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## ATTENTION!

The next number of "Christian" and all subsequent numbers will be issued from Denver. Marconi went to Denver to perfect his wireless telegraph; and I go there to send forth the Silent Word by telepathy.

My correspondents in Denver, and Colorado, must understand that I cannot make calls or receive callers. It is utterly impossible for me to receive the physical presence of people while I am giving mental treatments to all the world.

In making this movement you will oblige me by writing briefly, and giving your full name and address in every letter. We hope to have the whole family settled in Denver by the first of the year. Address,

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## I LOVE AND THE WORLD IS MINE.

For me the jasmine buds unfold,  
And silver daisies star the lea;  
The crocus hoards the sunset gold;  
And the wild rose breathes for me.

I feel the sap through the bough returning—  
I share the skylark's transport fine—  
I know the fountain's wayward yearning—  
I love, and the world is mine!

I love, and thoughts that sometimes grieved,  
Still, well remembered, grieve not me;  
From all that darkened and deceived  
Up soars my spirit free.

For soft the hours repeat one story,  
Sings the sea one strain divine—  
My clouds arise all flushed with glory—  
I love, and the world is mine!

—FLORENCE EARLE COATES, in Harper's Weekly.

## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\* December!

\*\* Goodbye, 1899!

\*\* Welcome, 1900!

\*\* We drop three nines.

\*\* Nineteen is the number of judgment under the Law.

\*\* Look out for great judgments in Nineteen Hundred.

\*\* The Judgment Day will begin next year and will last ninety-nine years.

\*\* Judgment means the destruction of the old and the resurrection of the New.

\*\* A new and beautiful edition of "The Law of Vibrations" is now in press. This new edition will be in larger type, better paper, with wider margins, and will make a good sized book. It will no longer be called "a booklet." It will be ready for delivery next month.

\*\* Treatments for business success bring good results. The dominant thought in the physic atmosphere is MONEY; therefore, it only needs to be directed in the right way.

\*\* Generation will cease and Regeneration will take its place; the old way will give place to the new way; the old life of mortality will be swallowed up in the victory of eternal life.

\*\* "Seven Essays on the Subject of Force—Massing Methods; Showing how to use Occult Forces, etc., in all Business and Art." By Ernest Loomis. Cloth, pp. 156. Price \$1.25. Address, Ernest Loomis & Co., 70 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

\*\* I would like to know (through CHRISTIAN) if you teach the science of healing.

No, except in hints in CHRISTIAN; but I am preparing a text-book for the use of teachers and healers. It will be out sometime in 1900.

\*\* Would a man born October 30th, and a woman born August 20th, get along well together in married life?

It is Water and Fire which is likely to cause a splutter or an explosion; but mind ought to control even this kind of a union.

\*\* "Dear Shelton: Hello, there! Here I am same as ever, only going on as Spirit wants me. If you will, you may give my address in CHRISTIAN, so if there is anyone wanting to know of me they can write me. My love to Edna and all. Sister, Flora E. James, Lisbon, Ohio."

\*\* I am asked to print a booklet filled with answers to questions. This would not mend matters, as the same questions come up over and over all the time. Not more than half the questions sent to me are answered directly; but many are answered indirectly in the answers to others.

\*\* Goodbye to all my readers who have not paid up to 1900, or signified their willingness to do so. This is the best I can do for you; if you don't want me I don't want you. It is not the money I want half so much as your good will, and to know that I'm not imposing on you an unwelcome messenger.

\*\* A correspondent commending August CHRISTIAN remarked, "Keep your typewriter on a vacation all the time." This was an affront to Edna, and stuck as a thorn in her side. The facts are these: August CHRISTIAN, with the exception of the "I Am Sermon," was dictated to Edna before she started on her vacation. NO issue of this paper ever goes out without the touch of Edna's hand and heart.

\*\* So many people write, requesting me not to reply by letter, but to let them know by a few words in CHRISTIAN if their letter has been received. It is impossible to find room in CHRISTIAN for such answers; the receipt of your letter must be acknowledged by mail, or in the Silence. I am always glad to give brief answers to all letters.

\*\* "Concerning the Church of Christ." This splendidly printed pamphlet comes to me all the way from London, "with the fraternal greetings of the author," James Macbeth. It is as sound as a gold dollar. He shows that the Church of Christ is in the believer and not in the Institution. Price Twopence. Williams & Norgate, Henrietta St., Covent Garden, London.

\*\* Will a man born April 6, 1844, and a woman born June 9, 1851, be happy in married life?

I should think persons of this age ought to have sense enough to live together harmoniously without reference to the zodiac. April is the head of the fire department and June is the head of the air triplicity. In my experience such unions are harmonious.

\*\* Many of my readers write me asking for information regarding other people. For instance, they want to know what Helen Wilmans means by such and such statements in her "Home Course;" or what she means by certain statements in her "Conquest of Poverty." I don't know anything more than they have already said. Mrs. Wilmans is amply able to explain herself. I have enough to do to interpret my own sayings.

\*\* Do you think that God progresses, just the same as we do? If not, there must be an end to things, even to God. Because, when everything is known, there is nothing more to evolve, and there must be a standstill. One could draw an outline round Infinity itself; therefore Cause could be encompassed. I am wondering if there can be any other God than men's minds?

God is not the person, but the Principle of Being. Persons progress in the Principle, but the Principle is unchangeable. There is no progress in the air or in space; but individuals and persons live and move in the air and in space. There is no progress in the light; it remains the same forever; but individuals, persons, and things, grow, advance, and retrograde in the light. Man is the person of God; man is the individualized form of Infinite Being. God is the macrocosm, while man is the microcosm. Man has in himself a whole universe; yet, it is impossible for him to take cognizance of the Creator or the creative act. Therefore it would be impossible for the finite to "draw an outline round Infinity itself."

\*\* I am not under obligations to any mortal on this earth. The columns of CHRISTIAN are not open to anyone except myself. If I choose to notice you I will do so; but, you must not come demanding anything of me. This is for the benefit of the multitude who are demanding a hearing in CHRISTIAN. The platform is too small to hold all of us; besides, my readers are paying for my sayings. I am not asking anyone to boost me; and when I give you a lift it is of my own free will and accord. Money can not bribe me to print advertisements. I will not even print a railroad "ad." for the sake of a pass, but always pay full fare. Happiness consists largely in keeping free from obligations.

\*\* Dear Dr. Shelton: In order to relieve the friend Ada, will say that I am a "man with the hoe," and am happier than I was during the twenty-one years spent in the cities of this and foreign countries, because I am in direct communication with God; and the earth, and all His creation, furnishes shelter for myself and family at my command! What does it matter if all the world is wrong if I am going as nature teaches me? Why worry about the past or future? I shall make the best of the Present. There's not a bird in the sky, nor an animal in the woods, but can teach some lesson regarding the laws of God, if man would only learn from them. Why then use the brain of someone else to think with when you can only get the Truth from God and Nature? "Never cross a bridge before you come to it," is the advice of a "Man with a Hoe."

The above is from an Oklahoma farmer. It is brimful of Mental Science, good horse sense, and sound philosophy.

\*\* Many men send me ten dollars a month for each member of their household; and some who have been doing this for years write me that it pays, not only in health but in money. The price of my healing would not amount to as much as their bills at the drug stores, to say nothing of the doctors' bills. There are many families who live in health, happiness and prosperity for one dollar a month. A little woman in California, who has been sending me five dollars a month for five years, writes me: "It is the cheapest doctoring I ever had in my life. I have been a lifelong invalid, until since I came to you, and my bills for doctors and medicines ran up as high as a thousand and fifteen hundred dollars a year. Now I never miss a day from business, and am joyful and happy on sixty dollars a year!"

\*\* In the *Washington News Letter* of September 6, the editor, Col. O. C. Sabin, announces his farewell to the Christian Science church as organized under Mrs. Eddy's control, and the formation by himself and others of a new church holding the same basic principles, but differing in the freedom allowed in the financial management. It is to be called the Reform Christian Science Church Association.—*Light of Truth*.

So, so! One new sect born from the Mother Sect of Christian Science. This is only a beginning; they will soon be coming single, as twins, and triplets! Multiply and impoverish the earth, is the order of Sectdom. Why can't people see that Truth always endorses the individual and condemns

the institution? The idea prevails that you must have an organization, an institution, to support you. Who supports me? I am better supported than any man on earth, who is supported by an institution; and, yet, I will not support any kind of an organization, association, or institution, outside of the general government. The individual is God; the institution is the Devil and Tom Walker. The institution is "Babylon, the Mother of Harlots." "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

\*\* What do you think about sex? Do you think when it is turned into a channel within ourselves, that it goes to strengthen the intellect, as the men from India teach; or do you believe when there is perfect adaptation, the exchange of forces between men and women tends to give greater vigor to the intellect, and strengthen the life force within each? I am halting between the two opinions and would like to have proof. Miss Farmer, of Eliot, Maine, believes the former, and there are people in Washington who believe the latter. I think it the most vital question of the day, and wish I might be sure. Miss Farmer quotes Phillips Brooks, and Jesus Christ of the Bible; others seem to be doing great works spiritually, and believe the latter. Helen Wilman, I believe, has published *something*, but do not know if she has proved anything, or not.

Why should people try to get away from Nature? The Principle of Being is male and female, therefore the likeness or individual being must be male and female; the correspondence between the likeness and the Principle holds good forever. The gospel of John is a splendid treatise on Regeneration. The first chapter introduces the Word, in the second chapter water is turned into wine at a marriage feast, the third chapter introduces the New Birth in a conversation with a ruler of the Jews, and the fourth chapter deals with the same subject in a conversation with a woman of Samaria. These four chapters deal with the same subject in different forms of speech. It is plainly taught that the law of generation is also the law of Regeneration. I don't know just how generation will cease and Regeneration begin, but I do know that the male and female are essential to each other in this unfolding.

\*\* Thomas Cook, editor of *The Spirit of Truth*, Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a near neighbor of mine, being only thirty miles away; yet we have never met face to face in the flesh. He is a kind of independent Spiritualist. This is the way he speaks of an article in CHRISTIAN:

Amen! and Amen!! Brother Shelton! Shake, Old Boy, shake, and hit 'em ag'in, hit 'em ag'in! As a man is so he thinketh. To the pure all that is is pure. There is no condemnation in those who are born again—redeemed—into the Christ state as Jesus was. To all who are right themselves, whatever is *is right!* Go on, go on, thou God-sent Shelton! strike until the last foe to the Christ of the Holy I am expires! The voice from all heaven to you is in the language of Shakespeare:

"Lay on, lay on, McDuff!  
And damned be he who cries, hold, enough!"

All right. God has sent me to tell a little secret on the old man. He is, by the alma-

na, over eighty years of age; and his wife has passed her three score years and ten. He sets his own type, makes up his own forms, addresses, wraps and mails; in fact, does all the work on his paper except the presswork. As he sticks closer to truth than the average Spiritualist, he is not abundantly supported; therefore he is a "man with the hoe." He raises vegetables for the Hot Springs market from a little garden in the suburbs. This year the drouth killed his garden and his only horse died. He simply praised the Lord for this good luck, and went on sticking type. Say, boys and girls, let's buy the old man a new "hoss" for a Christmas present! His paper is an eight-page monthly; 50 cents a year, 25 cents for six months. His P. O. box is 386. Here is what he said of "Good Luck" in his September issue:

Since our issue of the Aug. No. we can report the death of Pomp, our only horse, the almost total destruction of our crops, the loss of every laying hen on the place, an entire failure of fruit, which has left us in our old age of 73 and 80, as bare as a bird's nest in January. The church or orthodox people say: it is all our fault, for being mediums and accursed old Spiritualists; such Cushing, Gale, Green, Buchanan and such unbelieving Spiritists agree with them. This number closes the present volume, but, with faith in God and trusting in our subscribers and patrons, for truth's sake, we shall immediately begin with volume fifteen, and struggle hard to complete it.

\*\* The following letter will serve as a text for a few remarks on a very interesting subject:

Dear Brother Shelton: Your not-over-polite invitation to renew subscription to CHRISTIAN, or be struck from its list, calls my attention to the fact that my subscription expired with July number. Now I for one feel ashamed of my negligence, and hasten to forward my fifty cents, and at the same time to send out the mental suggestion that other delinquents do likewise. But say, dear Brother Thomas, if the *silent* word is so much more *powerful* than the spoken or written word, why this emphatic and decidedly human method of raising the wind? Seriously now, and in all love and reverence for your "I am," why should one be expected to have confidence in the efficacy of your treatments for health and financial success, when the silent power is inadequate to the solving of your own financial problems? There are truths in each issue of CHRISTIAN which would make the paper cheap at fifty cents a copy. It is your indisputable right to receive from each subscriber the small amount which you demand for the publication—but why is not the I Am as able to cope with this question in the silence as with others? To acknowledge that it is not, is to place a limitation on a power which you claim is omnipotent. I have sufficient faith in the power of the spirit to believe that this matter could be handled in the silence, and that much more satisfactorily than by the method you have adopted. This may seem like interfering with your business, but I do not write in that spirit. It is with me a question of principle, which I should like your opinion upon if you see fit to answer. Yours for Truth, FRANCES.

If all could receive the silent word there would be no need of publishing CHRISTIAN. The paper is sent forth as a medium of communication with those who are not in the vibrations of the silent word. There are thousands of persons who owe for CHRISTIAN since 1895; there are other thousands

who owe for one, two and three years. Such persons can not receive the silent word. If ever such people are raised from the dead, it will be by the blast of Gabriel's trumpet; and, even then, some of them will not wake up unless Gabe blows more than once. The reception of the Silent Word requires co-operation on the part of the recipient. This is the reason why I give special personal treatments to each one who applies to me for help. Those who are in spiritual conjunction with me were the very first ones to respond to this notice to pay up, many of them paying in advance; yet, the notice was not intended for such people. I am sifting the subscription list, so that only those who appreciate CHRISTIAN will receive it. When this shall have been accomplished, I will put more and more money into the paper until it is made as perfect as possible. The key note for 1900 is to make the highest statements of truth in the clearest language known to man. It is for the benefit of my readers, and not for myself, that I am calling for a show of colors. I have plenty of money, and no poor kin; therefore, if you don't want CHRISTIAN say so. And if you do want it, say so. Remember, I am not asking anyone to pay in advance, unless they wish to do so; but you must pay up to date. This number closes five years of CHRISTIAN under the New Thought, and nine years of my unfoldment in the Spirit. I have trusted you for five years, and am willing to trust you for five years more, if you will pay for what you have already received. Yes, I will do more: *I will credit all back dues up to 1900 for one dollar.* Now, this is my very last word on this subject for at least another five years.

#### DO I DENY THE BIBLE.

The following letter is from a prominent preacher who heard me preach for many months, at a time when I was just coming out of darkness into light; he is a man of learning and great ability. The letter is private, and I will not give so much as an initial, for fear that his orthodoxy may be injured in the eyes of his brethren who believe me to be an arch heretic:

Bro. Shelton, for I only knew you as such in 1888, I have been informed that you now deny that the Bible is a book worthy of the consideration of poor, blind, wandering man. It is hard to believe that one so brilliant, so gifted and so humble as I knew you to be ten or twelve years ago, could deny the very book from which unshaken truths do come. I am almost confident that if you had correctly understood the purposes for which Jesus made his appearance, and is yet to appear on earth, that you would today be one of the great and able teachers of that one central truth. I am always slow to believe evil and to reject those of whom I have known so much good to shine forth. I know nothing personally to lessen my love for you, and may I hope that you have been misunderstood? One who will now open his Bible and look at the nations in their war preparations cannot discredit its statements. Their actions were pictured out by the writers of the Bible many hundred years ago. This good old earth was created to be inhabited by persons in the image of their Creator—"multiply and replenish" was the order, and it stands unrepealed, to be literally carried out under the 1000 years rule of the living Son of God after His personal return to the

City of the Great King—Jerusalem. This is as certain as that today you and I are living and moving by Father's good will and permission.

Report also has it that by your new teachings the multiplication of dollars has come to you. Knowing your somewhat cramped condition and the pressing needs of your wife and beautiful young family I cannot begrudge this means of relief, for no one knows better than I the neglect of the taught to the teacher which prevails all over the land. May not this have been a leading cause in your change of front? Seeing that those who had learned so much had paid so little may have broken your faith in the Word and in humanity. But I do not write to find fault with you, but to know if you have set aside the Bible, its author and his Son. I shall, if it seems good to you, be so pleased to have a letter from you. I am yet believing and teaching the Bible, I am almost ashamed to say, to people, the larger majority of whom care but little for its glorious truths. But my faith is unshaken even if its teachings are rejected *and its teacher unloved and uncared for much too often.* I have ventured this letter in love for one whom I so highly esteemed when I knew him personally.

I need not say that this letter was received in the spirit in which it was sent. No, my "change of front" was not for lack of financial support. When I left the pulpit I had the best salary and the best church I had ever known, and was at the height of my popularity as a preacher. However, financial blessings are not the least I have received from the Lord, for an old preacher and an old horse are in the same vibration. Of the two I would prefer to be an old horse, for then I could graze around without having to keep up appearances. The old horse doesn't have to go about with his shiny black suit and an out-of-date plug hat! No, I had good clothes, good food, lived in my own house, and was loved and honored by my congregation. Why did I leave? I was literally forced out by Luke 14:26. I wanted to be a disciple of the truth. I lost my life that I might find it. I accepted the challenge of Jesus Christ, and cut off everything, even to my own life. For nine years I have followed my own Spirit without regard to what people said or thought of my course. As I was entirely unacquainted with my Spirit, the God within me, I have made many blunders. I had never met myself, therefore it was several years before I could hear myself think. But I kept agoing, and am now on speaking terms with the Divinity within me.

As I became better acquainted with my own spirit I was astonished to find that through it I knew God and was known of God. I ought to have known this long before, for, as God is One there can be no spirit that is not one with God. Therefore my spirit is the Son of God, the offspring of the Almighty. There isn't anything else for me to be. In the Kingdom of Heaven there are no superiors or inferiors, therefore my Father and I are One. You see, the bias of humanity has fashioned heaven after the order of earth. This would turn heaven into hell, for where you have high and low, superiors and inferiors, you are bound to have hell. My brother, Jesus of Nazareth, "who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but

made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." It was all that a man could do when he found that the human form was the form of God. Crucifixion was the only thing in order. As soon as the spirit of man recognizes the Father, he begins to crucify the flesh.

Have I set aside the Bible? Have I set aside the Rocky Mountains? A mental effort on my part could set aside the Bible about as easy as a physical effort on my part could set aside the Rocky Mountains. The man who could not see the glory of the Sermon on the Mount could not see Pike's Peak; and one who would turn away from the Lord's Prayer would fail to see the Golden Gate. The Bible is full of inspiration. But it takes just as much inspiration to read the Bible as it did to write it. Inspired writings always and forever demand inspired readers. If the spirit that wrote the Bible is in you, every word will be plain to your understanding; if not, its words will only mystify your mortal mind. And, if the Spirit of Truth is in you, you can write a Bible for yourself. The idea that God has made the individual dependent on the printing press, or the mouth of another individual, is nonsense, if not blasphemy. "God is no respecter of persons."

I understand you to say that Jesus is to return in person to Jerusalem, Palestine. Why, bless you, the "City of the Great King" is not made with hands. It is made out of human beings. It is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. Did you never read the twenty-first chapter of Revelations? And did you never read the fourth chapter of Galatians? "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." My dear brother, the Mother of us all is not a city made out of bricks and mortar! When the Spirit of Truth inspires you it will lead you to see the Christ in every man and the Church in every woman. When every man is a manifest Christ and every woman a Church of the Living God, then you will see the New Jerusalem descend from God out of Heaven, adorned as a Bride for her Husband. This IS the "City of the Great King," and the "Great King" is the Spirit of Truth. Jesus of Nazareth will simply take his place along with the rest of us, and God the Father will be All and in All. This is much better than for the inhabitants of this little planet to be falling over each other trying to reach a person in a city on earth. Why, bless you, there was not more than one of us in an hundred thousand who could get to see Dewey! What would we do if Jesus should come? Remember, that the Christ IN YOU is the hope of glory.

\* \* \* "Dear Dr. Shelton: Find enclosed one dollar. Please send me two papers for the coming year, as one does not last long enough; wears out in my pocket. I like to read CHRISTIAN sitting by the camp fire. It is always fresh, though I may read it a dozen times. You know I am a 'prospector' Have two good copper claims."

## AN I AM SERMON.

Light!

I Am the Light!

"Ye are the light of the world."

In discussing the subject of inspiration we find that God inspires the individual and not the institution. What is the nature of inspiration? This is our next question. The idea has gone forth that inspiration and infallibility are one and the same. This is an error. This untruth has clouded the whole question of inspiration and caused men to doubt. Of course inspiration, the breath of the Almighty, is infallible. But the medium is not infallible. Paul puts the whole thing in a nutshell when he says, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels." Yes, the treasure is genuine, there is no alloy in the treasure, but the vessel holding the treasure is of the earth. The Light is light, but it shines through mortal vision; the window is weak and small, and can hold just so much light and no more. There never has been an inspired man on earth who was free from blunders and mistakes. I will not make exception. Jesus did not succeed in escaping blunders; but I will not undertake here to point them out, for Jesus has been idealized and idolized until the average mind is not ready to see anything less in Him than absolute infallibility.

But, in the true Jesus, we find a man with a mortal body, subject to hunger, thirst, sleep, fatigue, and even death. It does no good to shut your eyes to facts. Men who spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance often misunderstood the Spirit; and sometimes they had to say, "Not I, the Lord" to make the distinction between the Not I and the I Am. Here is where we, who are inspired, in this day, make our first blunder and get our first backset. We start out with the idea of infallibility, and when mistakes appear we think the Spirit is lying or deceiving us. The mistake is in us; the Spirit is doing the best that can be done with the means at hand. I remember the anguish, the pain, I endured while feeling my way in the psychic fogs. I was sent hither and thither, on all kinds of foolish errands, and lies came to me thick as flies. I did not know what to do or what to believe. I couldn't go backward and take up the old book and the old life, and yet, I didn't seem to go forward to anything definite. I was going around in a circle. There were all kinds of fanciful ideas, and wild schemes, passing before my mind. I thought all these crazy-quilt patterns were in the Spirit. They were all in me. My old idea of infallibility clung to me. I thought the Spirit was going to lift me, by the strap of my boots, into the kingdom of magic, where I could rub Aladdin's lamp and have everything my foolish fancy called for. I was going to turn over a flat stone and find buried treasure ready for use. I was going to heal without knowing how I did it. I was going to heal by the power of an echo. I was going to walk up to a blind man and say, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command thee to open thine eyes." I would say to the paralytic, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

Oh, yes, I was going to repeat what Jesus said, and expect the same results, just like a parrot says, "Polly! Polly, wants a cracker." I was going to astonish the world and make men stare at me in amazement. An echo, a Pollparrot, was going to be a second Jesus Christ. I was going to shut my eyes and find lost articles, catch criminals, forestall the future, and in fact be Aladdin over again. When these things didn't manifest I thought the Spirit was fooling me. Mind you, all the time these foolish things were flitting, like bats in the halls of my mind, there were wonderful phenomena taking place in me. I saw visions, heard voices, dreamed dreams, and was driven and led in many ways. But I was a fool for want of sense. The old notions of infallible wisdom and supernatural power were in my mind, and the true light caused these shadows of error to flit across the walls and appear to be living realities. So I followed the flitting shadows, thinking they were substantial and real entities. What could the Spirit do? Freedom is essential to intelligent being; therefore, the Spirit couldn't stop me by arbitrary force. The Light must shine on until my window panes were washed and polished by experience. God is long suffering and patient. If He hadn't been He never could have educated such an idiot into the knowledge of the Truth. Getting disgusted with jack-o'-lanterns, I rebelled and told the Spirit that I wouldn't be a party to such foolishness. I stopped praying, went to swearing, and made a declaration of individual independence. This is just what was needed. If you don't want foolishness you needn't have it. The error was in me, and the Spirit was very glad to get it out of me in the shortest way possible. I now remember, one day, when I wanted to know who was talking to me, the Spirit said, "I am the devil, and if it hadn't been for the prayers of so and so (mentioning two of my preacher friends) you would have been in hell long ago." This shocked me and scared me for a minute. Then I began to analyze the statement, and answered by saying: "Satan, I am glad to meet you. I've been wanting the Bible to get up and walk, and, if I have really met Satan and talked with him, maybe some of the other Bible characters may come to life. Who knows but I may yet meet the living Christ." As for my preacher friends praying for me, I gave the Voice to understand that I wouldn't change characters with either of them, for I was more of a man than they and stood a better show for righteousness. They were both hypocrites, while I was the noblest work of God—an honest man. So my scare soon passed, and I was ready to interview Satan on any subject pertaining to earth, hell or heaven. I think my few years as a newspaper reporter served to prepare me for getting at bottom facts.

I soon found out that, being an honest man, I had an honest God. Step by step I began to investigate psychic phenomena and to find the key to the knowledge of Spirit. The elimination of error from my own mind has been, and now is, my only task. The light is universal and abundant.

There is no lack of inspiration. The only thing in the way is a knowledge of the truth to enable one to use the light. If I had opened the eyes of the blind, without knowing how I did it, the effect would have been to unbalance my mind and make me a raving maniac. Every one who witnessed the miracle would have gone mad. Why? Because the human mind is not now like it was in the days of Jesus. In that day a miracle was no more astonishing than a stroke of lightning. But in this age we have slowly departed from the supernatural, and attuned our minds to the vibrations of Science. An electric light may flash on us, but not until we are ready for it. Therefore, when a Jesus Christ appears, He must come in the name of Science. He will never come again through religion, or the church. The man who heals will be able to explain how he heals. When the eyes of the blind are opened the healer will tell the blind man just how the light will come, and prepare his mind for the reception of the Truth. There may and probably will be instantaneous healing, but the mental preparation will precede the healing, so that when the word is spoken it will be Science, and not magic. "As the lightning shineth from the east even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be." There will be no running to Denver to see and receive the touch of Schlatter; no going to Jerusalem to meet Jesus. A telegram, a telephone, a telepathic message will flash the Truth from pole to pole, and from mind to mind. The morning paper will announce that the law of vision has been discovered, and that a Scientist is opening the eyes of the blind. Let us remember that in the New Covenant, "They shall all know me, from the least unto the greatest, saith the Lord." There will be a race of enlightened individuals, and the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters of the ocean cover the depths of the sea. Knowledge! This is the great enlightener, the great revealer of secrets, the sunlight which vanishes darkness. "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." It is not hearing truth, or believing truth, but knowing it.

Knowing the Truth makes you free from error. Just as soon as I ceased to want a lie I heard the Truth. As long I as was looking for a lie, as long as I thought I knew what I wanted better than God, I heard and followed falsehood. Why? Because the Spirit could not abridge my liberty. This would be to take away my divinity and destroy my individual being. This cannot be. God cannot destroy me without committing suicide. I am essential to God, and therefore my liberty is inviolable. For this reason the Spirit had to follow my desires, just like tossing toys and sweets to a child. The child is more than all the toys. When growth and knowledge comes to the child its toys are cast aside, and it wonders why it ever took any interest in such things. But the playthings were very essential to happiness and growth at the time when they were given. Thus it is with the breath of the Almighty. It blew all these fanciful fantasies in my face, as long as my attention was fixed in that direction. Of course I now

look back and wonder how I ever came to make such a fool of myself. Don't laugh! I have the glorious consolation of knowing that I am not the only fool. I have been a teacher long enough to know that we nearly all pass through the same experience. There are variations but the fundamentals are the same. For instance, I once thought that God didn't have but one woman on the earth, and that if I didn't get her everything was lost. I was hypnotized with her face, her hair, her eyes, even her clothing, and couldn't see anyone else. I found out that God had plenty of women and plenty of dirt out of which to make more, if the supply should not equal the demand. Also to my great wonder I found other eyes, other faces, and even other old clothes just as glorious in my eyes! The Spirit is free, and the Truth makes you free from bondage to anything, or anybody. But all these things come into your knowledge by the cutting of your wisdom teeth. The learner raves, moans, and almost goes mad, but the Spirit is always calm and serene. After awhile you learn to be like God. You become loose, free, and know that you are not a dependent for your own on that which is, or belongs to, another. Your kingdom is within you. There is not a woman or a man, or a thing essential to your being, or your happiness.

This does not mean that you will not enjoy women, men, and things, for your own will come to you. But all things will come to you because they are your own; your own will harmonize with you. There is no law of man, or God, which can prevent your own from coming to you when you are prepared to receive. Don't worry about preparing man's laws; prepare yourself. The way is in you. When you are ready to receive, you will be astonished to see what you thought insurmountable difficulties vanish like dewdrops before the rising sun. The way, the truth, the life is in you. Instead of going crazy over one woman you rejoice in the fact that all women are your women, all children are your children, all houses are your houses, all lands are your lands, and all life is your life. The vibrations widen until you rejoice in taking a deep breath in the universal love and life.

"Ye are the light of the world." The true light of the world is Spirit. The reflected light, called mortal mind, is of the moon. The sun is Spirit; and when the direct rays of the sun begin to shine in you, there is a wonderful disturbance in your world of thought. Psychic phenomena are produced by rays of sunlight. You must learn to know the Truth so that you may receive the light. "The lamp of the body is the eye." This is true; but the light shines in the lamp, and you may destroy the lamp without injuring the light. "If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" The lamp that is in thee has gone out, or sends out the flickering rays of the pale moon; but the real light is always there. Then your own light is a personal matter? Yes, it is your own, and you must use it for yourself. As you open your lungs to the universal air so you must open your mind to all Truth. Listen

to your own Spirit. My friend, Sam Walter Foss, has put the thought in these words:

"Ah, teacher, let me hear you teach;  
You have brave words from olden seers,  
The love of those long bearded men  
Of all the far off years;  
The gray old thoughts of gray old men  
Beneath the Asian stars,  
Brought safe by fate through clashing years  
Of remembered wars.  
And you have read the huddled tomes  
Of many an alcoved shelf;  
But have you stood beneath the stars  
And listened to yourself?"

"Ah, teacher, let me hear you teach;  
You at old sages' feet have sat;  
Know you the man within your coat,  
The man beneath your hat?  
You know the thoughts that shaped the world,  
From far off centuries blown;  
What says the man who talks with thee  
When thou art all alone?  
Why should I listen to a man  
Who listens at the alcoved shelf?  
Man, let me hear a living man  
Who listens to himself."

Inspiration, then, is the illumination of the mind. What mind? Whose mind? Your own mind. Just as you are so your light will be. When you find out that the music is not in the piano, or not even in you, but in the invisible, you will begin to get ready to use the piano, your fingers, your brain, to bring forth the music from the universal. The music which you make will depend upon the musician and his instrument. The Spirit will give you the very best you are prepared to receive, from hey-diddle-diddle to a symphony. There is nothing small about God; the smallness is in you. Inspiration is as free and as natural as the light. It comes to all who are asking, seeking, knocking in the Way of Truth. The realm of the infinite is man's own native place. He is not a pig that he should be contented with the mire and the clay of earth. He is spirit, and nothing less than the domain of spirit will satisfy his desires. He is master of the stars and has a right to listen to their language. He is an heir of all things and has a divine right to demand the opulence of God.

Where is the center of the Universal Intelligence? I am lost in the vastness of what you call the Spirit. What is it? Where is it? IT IS THE SUN! The only objective God is the sun. Before our eyes and in our very life is the sun. In it we live, move, and have our being. It is God. Because we see it all the time, and couldn't see, or live without it, we think it common and unworthy of our worship. But, as you begin to study Science, you will cease to take things for granted; you will no longer be contented with faith, or belief, in the unseen and unknown. You will want to know and see. Look! Behold your Father in the heavens! All life is movement, all movement is vibratory. The sun is a circle of motion, of movement, of vibration; it is the source of all movement, of all vibrations, of all life. Swedenborg says that the sun is Pure Fire, that is, self feeding flame, not fire fed by combustible matter. I say, by the Word of the I Am, that the sun is Pure Spirit, the Father of all Spirit, and the substance of all things. Are there not other suns? Yes, but all are the same substance; that is, pure Spirit. This means intelligence, enlightenment, wisdom, love, truth, God. The use we make of words is scientific when we make ignorance, darkness; and intelligence, light. Man is a universe

within himself. His body is earth, his mortal mind moon, and his spirit is sun. The illumination of the Spirit brings you into the sunlight of your own being. Listen! What we see as the sun may be a large moon; that is, the reflected light of the central sun. It may be that the real sun is invisible to us in its direct rays. This idea was given me as a hint and not as a direct revelation. However, as far as objective vision goes, the sun is the vibratory center, the Father of Being; that is, Being as substance. From this Center flows all intelligence and all movement. This is taught by the light of the Divine Presence in the Holy of Holies in the Hebrew Temple. God is Light!

#### THERE IS ONLY GOD.

Every honest worker is endeavoring to educe intelligence from ignorance, or good from evil. Even the craziest metaphysical crank would hesitate before telling a son who manifested light fingered proclivities that it was good to steal. But if all is good, stealing is no exception to the rule. Honor is good, dishonor is bad; and this we all admit when dishonor comes into our personal experience. We resent it, we punish it. We do everything in our power to escape from the effects of it, but we never try to dodge the results of good. A person may be improved by suffering. This is often the case, but it by no means proves that suffering *per se* is good. A man may be better in health after a fever. Caloric has done its work and burned up a lot of detrimental material. The end may be good for him, though it by no means felt good when he was passing through the fiery furnace. But how about those who stood by and kept him from burning to a cinder? Were the anxious days and sleepless nights good for them? "No man suffers to himself alone." If he did I should see a lot more good in it than I am able to discover at the present moment.

And now what is the use of repeating like poll parrots that everything is good, when we are trying to overcome the opposite of good every moment of our lives? What is the use of saying to a pain, "All is good," when at the same time we are treating it as something exceedingly undesirable? Pain is an interloper, an enemy, a thief in the night. We hate pain, we loathe pain, we will have nothing to do with pain if we can possibly prevent it. The whole world cries out against pain, and constantly gives the lie to the statement that pain is good. The man who kills another man is not in a good business. The man who ravishes an innocent girl is not possessed by the Spirit of God or good.

Yes, I believe that some time in the boundless ages the divine spark in every creature will be fanned into a divine flame. And I also think it right to recognize—or try to—this God-spark in the most depraved human being, and to do whatever lies in our power to make the spark glow. We can do a great deal in such directions. We are accomplishing wonders every day. But if a man is drunk he is drunk, and to call him sober is to call yourself a liar as well as a fool.—Eleanor Kirk, in *Eleanor Kirk's Idea*.

The above is an extract from a long editorial in which Eleanor declares that henceforth she is not going to call everybody and everything Good. She is going to call some things and some people evil. This means that she is going to become cross eyed, lopsided and unbalanced in her thinking. The world of humanity is in a state of chaos from trying to reconcile God and the devil. The result is that the majority of mankind

are devil worshippers. If there is any evil or devil, then all is evil and all is devil. There cannot be two principles of Being. There is only God or else there is only devil. Good and evil cannot mix. If you can see evil at all you can easily see evil as All. What little of good that you can find on the horizon of mortality is not worth counting. Life here below begins with a cry of pain and ends in a gasp for breath. "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." The few pulsations of pleasure only serve to intensify the pain. Therefore what we call pleasure is the deepest and most damnable of all our evils. The hopes of life are a delusion and a snare. The lips we kiss in love today are the food of worms tomorrow. The eyes which thrill us with love today are clods of dirt tomorrow. What a hissing, damnable mockery is mortal life! Why don't you say there is no Good: All is evil? You can say this with better logic and more common sense than to say there is God and evil. God and evil are diametrically opposed to each other. You can have one without the other, but you can't have both together.

The advocates of evil say there is light and darkness, good and evil, wrong and right. Yes, but there isn't any such thing as darkness. There is only light. There isn't any such thing as wrong. There is only right. Darkness is not a thing. Wrong is not a thing. What is a shadow? It is a condition caused by the position which a body temporarily holds to the light. Thank God for the shadow of night. How glorious it makes the sunrise! Thank God for the cross. How glorious it makes the crown! Blessed be the name of the Creator whose wisdom has filled the Universe with the morning, the noontide, the evening and the night!

The reason why you are unbalanced between good and evil, God and devil, is because you do not understand the law. There is no moral principle in the law. The law is neither good nor bad; it is simply the law. The law goes right on in the same way forever, unless Intelligence directs it in some other way. Intelligence is higher than the law. God directs the law in a general way; therefore the Universe moves on forever without an accident. The suns shine, the planets revolve, and all things work together for Good. The law grinds right along every day, without regard to what or whom it grinds. God's fire burns the houses of the poor and rich alike; the waters o'erwhelm men, women and children, without regard to their moral standing, or the intensity of their prayers. A cyclone is no respecter of persons. Why does not God keep our ships from sinking, our houses from burning, and our little ones from disease and death? Why does not God, the All Good, save us from plagues, pestilence, famine, and the horrors of disease and death? Why does not God control the law in particular as well as in general? Why have we not a special Providence as well as a general Providence? Why does not God guide and control my person the same as He controls the planets? BECAUSE I AM NOT A PLANET. This is the reason, and the only reason, why I am not governed by arbitrary

law. I am more than all the planets. I am God; therefore special Providence belongs to my own personal dominion. God Universal controls the law in His Universal dominion; but God Personal controls the law in His special dominion. "For as the Father has life in Himself, IN THE SAME WAY, even to the Son gave he to have life in himself; and gave him authority to be executing judgment, because he is SON OF MAN." (John 5:26, 27.) This is a tremendous statement! Our blind guides have been telling us that God was executing judgment on the earth. It is not true. "The Scripture can not be broken." Listen! "Let them have dominion" is the commandment which came forth from the Eternal Word. Jesus Christ knew that this Word must stand forever; therefore you hear him saying: "For neither does the Father judge anyone, but all judgment has He given to the Son, that all may be honouring the Son according as they are honouring the Father. He who honours not the Son, honours not the Father who sent him."

The expression "Son of Man" simply means Son of The Man. Jesus is called the Son of Adam in Luke's genealogy, and Adam is called the Son of God. This is the only scientific genealogy given in the Bible. Jesus is the Son of God by virtue of being the Son of Man. Adam is the only begotten Son of the Father. Jesus, recognizing the Fatherhood of God, puts himself in Adam's place and calls himself Son of Man. I quote from Rotherham's word for word translation of the New Testament. When you understand that God never made but one man and woman, you will understand the unity of humanity. God's promises never fail. What was spoken to Adam was spoken forever. No satan, or serpent, or devil, can interfere with the plans of God. Adam and Eve were promised dominion over all the earth, and they will have it. How can man have dominion if God takes this dominion out of his hands? It has never been taken out of his hands. "Let them have dominion" is equal to a direct commandment. God cannot change His mind. Jesus recognized this unchangeable will of Jehovah when He declares that all judgment is given to man.

Jesus does not claim authority on account of his divinity, but because of his humanity. The promises were not made to God, but to man. Therefore Jesus speaks scientifically when he says that God "gave him authority to be executing judgment, because he is SON OF MAN." When you get these thoughts in your mind you have the key note of Eternal Life, and an explanation of all the seeming contradictions of mortality. The conquest of the earth belongs to man. The execution of the judgments of earth are in the hands of man. If anything goes wrong blame man for it. Why doth God put such power in the hands of man? Because Man is the Son of God. The Father loveth the Son, and will not abridge the freedom of the Son. If man was a mere creature of God he would be governed by arbitrary law; but being a Son he must have the "glorious liberty of the children of God."

Now, if I am given authority to be, executing judgment in my own dominion, God cannot handcuff me into submission to His will. When I was driven by dipsomania into periods of drunkenness and consequent sufferings, I wondered why God did not keep me from drinking. I thought it strange that He did not answer my prayers or give heed the prayers of my wife and friends. What a fool! It would have been the utter abolition of my divinity, if this were possible, for God to interfere with my freedom. All judgment is given unto me; therefore when I want whiskey the only thing for God to do is to let me have it. When I desire wine and women the Infinite Supply will bring wine and women before me to satisfy my desires. Can I harm wine or women? No, not in the least. Can I do any harm to myself? No; not a hair of my head can be injured by me or anyone else. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without my Father's notice. No personal action can interfere with the general Providence of God. I am only executing judgment in my own personal dominion. If I wish to descend into the lower regions of my kingdom and revel in wine, women, war, and other "works of the flesh," there is neither God, man, angel nor devil to hinder me. I have supreme authority. But, beloved, I have no power to ruin a woman, kill a man or injure myself. I am simply training my faculties in a world of matter. All the so called things in the objective world are so many playthings in the hands of the children of God. Liberty to knock down these tenpins is given us for the exercise of our mental faculties; and the hellfire of mortality is the fire of purification. The only real substance is Spirit. Matter is simply a changeable form of Spirit; the unchangeable substance remains the same forever. The material worlds, the system of worlds, were given to us for our learning that we through these things might have a knowledge of the Truth. God turns us loose among material things as you turn your child loose among its playthings. You are not caring about the child's environment so much as you are caring for the child. It is the child you are trying to educate; therefore you surround it with clothing, food, toys, books, and everything which will unfold the mind. If it breaks a toy or tears a book you are not frantic with grief. Why? Because you know there are other toys and other books. Thus it is with the Almighty when we slay men in battle and make havoc of our earthly kingdom. He has plenty of dirt out of which to make more mortal men and women. The immortal man is not dirt; therefore he remains the same yesterday, today and forever.

Since the Spirit remains the same forever, why does the order of the Universe require unfoldment, education and growth in the individual? Because the individual is mind as well as spirit, and the mind can only grow by gaining knowledge. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Free from what? Free from the want of knowledge; that is, free from ignorance. Knowledge can only be gained by experience. It is the order of the Universe that ignorance must precede knowl-

edge. One of the keenest joys of existence is in exercising the mind in searching for knowledge; and one of the greatest pleasures of life is in knowing that you know. Now if in a search for knowledge I follow my appetites and passions and descend into the lower regions of my kingdom, it is good for me to do so. If it were not good for me some mighty hand would be stretched out to hinder me. As my Father permits me to go into the lower regions it is safe for me to do so. "He who descended is the same also that ascended." Of course it is the same, for he who cannot descend is unable to ascend. The power to go up carries with it the power to go down. When I have exercised judgment in seeking happiness in the lower regions of my kingdom, and find only pain, sickness, suffering and death, I conclude that my judgment is at fault. As all judgment has been committed to me, there is only one way out of my troubles. Jesus can speak the word of truth to me, but He can't save me. God cannot put handcuffs on me and march me into the kingdom of heaven with a shotgun. I may cry aloud night and day and no one will come to my help. I am a free born Son of God, and if I want to make my bed in hell it is my own business. But I don't want to stay in hell; it hurts, and I find that I am unhappy, and that all of those around me are unhappy. What am I to do? I am the judge; therefore I simply change my judgment. I desire glory, honor and immortality; and behold! the Infinite Supply brings before me glory, honor and immortality to satisfy my desires. God always follows your desires. The very lowest and the very highest of your desires are met by the Infinite Supply. You can't get away from God. "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee."

There is only God! God Universal and God personal are One and the same in Being. "I and my Father are one." It would be just as easy for the Son to lose the Father as for the Father to lose the Son. Verily, verily, I say unto you, every step in the unfoldment of man is Good. It is unfoldment, the unfolding of the meaning!

\*\* A reader writes me as follows: "I have had the pleasure and benefit of reading CHRISTIAN for a long time and have not paid for it at all, and I feel humiliated that I have nothing with which to pay for it. I am indebted to friends for a home and all necessary comforts, but money is not furnished me, and my belief in Mental Science has no favor from them." The writer then goes on and in a very nice letter shows a clear conception of the truth. Will I mark this name off the list? Not a bit of it. All such persons are welcome to CHRISTIAN until it brings them to a place where they are able to pay for it. Humiliation should come to those who can and will not; but not to those who would and can not.

## HAS MUCH TO LEARN.

Dear Sir: Some one has sent me two copies of your paper, and I have read every word of them with intense interest, not that they contain a thing new or uncontrasted by me, but the individuality of the writer interests me exceedingly. You are a unique character and only explainable by astrology. I admire your courage and self assertion, but there is too much financial "method in your madness," and you are as contradictory as the Bible itself. Yet your vaporings contain many truths proved by human experience that the ordinary Christian coward dares not assert, because it is unconventional, and will even deny for the same reason. I can see that you are doing a good work for the world of humanity, that you are especially adapted for the intermediate work of bridging the chasm between the idiocy of superstition and supernaturalism and the majesty of universal law and materialism, and lifting human thought from the froth of spiritism to the solid ground of the universal motive force of electricity. You do not, as you think, realize or comprehend the ultimate results of the rapid mental revolution that you are forcefully helping along; and while it is distressing to me, who was born into a higher sphere of mentality, where absolute truth is comprehended, and where we have to look down on a degraded and grovelling mass of dwarfed intelligence, without the power to lift them up to us because we cannot speak their language, it is comforting to observe one like you, born of them, speaking their dialect, yet sufficiently susceptible to the inspiration of universal truth to realize that something is wrong with society and religion, and sufficient courage to throw a bomb amongst them with the hope of producing some mental action which will necessarily improve their vision and increase their brain power. Whenever the reasoning faculties of the average human animal shall have expanded and developed about twenty-five per cent. beyond present capacity, the theory of God and immortality will disappear like dew before the morning sun, and an era of intelligence will at once supervene. I would like to take up your theories in detail, but cannot for want of time, but I can commend your socialism and individualism versus the slavery of the legal family. I would hate to think that the cause of your denying certain things in terms and immediately proceeding to prove them true was the result of alcoholic ecstasy. Telepathy is an important fact, but unfortunately it is limited to electro-magnetic conditions, subject to harmonial relations between individuals, just as much as wireless telegraphy depends upon a harmonial adjustment between the two instruments. You cannot operate on or effect a mind that is not magnetically adjusted to yours, and all minds are not susceptible to such adjustment. As between men and women it is more natural and applicable, but will not work in a majority of cases, although I believe can be increased by cultivation. I wish you success in jarring the nerves of the idiots of your country. Hit them hard!

RANFORD WORTHING.

This young man will learn many things before he is a hundred years older. When humanity evolves away from God and immortality it will be when they cease to be intelligent beings. The hope of humanity in the immortality of individuality has been the anchor of the intellect. The sanity of humanity has been preserved by the hope that death did not end all. When men cease to hope for a hereafter they will go mad. Even Ingersoll's agnosticism did not shut out the hope of an immortal mind. His funeral orations were full of a longing desire for immortality. Scientific investigation will yet confirm man's hope and bring

life and immortality to light. I already know that death does not end individual existence, and that I will be more alive when I shuffle off this mortal coil than I am now.

## A FEW MORE REMARKS.

BY DENISE HERENDEEN.

Dr. Shelton: I ask permission to answer a letter and questions in CHRISTIAN.

The letter is from a dear friend and former student of mine in Washington, D. C., and I have always profited by her criticism. Here is her letter:

My Dear Denise: Again your welcome letter has lain unanswered much longer than I intended. Bless your dear soul, it did me so much good to hear from you once more. It is fall, and I have been wondering if Denise is not to come back to Washington.

Since receiving your letter I have read and reread your article in July CHRISTIAN. You know, my dear, that I have always been very frank with you in giving my humble opinions (whether asked or not), and I shall try to be so now.

I understand all you say regarding "Thy Maker Is Thine Husband," and until you come to Shelton's statement—"Then the I Am, my Maker, is my Wife, and my Sister, and my Mother." Here I lose the trail completely, and feel that it is useless for me to flounder around trying to soar into the realm of metaphysics, for I am only comfortable when my feet are touching *terra firma*, in the shape of something within the reach of experience or reason. Whether there is a feminine in a man, or a masculine in a woman, I don't know, and I must say—begging your and Shelton's pardon—that I don't think anyone else does. Neither do I think it would benefit us if we did. Of course there are some who THINK they understand metaphysics. They do not need such an article. "Jesus came, not to call the righteous, but poor, ignorant sinners to repentance," and I truly think such articles only mystify and muddle many who are hungry for the good, solid, sensible truth, that will help them to travel over this rough path of life. I understand, of course, that those who are spiritually mated will bring forth more spiritual children, etc., because it is reasonable. Your article is well written, my dear, and shows that you are gaining more freedom in expressing yourself. Don't you know that one of the reasons that I always liked your teachings better than others was because you did not go into vagaries and speculations. You taught what you knew, and knew whereof you spoke.

But this is all. I feel sure I shall be cut off your list after this. But it grieves me to think that YOU may join the list of "speculators," when there is so much good, pure, helpful God's truth waiting to be taught. "Verily, the harvest is plentiful but the reapers are few."

Well, this is surely a long ways from what I started to write, or what I had intended to say when I read your article. The Spirit has had its say and I will have to let it stand, even if it hurts my dear little soul-sister. Sometime you may feel grateful for this "tiny thorn." You will always know that the motive was good.

I think I wrote you that I had not attended any lectures, and you may think I am losing ground, but I feel sure that I am growing upward; for it is easier to "wait on the Lord," and to say, "Thy will, not mine," when a trial confronts me, and then I send thanks to Denise.

Well, I have almost written a volume, and I fear some that may not be very welcome, but I could not help it. How I do long for a good quiet chat with you these days while I am alone. I had lots more things that I intended saying, but got started about your

article and now I don't remember them, but you've had a dose large enough for once.

Always with the same love for my soul-sister,  
E. L. H.

When I read your letter I thought, "Well, it sounds exactly as if her husband had written it."

You say you understand *all* I say regarding "Thy Maker Is Thine Husband," but when it comes to Shelton's statement that "the I Am, my Maker, is my Wife, and my Sister, and my Mother," you flounder. Strange, isn't it, that we can understand that God, the Divine Self, is our Husband, and cannot understand how God, the Divine Self of man, is his Wife? You surely cannot believe that God would give to all women a Divine Husband, and not give a Divine Wife to the men? Nothing but mortal women for the men! My dear, this comes from taking a one sided view of things. We must solve all problems by the Principle, which is, "God created Man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; MALE and FEMALE created He them." Remember, male and female created He THEM; not male created He him, and female created He her, but male and female created He every individual.

Our experiences are always messengers of truth for us, and we gain by them in proportion as we understand how to receive the message from the messenger. Our reason is always "the light unto our path;" but if our path is mortal, reason will reveal things entirely different from the Immortal path. Therefore, the kind of knowledge gained by the use of experience and reason, whether false or true, mortal or Divine, depends wholly on which path we are in. If you will read the article once more you will see I did not say there was "a feminine in a man, or a masculine in a woman." I said: "All life is dual. It is both masculine and feminine. Every human being is both masculine and feminine." Why? Because the human being—the *being*—is life; and all life is dual. You have often seen men who were "very feminine," also women who "were so very masculine." These are common expressions used in speaking of our fellow man. You would not think it was meant that a woman was in the man, or a man was in the woman.

I do hope you have not joined the "great majority," who think because they can't see the spiritual meaning in a statement that no one can.

You say, "Of course those who are more spiritually mated will bring forth more spiritual children," etc. Now I never said one word about bringing children into the world. I was talking wholly of bringing forth the God-child in ourselves. I said, "When the Feminine (the Spirit) in man is united to the Masculine (the Spirit) in woman, the 'twain become one flesh,' and the one flesh they become is the Son (God) in the world." The "Image," which is both male and female in the beginning, must become "Our Likeness" before creation is complete. This God-child grows or transforms the man until he is not only a God Son, but a God Brother and a God Father of the human race, and in woman until she becomes a God

Daughter, Sister and Mother of humanity.

Why, my dear, this is not soaring "into the realm of metaphysics," and of no use, as you say, but the mightiest and most important truth ever given by God to mankind. It is neither more nor better generation that we need so much as Regeneration. God generated the spirit of man "in the beginning," and now the time is fulfilled for Him to regenerate IT; which means, change the soul and body so that it will respond *only* to His Spirit. Then, indeed, will be brought to pass the saying of death being swallowed up in victory. For this corruptible flesh will have become incorruptible, and this mortal will have put on immortality. When we understand the law and know that this means here and now, we quit theorizing and press forward to the mark, knowing that it is God who worketh in us, and of ourselves we can do nothing.

This, my dear, is what the world needs.

This is the light that will dispel the darkness of mortality. I am not trying to show the people how to spiritualize their children, but how to become Godlike themselves. There are enough who cannot see or understand "spiritual things" to go on populating the earth; but those who have ears to hear, let them hear. This is for those who really want to be born again without the undertaker's assistance. A sure proof of overcoming death is shown in the fact that thousands of people in our land are studying on this subject. This idea could not have found place in the human mind if the realization of it had been impossible with God.

There are no "vagaries and speculations" in the July article; no, not one. I can prove the truth of every statement made, for I know whereof I speak; and I promise to keep out of the "speculators."

No, my dear, you will never be cut off of my list. I want honest criticism. How else could I have the opportunity to make myself clear? So, you see, your letter was not a "tiny thorn," but dew on the rosebud, and is only the cause of opening it wider. We must never look for thorns, but keep our eyes on the opening bud; for by so doing we can learn of the working of the Almighty within.

Now a few explanations to others. Many ask, "How can an old maid know so much on this subject?" One lady writes, for Densie to claim the Lord as her Husband, "Wasn't it a sly way for an old maid to console herself?" Now the reason why an old maid can know so much on this subject is because she has no mortal husband weaving cobwebs of mortality before her vision to shut out the light of God. The reason married women of today see the multitude of defects in their husbands so plainly is because of the great contrast between their Ideal Husband and the poor mortal man. They do not know that they should *put in all their time* watching the God within him come forth; but, instead, they watch the mortal, and dwell on all the shortcomings of the poor fellow, until they are magnified from molehills into mountains.

We were placed in this world for no other purpose than to "know thyself, for to know thyself is the highest wisdom." To know thyself is to know God. I know that I have come closer to God from my close association with the Lord as my Husband than any woman ever could through the close association with man as her husband. I consider my "old maid" days well spent.

Remember, wives, the command was not given to magnify the mortal, but to "magnify the Lord;" and there is a scientific reason for this command.

Why was a virgin chosen as the mother of Jesus? For the same reason I have given you. She heard the voice of God and Angels, and had more faith in or was better acquainted with the Divine than the human. Her conception of God was clearer and stronger than her conception of man. She kept all the Lord told her and "pondered it in her heart," while women today keep all their "lord and master" tells them and ponder it in their hearts. Therefore, when their conception is brought forth it is like the mortal, "after its kind." When the Virgin's conception is brought forth it is like that she dwells upon, the Immortal God, and is the Christ.

Any woman who will cease to see the imperfect conditions of her mortal husband, and see only, *all the time*, the God within him, dwell upon Him, and "magnify THIS Lord" day and night, will absolutely transform this mortal into an Immortal, this man into a God. It is the law, and cannot fail if she does her part. Any "old maid" who will study the Principle of Life can gain the Wisdom of God, "which passeth all understanding."

\*\* There is a "new occultism" coming into vogue that appears to be the product of the various mental science systems, which, like the Second Race and the theosophical movement, propagate themselves by "budding and expansion." The journals devoted to these cults are legion. The best of them, perhaps, is Thomas J. Shelton's CHRISTIAN. Most of them, however, are distinguished by what looks like nothing but a glorification of egotism, and the editors seem to try to rival each other in the number of times their own names can be mentioned. Here is an extract from one written by a young man who has been brought up to better things: "I will exalt myself. I will be proud of myself. I will think highly of myself. In no other way can I manifest greatness." The most robust egotist of our era was Walt Whitman, and what a contrast his large impersonal utterance presents as he voices the spirit of the age! I had rather be damned in the good old fashioned orthodox way, than be saved by some of the questionable methods lately proposed.—*The Lamp*.

It is evident that the light of this Lamp is not under a bushel. The "new occultism," which mistakes vanity for egotism, is of the earth earthy. Egotism is the exaltation of the Ego, that is the I; and the man who understands the I knows that to exalt the Ego is to exalt God. Vanity belongs to childhood; egoism to Godhood. I AM THAT I AM is the Name of God personal and God universal. He who is conscious of the God personal is also conscious of the God universal, and he knows that the God personal is nothing without the God universal. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."