your own being. The mortal baby must be named before it has a place in the world. I am occupying much space in this preliminary discussion, for I want the matter settled in your own mind by this essay. I never want to have to refer to it again for the readers of this number of CHRISTIAN.

Moses, who represents the law, had been educated in all of the learning of the Egyptians. He knew the mysteries of the pyramids and the priesthood, and had read the archives of the ages. He was sent out as a wanderer in the wilderness, and one day he saw a light in a bush. He watched the light for a while, and, seeing that the bush was not consumed, he concluded that it must be a new kind of fire; so he stepped aside to investigate. A voice spoke from the bush, saying for him to take off his sandals; that the ground on which he was standing was holy. The Voice reminded him of his Hebrew fathers, and gave him a commission to go back to Egypt and liberate the Israelites from bondage. As a lawyer, Moses was inclined to go to the bottom of the whole thing. He asked one awful question:

"What is your name?"

This is an awful question to ask a man; much less an angel or a mere Voice. When John came preaching in the wilderness, the people went out to hear him and asked that awful question: "Whom makest thou thyself?" He did not fall down; for he was a true prophet. He said that he was nobody, but that he came as a voice announcing that Somebody was coming. He was very humble and meek, and said that he did not amount to anything except as a voice in the wilderness. The false prophets of modern days always fall down over that question. It is a terrible thing to ask a man; especially if that man is making pretensions and claiming authority to speak. Dowie said that he was Elijah. Dr. Teed said that he was Koresh, or Cyrus. He also claimed to

be the Branch, and a few other things. Sandford, who has been trying to convert the world by prayer, also claimed to be Elijah. The woods are full of such prophets. They can't stand the test: "Whom makest thou thyself?" When a man claims to be some other man, he is unbalanced. He may be brilliant in other things, but he is off his mental balance as to his own individuality. He does not know who he is, and therefore he has no right to speak with authority. Let this be a test in your own mind. When a man comes speaking with authority, ask him to name himself. What is your name? If he gives you the name of some other person who lived in some other age, you may know he is unbalanced. Reincarnation is all right. But the man coming under a new name does not know anything about his former names. He never makes any claims as to the past. Let us take one instance which is very clear and very definite: John the Baptist.

We never should have found out that John was Elijah if Jesus had not whispered it to his disciples. The birth of John was an immaculate conception. Just as much so as the birth of Jesus. In the case of John the annunciation was made to his father, who was a priest serving in the temple. It is curious that in this triangle of miraculous births the annunciation is made to the fathers of Isaac and John, but to the mother of Jesus. The father of John was told about his birth. The old man doubted it, and the angel told him that he would be dumb until the day of his son's birth. He was struck dumb and had to make signs to the people as he came out of the temple. When John was born, the mother wanted to name him after his father. The father could not speak, and so he wrote: "His name is John." Then the father began praising God and prophesying concerning this son.

Now, the point I am making is that this new incarnation of Elijah was not named Elijah, and no hint was given that he was a reincarnation of the prophet. He never knew it until he was out of that body. I make this strong because the man who comes claiming to be the reincarnation of some other man is talking through his hat. He is drawing on his imagination. The only way that he can prove to have been a prophet is to come in the spirit and power of the prophet, but always under a new name. This is the reason why the I AM said to me, "I AM T. J. Shelton," and has kept on saying it. It has saved me from many a foolish blunder. I don't know how many tags I have had in the past. But the I AM uses the tag that was last given me, the tag that represents my present incarnation.

The other day I read of a meeting conducted by Dr. Julia Seton Sears. It was a kind of an experience meeting. Dr. Sears affirmed that you could remember all of your past incarnations, and that even sex was changed in different incarnations. She remembered being a man. One woman knew that she was beheaded in the French Revolution. Another remembered that she

had been a Chinaman. One was a princess in India; and so on and so forth. It is all nonsense. Sex is inherent in Spirit, and Spirit is God. The masculine of God is always masculine and the feminine of God is always feminine. The eternal principle is the same yesterday, today and forever. When you know your own being, you forget your incarnations. Forget it! This is the order of creation, and it holds good through time and eternity. Your sins and your blunders and your experiences are to be remembered no more forever.

"What is your name?"

This was the question of Moses, and it is a very honest and fair question. "Whom makest thou thyself?" The answer is the most wonderful statement in the Bible. It is the very foundation of apostles and prophets. It is the eternal essence of all mentality. It is the summing up of all the prophecies and writings preceding and all the mentality succeeding, all the eternity of the past and the eternity to come. It is the very foundation of spirituality. It is the Rock on which sanity stands. Listen to it!

"And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?"

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel.

The Lord God of your fathers, The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

Hath sent me unto you:

This is my name forever,

And this is my memorial unto all generations."

God has not changed his name.

As God is my real Father, his name is my real name. It is your name. It is the name of everything that is in the universe. It is the name of the rose. It is the name of the planets and the suns. It was and is the name of Jesus Christ. I know there has been much talk of doing things in the name of Jesus Christ. The disciples of Jesus were not infallible. They made many blunders. You must look for infallibility in the Spirit. The name that Jesus used for all of his authority, and the power by which he healed the sick, cast out devils and raised the dead, was the same name that was given to Moses in the wilderness. It was the unspeakable name among the Jews, and when Jesus spoke it they took up stones to crush him for speaking the unspeakable. But that unspeakable name was part of the Jewish priesthood traditions. Jesus told them that they had made void the law by their traditions. They called themselves children of Abraham, and Jesus thundered into their ears the unspeakable name: "Before Abraham was I AM." The name of God is not unspeakable. It can be spoken by any man who knows God. Priestcraft had made out that it was unspeakable, but there is no Scriptural authority for any such assertion.

Study the words of Jesus closely, and you will see that he used that name right along all the time. God can't change his name without changing his being, and that name expresses the being of God. It covers the whole of being. I AM THAT I AM is the Name of everything and everybody.

Here are some of the marginal readings:

I AM BECAUSE I AM,

I AM WHO I AM.

I WILL BE THAT I WILL BE.

But the I AM THAT I AM gives the true meaning. It is up-to-date science. It is far in advance of the present date, but we are coming up to it. It means that God is the whole of being. This thought expressed in the one word Yahveh is the key to the kingdom of mentality. Some of the disciples of Jesus came into this consciousness for a little while, but the most of them began to worship Jesus and so made an end of their apostleship. There is one thing certain, and that is that Jesus Christ was in this consciousness and death had no power over him. He not only raised the dead, but he was raised from the dead.

I AM THAT I AM is not only universal Spirit, but individualized Spirit. The conversation with Moses is a commentary on the answer to his question. I will quote part of it:

"And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? Or who maketh the dumb, or the deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say."

This is exactly what Jesus taught. He told his disciples to give no thought as to what they should say, because the Spirit would speak at the time when the speech was needed. It is the Spirit that speaketh in you, is the constant affirmation of Jesus Christ. He said that he could do nothing of himself, but the Spirit did the work. Do you know the name of God? It is the name of all life. God is not only universal Spirit, but individualized Spirit. I want to repeat this with emphasis: There is no spirit that is not God. Have you forgotten the lesson I gave you about a year ago? It is a good place to remind you of it.

"This is my name forever, And this is my memorial unto all generations."

Forever is forever. All generations means all generations. And when you speak of forever you must go backward as well as forward. We poor mortals keep on measuring time. There is just as much eternity behind us as there is before us. Now, how far back will you have to remember if you are going to recall all of your experience? My beloved friends who are remembering will have to remember all the way back. And all the way back is forever. How old is God? He is the same age as you are. Individualized Spirit is just as old as Universal Spirit.

In the Name of God

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

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This is my name forever,
And this is my memorial unto all generations."—*Exodus*.

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