

THANKFULNESS.

Glory and gold and rank apart To others I resign.

I thank Thee, God, for one dear heart That chimes its beats to mine.

--- Edwin L. Sabin, in Junior Munsey.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** March!

*** St. Patrick's Day!

*** All the earth is wearing the Green.

*** Christian is one dollar a year, payable at your own convenience.

*** "The Law of Vibrations" is a book containing my first lessons in Mental Science. Sent postpaid for fifty cents.

*** "I AM Sermons" is a book of my second lessons in Mental Science, sent post paid for fifty cents.

*** A man writes: "I am glad you like R. C. Douglass. He is as pure as the driven snow."

*** Fault has been found with this stiff paper; therefore, beginning with April, will so back to the soft paper for Christian.

*** The following comes from Pasadena, California: "Adiramled is a woman, Ida Delmar. Prove by approaching from the right side. Einnim."

*** In a private letter, a friend says:
"God sent Tom and Elbert to do Tom's and
Elbert's work, and the Eternal I AM makes
no mistakes."

*** Can't publish everything that comes to this shop. This is a monthly, therefore if your letters and articles are not noticed, it is not because they are not worthy of notice.

*** Since Leila Silverwood found her soul-mate through a poem published in Christian, I have received something less than a barrel of "Pomes" from other aspirants. Excuse me! This is not a poetical journal.

光光彩 "But say, the 'blue electric light' in your healing room sounds a little like hell fire, does it not?"

Why, certainly, no man can heal until he learns how to control hell fire. Hell fire is health fire when you know how to handle it.

*** It is well in taking treatments for business success to stick right to the work every month for a whole year or more. In fact, many successful business men have sent me money regularly every month for the past five years. They say it pays them to keep in my vibration.

*** Don't send pessimistic articles to me for publication. If I can't make the world feel better, I certainly will not make it feel worse. All is good or else all is bad. There are not two Principles of Being. I affirm that all is Good, therefore, I am not going to print anybody's tale of woe.

*** Don't hold me responsible for what people say in the advertising columns of Christian. Each one who appears there pays his money and you must take your choice. I didn't want to put ads. in the paper, anyway, and certainly I can't take time to investigate every one.

*** My terms for treatments are from one to ten dollars per month. One dollar is intended for poor folks and ten dollars for people who are in good circumstances. Rich people can send as much as they feel like sending. You often pay more than a hundred dollars a month to the drug doctor, besides buying your drugs.

*** "I received your paper, and when I read that those who send only one dollar had to get along so slowly, I felt very much discouraged."

Well, I don't see how you ever read any such thing in my paper. I have said over and over again that those who send one dollar get the same treatments exactly as those who send more. I am no respecter of persons.

*** Will you kindly ask the many readers of Christian if any one among them can furnish information regarding places where musicians are wanted? A friend of mine is anxiously hunting such a position and finds it a difficult undertaking. Plays both Piano and Violin. Has played in Orchestras and is considered rather good. Any advice on the subject will be thankfully received. Viola Beeson, Box 505, West Liberty, Iowa.

*** "Do your treatments ever affect anyone after the month has expired or after you have stopped the treatments?"

Yes, the Word spoken will never return to me empty, and must accomplish the purposes whereunto I have sent it. Therefore, this Word will await its opportunity. Of course, it is better that the direct personal treatments go right along every day until the change has been accomplished. But the Word of Truth never dies and never ceases to be a power for Good. The only thing that can hinder the Word is man's own free will in accepting or rejecting it.

*** There is no comparison between the results of mental healing and those of drug medication. The one marvelous thing in this place is that we seldom lose a patient. Out of ten thousand persons who have been

treated, I have not lost ten patients, even counting the old, infirm, and infants. It is a wonderful record. You would think with all these hundreds of patients, that the mails every day would bring notices of deaths. But such notice seldom comes. This part of my work was remarked upon by stenographers before they had been in the house a month. There is no death. All is Life!

*** The following question comes from Philadelphia: "Will you please state in Christian your opinion of the 'no breakfast' regime, which has such ardent followers in this region and is so strongly espoused and advised by The Higher Laur"

I have no opinion about it. I am a metaphysician, therefore I do not give attention to breakfast or no breakfast. I eat breakfast when I feel like it. I advise you to do the same. But if you care to have a good digestion, you had better leave your stomach alone. Why do people who claim to be Mental Scientists go crazy over such silly questions!

*** The only defect in the treatments at present is that they are not instantaneous. They ought to be. The time is coming when I will speak one Word in the Silence and the patient will be healed from that hour. I have had several cases of instantaneous healing, and these prove the principle. You must remember that mental healing is in its infancy so far as this generation is concerned. Those of us who are now speaking the Word have had no predecessors. There is a great gulf of more than eighteen centuries between us and the original mental healers first known to the world. Let us be patient. "All things come to him who waits!"

#常報 R. C. Douglass will begin his course of lessons in Christian next month. I will try to keep back numbers enough to supply the demand. But if you want to be sure about it, you had better send in your subscriptions at once. I have paid Mr. Douglass for his time in preparing these lessons for the printer, but he reserves all the rights as an author. Do not let your religious or antireligious prejudices interfere with your reading of these lessons. They are profound metaphysical treatises, and well worth a close and careful study. You may know that they have passed my judgment favorably, or they never could have found a place in Christian.

psychometrical readings. But not long ago Mrs. Ropes, 254 West Fifty-second street, New York City, asked me to let her try her powers. I turned her letter over to "Lady Blanche," who wrote a letter and sealed it with her signet ring, and mailed it with another letter to Mrs. Ropes. She returned the

sealed letter with her reading of its contents. She not only read the secret in the letter, but made prophecies which have since been fulfilled. It was a wonderful exhibition of psychometric pewer. Encouraged by her success, Helen, my stenographer, also wrote Mrs. Ropes, and received a remarkable reading. It is something more wonderful than ordinary clairvoyance, and if you care to consult anyone along this line, you can not do better than to write to Mrs. Ropes.

*** "What do you think of Mrs. Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher?"

She is no worse heathen than the other heathens. It is all paganism. The saloon was created by the church, and now it is trying to destroy its own creation. In Kansas the saloon is an outlaw, and Mrs. Nation is an outlaw, so it is tit for tat. She says she is led by the Lord, but this is all in her imagination. The Lord Christ never smashes anything. He is not a Smasher. In one of the mobs at Winfield, Kansas, a preacher took an axe, and if it had not been a glancing blow he would have split the head of the saloonkeeper. This reverend gentleman has become so self-hypnotized that he thinks he is following Jesus Christ. The devil, which is evil with a "d" added, has put on the cloak of Jesus Christ and fooled all these people, including the preachers. The Lord Christ said: "If a man strikes you on one cheek, turn the other," but this Kansas preacher said: "If a man strikes you on one cheek, split his head open with an It is all paganism, sweetheart. It is the old spirit of the ancient pagans. Over in South Africa the Boers and the British are fighting each other, and both parties praying to the same god. They are praying to the god of war, and he answers the prayers by saying: "Fight on, gentlemen, fight on! Keep popping away at each other!" But the real Lord Christ sitteth in the heavens and laughs long and laughs loud at the foolishness of these mortals.

*** "Are your treatments hypnotic or along the line of Christian Science?"

This question has been answered in private letters, but I am going to answer it in a more public way. How could there be any hypnotic influence exerted, when I do not receive patients into my physical presence? I speak the Word of Truth in the Silence from the I AM in me to the I AM in the patient. It is the awakening of the Spirit of the patient by the Word of Truth which is spoken in the Silence. When you speak the Word face to face, it is the word of the mortal to the mortal. This word may be a powerful stimulant to the patient, for half the battle in practicing medicine is to keep up the spirits of your patient. But the Silent Word is spoken from God to God, and awakens all the health-giving powers lying dormant within the patient. There is not anything hypnotic or magnetic in my treat-

*** A friend has sent me the January number of The Higher Law, edited by Horatio W. Dresser, to whom I paid my compliments in the last issue of Christian. I am sorry to learn that the magazine is not meeting with financial success, and here-

after will only be issued every other month. I want everybody to succeed in making a living in their own way, and my notice of Mr. Dresser is in all kindness. I have not had time to examine the contents of the magazine, but from its make-up, I will say that no such a magazine can be published at one dollar a year. There is no margin of profit after the printers are paid. There is no use to try to do the impossible. People have found fault with me for raising the price of CHRISTIAN from fifty cents to a dollar, but I expect CHRISTIAN to keep on going, therefore I must have some margin. In all kindness I say to Mr. Dresser that he must either ensmall his magazine, or enlarge the price. It is published at 272 Congress street, Boston, Mass.

*** I must return to the old date of closing the forms of CHRISTIAN on the 20th of the month preceding the month of publication, on account of the large and extra edition which I will issue in April, with the first lesson of R. C. Douglass. These lessons are well worth one hundred dollars to each of you, and I will issue ten thousand extra papers. But I will not hold them any longer than it takes to send them out when called for. Therefore, you had better get on my subscription list now, and be careful that your address is right and that you get each number of Christian for the twelve months. beginning with April. Well, I will say the thirteen months, for Douglass is not afraid of the number thirteen, and this is the whole number of the lessons which will appear in CHRISTIAN. So they will run until May, 1902. Advertisers will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. If you want to get into April Christian, you must be here by the 20th of March.

*** In a private letter Helen Wilmans says that I made a wrong impression in saying that Freedom tried to boycott Christian. Everybody knows that I appreciate Helen Wilmans, not only in the work that she did for me when I was a student of her class, but in her treatments for my health, happiness and prosperity. She generously gave me her subscription list when I first started CHRISTIAN. Afterwards she took a suggestion from Kansas City and tried to undo her good work. This is all that I meant, and I ought not even to have said that much. Let bygones be bygones! Helen is on deck and so am I. She intends to stay here and I have an appointment to meet her one hundred years hence. I told her when I left her in Douglasville, Georgia, in 1891, that I would call on her a hundred years from that time. I will keep my appointment. The meeting is to be here on this earth. I make this added statement because my Helen, in her impudence, wanted to know where we were going to meet, in heaven or hell.

*** I observe that Christian, Dr. Shelton's paper, has a notice of your magazine, Unity; do you endorse his teachings?—M. G.

Will some discerner of the deep things of this world please rise up and tell us what Dr. Shelton's teachings are? He stated some time ago in Christian that it represented the "Puck and Judge" of metaphysical literature. We can endorse this. No well-balanced metaphysician takes Dr. Shelton ser-

iously. If he happens to make a statement of truth, he hastens to contradict it in the next issue of his paper—or the next paragraph. He is a metaphysical joker. To him life is a huge joke, God his standing I am joke, and with "Puck" he gaily pipes, "What fools these mortals be." When a metaphysician in this part of the country refers to Shelton's teachings he always winks with his left eye.—Unity.

The trouble with the editor of Unity is that he is too serious over the comical and too comical over the serious. I never stated that CHRISTIAN was the "Puck and Judge" of metaphysical literature. A long time ago, at least four years ago, a little child said this and I quoted it in CHRISTIAN. For clearness, conciseness and consistency, I will put CHRISTIAN against any other magazine on earth. I am not a joker over serious things. I heal the sick, and this is no joke. I cure poverty, and this is no joke. I am as conscious of the Divine Presence as I am of the surrounding atmosphere. Before I am through with it, I will make the metaphysicians around Kansas City bat both eyes. And this is no joke!

*** It is amusing the way a so-called Scientist talks about the evils of the world, but it is absolutely comical to read editorials, week after week, in a so-called New Thought paper about the "bad lives" of people and "the good of the cause," and all that old rot of religion. I had enough of this kind of Phariseeism when Christian was a religious paper. When a man begins to write about the "good of the cause," and what he is doing to uphold the righteousness. of the Truth, you may know that he is an arrant humbug, and a hypocritical Pharisee. Truth does not need anyone's indorsement. The New Thought is not an institution and can never be organized into one. It is as free as the sunshine. Let all of these different schools of the New Thought try to bottle up their opinions and label them with their own particular brand. The only advice I have to give you is the old, old advice. "Shake well before using!" CHRISTIAN is not the organ of any party or any school. The editor of Christian is not a leader of anybody. If you follow me, you go contrary to my teaching, for I tell you all the time and everywhere to follow your own spirit. After all, you must be the judge of what is truth or untruth. No one can judge for you. No one can digest thought for you any more than they can digest food for you. I may proclaim the Truth, but you must accept it and assimilate it for yourself. There are no Popes in the New Thought. There is no man or set of men authorized to dictate to other people.

reigns in Kansas. Mrs. Nation and her followers not only destroy the property in the saloons but have gone in and destroyed property after it had been stored in other places. She says that she is following her lord. There is no doubt about it! But her lord is not Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ stands for the Divine Feminine and the lord of Mrs. Nation represents the human feminine. In the French Revolution the women were worse than the men. In all bloody revolutions women have led the men and urged

them on to all acts of fiendish barbarism. The spirit of Jesus Christ is the spirit of the Divine Feminine. That spirit says: "Resist not evil!" If this anarchy spreads all over the United States and the whole world is involved, the religionists can blame themselves for it. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. Perhaps by the time you get this paper, the reaction will have set in and the other side in Kansas will have had their inning. All is Good! The old nursery rhyme says: "Let dogs delight to bark and bite!" but men and women, if they want to follow in His steps must not bite. I believe the author of "In His Steps" resides in Topeka, the Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, who a few months ago taught the people of Topeka how Jesus would edit a daily paper. Jesus seems to be having a hell of a time in this same Topeka. As I said before, all is Good. It is all right for cats to scratch, but I am not a cat, therefore I refuse to scratch.

*** There has been considerable criticism going the rounds of the New Thought press on Burroughs' poem "My Own Shall Come to Me." It has been said that the verse:

"Serene, I fold my hands and wait, Nor care for wind nor tide nor sea; I rave no more 'gainst time or fate, For, lo! My own shall come to me,"

teaches idleness, laziness, etc. It is not true. There is no such a thought in the poem. The idea is mental stillness, serenity of mind, and not physical inactivity. For instance, last fall when we were carrying a pretty big load-speaking after the manner of men-and I was at times a little uneasy, my wife's motto every day and every hour was: "Serene, I fold my hands and wait." She quoted that as a motto for mental stillness, spiritual serenity. For while she was saying "Serene, I fold my hands and wait," she was pounding the keys of a typewriter for eight and ten hours every day. While the mental hands were folded and the spirit was in an attitude of perfect rest, the physical brain and the physical fingers were busy all the day long. This is a correct interpretation of the beautiful poem of John Burroughs. Go right on with your work and leave results to the I AM. The waiting in our case was rewarded with a hundred fold more than we expected. You can do so much more work when your mind is at rest. It does not produce indifference and idleness, but on the contrary, prepares you for your mightiest effort.

*** I have set my mark as high as that of Jesus Christ. I am slowly working up to this standard. Day after day I learn more and more of the Word and how to speak it. I never treat a patient as if he were going to be treated again, but each treatment is spoken as if it were the final and last one. I never put any limitations on the Word of Truth, but give it all its force and power each time it is spoken. The mind of the patient is in the way of instantaneous healing. We have been so used to long waiting in medical treatments that it is hard to make one understand that he is whole now at this moment. It is something way back in the past in the mind of the patient when you say: "Arise, and walk!"

He is ready to say: "Oh, I can't! I just can't!" Slowly we are educating people up to the point of knowing that the Christ lives now in the present as well as in the past. The time is coming when we are to do away with Time and have an everlasting Now. The I AM is the Beginning and the Ending, and All and the In All. He can act now. this moment, just as well as He can act a month or a year from now. I am saying this all the time in the Silence to my patients. Therefore I give them the benefit of instantaneous treatments, if they are ready to receive. Every once in awhile I speak the one Word and the patient is made whole. But the greater number are given treatments month after month and year after year. I count myself happy with the many, if I can only keep them from getting any worse and cause them to hold their own.

*** When you find the first principles of Mental Science in the words and work of Jesus Christ, you must be careful to eliminate religion, superstition and tradition before you can apply these principles. You must understand that Jesus Christ did not perform these wonders without understanding the law of mental healing. If he understood what he was doing, then the knowledge could be imparted to his disciples. It was not the work of God and beyond the intellect of man. The law of healing can be understood and practiced. Therefore, you must not look at this work of Jesus as something coming directly from the skies, as something unknown to human thought and beyond the cognizance of the human intellect. He did all of His work according to the law of vibrations. You are not to go out into the world and do things in his name in the sense that you are to repeat over the name of Jesus Christ. You are to do your work in the same name and by the same authority that he used. The Jews wanted him to do his wonders in the name of Abraham, but he said: "Before Abraham was, I AM." He recognized First Cause, and the First Cause is the I AM. When you speak the Word of healing, speak it from the I AM in yourself. Do not say "in the name of Jesus" I do this or that, but I do this or that. Now, when you say "I do this; I speak this Word; I am healing these patients," it is always the big I AM, not the little I of mortal personality. The religious people talk about Holy Spirit, but they don't manifest it. say the Whole Spirit is in me and I AM doing the work that He wills me to do. Always speak in the first person, because the First Person is the I AM that I AM!

*** "I have received the second copy of Christian and am very much interested in much that it contains. I am at present drinking from the fountain of wisdom through the mathematical or Geometrical tube, and the number of your 'New Office' at once attracted my attention. That number is for you the Alpha and Omega, and under it there should be a something new undertaken. It is the number of beginning. This will bring you some new departure, higher in the scale—so to speak—a new cycle for you. Watch and see."

There is no mistake about the number of this house or the fact that it is the Center

for a great work. My wife and I were running about over the city, hunting for a small house that would cost not over four thousand dollars. The lady who owned this house was a practicing physician, a M. D. She built it for her own use; but her daughter moved to Wisconsin and she was left alone. The agent came to me and said I could get the house for twelve thousand. As soon as we saw it, the Spirit said: "It belongs to Christian." My wife said: "It is impossible for us to purchase such a beautiful home." I had heard the voice of the Spirit before and I knew that when the I AM spoke, it was true. I offered ten thousand for the property. After many weeks of waiting, my offer was accepted. The money was raised in an unexpected way. Since coming into the house the whole world seems coming to me, or rather, coming to the I AM in me. You say: "Wait and see." That is just exactly what I am doing. Every man who is led by the Spirit must learn to watch and wait for the unfolding. It is as much a miracle to me now as it was when I first began following the Spirit ten years ago. I do not consider that I am the owner of this house. It belongs to Christian. It is the property of the Spirit. While CHRISTIAN is managed by the I AM through me, it is your property just as much as it is mine. When I say "you," I mean all of you who are subscribers to Christian and who are supporting the work that I am doing, or rather, the work the I AM is doing through me.

*** Speak the Word only! This means for you to do away with hypnotism, magnetism, and everything that will come between your patient and the Word of Truth. It is called absent treatment. But there is no such thing as absence in the Spirit. In fact, when you speak the Word in the Silence you come closer to the patient than you could ever come by your physical presence and your word of mouth. This so-called absent treatment is not a "new thing under the sun." It is at least two thousand years old. A certain Roman captain said to Jesus Christ: "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the Word only, and my servant shall be healed." Then this captain goes on and gives a philosophical reason for his faith: "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it." In other words, this Roman captain recognized mind as the master of matter. Therefore he said to Jesus "speak the Word only." Jesus Christ was surprised at such faith and remarked to his audience that he had not found such faith even in Israel. Now the word "faith" should always be translated "consciousness" in your mind, and then you will get the true meaning of the word used in the Scriptures. This man had the consciousness of the Truth. Jesus said unto the centurion: "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.' This is what is called absent treatment and was practiced by Jesus Christ when there was a consciousness through which he could transmit the Word. You must have something upon which you are to send forth the Word of healing. In telephoning and telegraphing, we use a wire; or in wireless telegraphy we use a transmitter and a receiver. In speaking the Word of Truth, the most powerful batteries that I find here in my office are in my wife and my stenographer. They take up each case and become interested in it. I find them especially helpful with women and children. This centurion was a "live wire," and carried the Word of healing to his servant. The first principles of the science are to be found in the words and work of Jesus Christ.

*** Every day brings us a new paper along the New Thought lines, a "No. 1, Vol. 1." It does seem that everybody who gets an inkling of the subject becomes affected at once with an itching for journalism and a belief that a call has been sent to publish a paper. What the end is to be remains to be seen.—The Life.

The reason you can't see what the end is to be is because you are nearsighted. The end is to be that no one is to have a monopoly of the business of the New Thought. The field is open and free and the law of the survival of the fittest will regulate everything. Why, bless your dear soul, I remember that you started The Life without having any experience whatever in "journalism." You started The Life when you were in your little old law office, and yet everybody who had any good sense gave you a welcome into this field. You don't know all about journalism even now, but you know a great deal more than you did when you first started out. By the way, Barton, why do you speak of journalism, when you edit a little weekly paper? Journalism has to do with the publication of daily newspapers and the giving forth of the news and the thought of the world every day. I thought you were old enough to get out of that foolish nonsense of calling every scribbler a journalist. Why do you call these New Thought papers, that have recently started, the work of persons whe have an "itching for journalism and a belief that a call has been sent to publish a paper?" Why don't you wait and see whether they really are called or not? Are you to be the judge as to who receives a call to publish a paper? Were you "itching for journalism" when you started Life? Did you have a "call" to publish a paper? There are others! You are not the only can in the alley!

*** There is no doubt in my mind but what Mental Science is the Saviour of the world. It is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The more I read the New Testament -and I do read it-the clearer and clearer everything becomes in the fulfillment of the promises made to man. Mental healing is the direct fulfillment of the promises spoken by Jesus Christ to his disciples. It is the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is the coming of the Son of Man. As people come to understand Mental healing and know that a man in Denver may speak the Word of Truth to a man in London and cause him to arise from a bed of sickness and come into perfect health, they will understand that passage of Scripture, which says that the Son of Man will come as the lightning flasheth from the east even unto the west. It is a

universal coming of the Truth. Just now mental healers are giving their attention to money making, and as this is a commercial age, it is all right. Let them go on making money and experimenting and all these things; but, nevertheless, the Truth is covering the earth as the waters cover the great deep. After awhile, poverty will be banished from the earth, and money seeking and money getting will be a thing of the past. Then the Truth will rise up before us, naturalized. It will become as common as the telephone or the telegraph. Some fine morning we will awake and find that Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, has saved the world through mental healing. People who have been looking up in the skies for Rim will have missed Him, but He will be here all the same. Our good brethren and sisters who have been getting their ascension robes ready for a final and grand Judgment Day will be disappointed, for the Day of Judgment will have passed and the Day of Salvation been ushered in silently, serenely, calmly, by the Word of Truth. It is all right, sisters and brothers of the church. "If you get there before I do, just tell them I'm a-coming, too." The hallelujah will sound just as loud and deep, even if it did not come in the old-fashioned way through Gabriel's trumpet and the rattling of bones in the graveyard. The trumpet is sounding now and has been sounding for many years. The dead are being raised and the dry bones are rattling, but it does not as yet manifest in the objective. It comes through the Silence. But, as I said before, the glory hallelujah will be just as great and it does not matter how we get there, so we Get There.

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Let us look into the All-seeing Eye. The All-seeing Eye of our solar system is the sun. It is the source of all light and all life. It is the generator and regenerator of all things. It is the Father of Lights. When we say this of our sun in our solar system, we must say the same thing of all the suns of all the systems. There is an Eye in every solar system, and this I is the source of all intelligence. Inspiration comes from this center of light and heat. You are inspired when your spirit is in vibratory conjunction with the sun. You can see everything when your I, which is your spirit, is in conjunction with the All-seeing Eye. All inspired men and women have recognized this truth. What you and I want to do, sweetheart, is to come into a knowledge of the Truth. It is not pleasant to sit in darkness, therefore, let us go to the source of all light, that we may be illuminated. There is no use in going to books and men unless these books and men have come forth from the sun. It takes inspiration to understand inspiration. Therefore, if you read inspired books, you must be inspired in order to understand what is written in these books. It takes just as much inspiration to understand the writings of inspired writers as it does to write these writings. So you see, sweetheart, we are led to personal inspiration in spite of ourselves. It follows, then, that the great Revealer must reveal Himself to each individual. This is in direct contradiction to all of the teachings of the institution. The institution has told you that they have a compendium of all God's Thoughts. and if you will study the sacred Scriptures you will get knowledge. Then this same institution tells you that God has selected certain persons to become the teachers and expounders of these same sacred Scriptures. This is not the truth. No man has a corner on light. No person has a copyright on the Eternal Word. You must gain your light of the mind the same as you gain your light of the body. The source of all light is in the sun. You may avail yourself of lamps, electric lights and spectacles, but these are only aids to help you to more light. If you have no personal vision, all the electric lights, spectacles, and even the sun itself will be of no avail. No wonder, then, that Jesus Christ said: "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." If there is no light in you, there can be no light outside of you, so far as you are concerned. If you are in darkness within yourself, then all is darkness outside of yourself. You may hear people talk about the light; you may listen to beautiful descriptions of the light, but if the light is not in you, it is of no benefit to you. You will sit in darkness until the light that is within you illuminates your presence and casts its rays on your environment.

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"I AM the light."

You sometimes have been shocked at me for saying "I AM God," but here is a man who walked on the earth in the form of man with all the weaknesses of mortality, and yet he says of himself:

"I AM the light."

Did he speak the truth? Did this man really tell the truth, when he called himself the light of the world, or was he deceived in reference to his own personality? You can not say that he was telling a lie, knowing it to be a lie, for it does not sound like an untruth. And yet, did he speak the truth? If you deny it, the burden of proof will rest on you. How are you going to prove that Jesus Christ was not and is not the light of the world? How can men who have been walking in darkness for generation after generation be judges as to whether another man is in the light or not? How can a blind man judge of colors? This man, Jesus Christ, makes a proposition after his affirmation. The proposition which follows the affirmation is open to all competitors. Here is the affirmation and the proposition: "I AM the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." This is a plain, open proposition. The only way that you can prove that the affirmation is false is by carrying out the proposition. If you follow Jesus Christ and find yourself walking in darkness, then you will know he told a lie when he said that he was the light of the world. If you will notice in reading the Gospels, all strong statements are followed by relative propositions. For instance. In Luke 14:26, there is a negative statement like this: "If any man come to me, and hate not

his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he can not be my disciple." For hundreds of years students of the New Testament have been stumbling over this negative statement. It is individualization, and isolation must precede individualization. When a man is willing to cut off-for that is what the word "hate" means—all his earthly environment for the sake of the Truth, he is ready to become a student, or disciple, of the Truth. In the very nature of the case, one can not become a disciple of the Truth so long as his mind is filled with the untruth of mortal environment. Who has accepted of this proposition? When you shall find such an one, you will find a disciple of Jesus Christ. And mind you, my dear, He said that his disciples should do greater works than he was doing when he healed the sick and raised the dead. Instead of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ, men have turned aside and given their attention to their fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, houses, and lands. To excuse themselves for not performing miracles they have said very solemnly and with owl-like wisdom: "The days of miracles have ceased." The fact is the days of discipleship have ceased. That is the kernel of the nut, and when you crack the nut you will find that the days of miracles have never ceased, and never can cease, because God is forever and forever creating and re-creating. Sweetheart, let us look straight into the All-seeing Eye and be honest with ourselves. When you find disciples of Jesus Christ, you will find people doing greater things than Jesus Christ ever did when He was on earth.

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"Do you pretend to say that you believe that Jesus Christ healed the sick, cast out devils, and raised the dead? Don't you know that the higher criticism has put aside all of these miracles of Jesus, and that we no longer believe in such things?"

Say, sweetheart, this is an I to I talk. All your so-called higher criticism is nonsense. It is that hypocritical effort to excuse their want of discipleship. These men who are denying the miracles and explaining away the works of Jesus Christ are trying to excuse themselves for not becoming real, genuine disciples of Christ. Let me say to you once for ail, and say it I to I, that Jesus Christ did all the things mentioned in the New Testament and many more besides. He healed all manner of sickness. He cleansed lepers, cast out devils and raised the dead. Every promise that he made to his disciples has been and can be fulfilled to the letter, if they will comply with the conditions. There is nothing wrong in Jesus Christ. The trouble is with the men and women who are pretending to be Christians. Show me the disciples of Jesus Christ, and I will show you the miracles. Justice demands that you accept of this proposition or reject it. When we come to looking at things eye to eye, we ought to be willing to accept or reject. What is the use of playing false with the proposition? Jesus Christ says emphatically that you can't be His disciples unless you have an eye single to the glory of Truth. You can't be His disciples and at the same time

be mixed up with mortality. You must either follow the Truth or you must go in the other direction. Either cut off earthly environment—and that does not mean to forsake anybody—or else give up trying to become a disciple. Let me make this as strong as I can formulate the statement:

Show me a disciple and I will show you a miracle.

This is not only my proposition, but the proposition of Jesus Christ. And let me tell you, sweetheart, Jesus Christ is not dead. and never did die, and never will die. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega. He it was who was present when "the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." He is really and truly the light of the world. It is not a theory. It is a fact. How do I know? Because I have seen Him, heard Him, and know Him every day. His proposition stated in the New Testament is restated to me all the time. I can't get away from its logic. You say, this is simply the affirmation of one man? It is the affirmation, my dear, of the I AM in me. It is the great affirmation which has been staring the world in the face through all of these centuries. Let us read it over again:

"I AM the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

The only way you can disprove this proposition is to carry it out and fail. Do you tell me that no man can follow Jesus Christ?

There is no trouble about following Jesus Christ when you find out who He is, and where He is. It is the easiest following there is in the world. It is a mental following, and the mind of Christ is the mind of the Spirit. You will not find Jesus Christ in the New Testament, but you will find the fragments of His sayings. The New Testament, and so-called Christianity, is nearly all Paganism. You will find a record of the Spirit Christ in the Gospel of St. John. The Spirit Christ is the only living and true Christ. It was the Spirit who said, "I Am the Light of the world." Jesus of Nazareth was crucified by Paganism, and this same Paganism keeps Him nailed to the cross even to this present day. The way of Paganism is the way of the cross. You will find this same old Paganism alive to-day and ready to crucify the Spirit Christ. This self-torture, this destruction of the flesh, this killing out of all desire, is the religion of all the heathen. It is not the religion of the Spirit Christ. When you turn your back on the cross, and face toward the rising sun, you'll leave the religion of self-torture behind you. You must remember, Sweetheart, that he said "I Am the Way." He, himself, is the Way. He is the Road. There is no other way. There is no other read. He did not say that Jesus of Nazareth was the way, but "I Am," who was speaking in him and through him, was the "Way." To follow in this way is to follow the Spirit Christ. It is going in the way of Light. It is going out into the way of Truth. Therefore, it is the easiest way in all the world for you to travel. It does not mean the crucifixion of the flesh. The cross was a mistake. The whole story of the cross came

from the darkness of the old Pagan religion. The song of sorrow, and the wail of woe, that has been going up from the pulpit, is an echo of Paganism. The Spirit Christ dwelt on the earth in the full majesty of his physical power. His life was one great vibration of joy. He taught happiness. In the great Sermon on the Mount he begins with the word "happiness."

"Happy are the poor in Spirit."

"Happy are they that mourn."

"Happy are the meek."

"Happy are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness."

"Happy are the merciful."

"Happy are the pure in heart."

"Happy are the peace-makers."

It is all happiness. Jesus of Nazareth was surprised at the priests for rejecting his words of wisdom. Like all men who are inspired with Love, he was crushed by the cross. He could not understand why men were ready to crucify love. When the Jews took up stones to stone him, he said, "For which of my good works do ye stone me?" The cross was the work of the Romans, the men of war, the men of force. The Spirit Christ teaches non-resistance. The so-called followers of Christ to-day are worshipping the Romans. They are engaging, and have been engaged, in brutal wars among themselves and against the heathen; and yet they say, they gravely say, that they are Christians! They are educated heathen; nothing more, nothing less. They are following in the way of the cross, and have gained just what the cross brings-death. It is death to all happiness, death to all desires, and death to all power to heal.

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Affirmation: I am the Light of the world!
Proposition: He who follows me shall not
walk in darkness, but shall have the light
of life.

I have proved the affirmation by accepting the proposition. Ten years ago I left the pulpit. I quit preaching and went to practicing. I didn't know just exactly how to practice, but I began by cutting off everything that was keeping me from following the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit has sifted for me the chaff from the wheat. I am not a heathen. I do not believe in any kind of suffering, sorrow, sin, or death. I am a follower of the Spirit Christ. I am not walking in darkness. I have the light of life.

I heal the sick.

I cleanse the lepers.

I cast out devils.

I even raise the dead.

I am doing these things every day, and am growing stronger and stronger in this power of the Whole Spirit. I am not doing these things in the way I expected, when I began the work, but I'm doing them all the same. I am doing greater things than Jesus Christ did while he was on earth. I am doing my work in all parts of the earth. His work was confined to a small district in an obscure part of the world. I am doing just what he said the Spirit Christ would do. I speak the Word of Truth in the Silence and heal all manner of sickness. I have patients in London, Rome, Vienna, and in all parts of Europe. I am healing the sick in

Australia, Mexico, South America, and in all parts of the civilized world. The Word of Truth is becoming naturalized, and, therefore, these miracles have ceased to astonish or surprise me. Ten thousand people are ready to come forward and make affidavit that I have healed them through the power of my spoken word. Yet I am only beginning to understand how to speak this word. I am just now coming out of heathenism into the kingdom of Spirit. I have not come into this Truth by prayers, groans, moans, and the crucifixion of the flesh. The Spirit Christ can only lead us through our desires. I let loose everything on the face of this earth, and became helpless in the hands of the Spirit. The result has been that I have had the veil taken from before my face. I have gained the Kingdom of Truth by following my desires. Pleasure is the principle of life. The Spirit Christ will not lead you to Golgotha, the place of the skull. God is Life. Life is not organized on the principle of pain. The first miracle wrought by the Spirit Christ in Jesus of Nazareth was at a wedding feast: and he turned water into wine. It is the symbol of life's joy. Life is happiness, and happiness is a vibration; a movement. It is commonly called sensation. Where there is no sensation there is no life. All the pleasures of life are of the Spirit. Life is pleasure. Pain is death. Look toward the heathen and see them going through all kinds of self-torture in order to please their gods. Then look around at these so-called Christians, and see them with their powder and ball, cannon and ironclads. torpedo boats and dynamite! It is all the same spirit of resistance. Then see the gentlemen in broadcloth, folding their hands over the Bible, and solemnly saying, "The days of miracles have passed." Or, you may even listen to these reverend gentlemen explaining to you that Jesus of Nazareth didn't perform any miracles!

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I am the Light of the World!

I say unto you, my Sweetheart, that the days of miracles can never pass. I Am Spirit, and therefore I create and re-create, every day. I say, all the time, "Let there be light." I Am the bright and morning star. I Am the Sun of Righteousness. I Am the only real Light, and he who follows me will not walk in the darkness. Your whole world is full of sin, sickness and death. Why? Because they do not follow the Spirit Christ. Sin, sickness and death abide in the darkness. There can be no disease or death in the light. And, Sweetheart, don't you remember what the Spirit said, through this same Saint John?

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things have passed away."

The former things are passing away. The new thought, coming into the world in the name of Christian Science, is the Second Coming of the Christ. Mrs. Eddy has done more for a scientific interpretation of the Scriptures than all the theologians that have lived in the past thousand years. She made many mistakes, and her writings are not in-

fallible. No writings, no books, are infallible. The Spirit is Truth, and you can't find infallibility anywhere except in the Spirit. I have said to you that when the time came for me to announce the Truth in the name of Jesus Christ, I would proclaim it without fear and without favor. The time has come! I say unto the whole earth, I am inspired by the Spirit Christ. I am doing the work that he wills me to do. I call it "Christian Science" because it is a scientific interpretation of Christ. It is not the work of magnetism, hypnotism, or any other kind of manipulation. It is not even a manipulation of Bibles and hymn-books in a Church organization. The physical presence of the healer is not necessary. It is the work of the Spirit, and the Spirit works in the Silence. Let it be clearly understood just what I claim: It is the Silent Word of the Spirit Christ. It is not the exaltation of any man, or any institution; but the exaltation of the Spirit of Truth. Come unto me, all ye ends of the earth, and from my place in the Silence I will give you health, happiness and eternal life. You will not only come into the joys of physical life, but into the very ecstacy of spiritual existence. I Am the Light of the World! When I first began this work, I wanted to go out on the streets and heal the sick publicly, but I now know that this would create a kind of Carrie Nation sensation and cause me to be followed by a mob of curiosity seekers. Such a multitude pressed on Jesus and finally hanged him to a cross. The same kind of mob followed Schlatter in this same city of Denver until he ran away into the woods. The Spirit Christ works in the Silence. This was the promise made by Jesus to his disciples, before he ascended into the heavens. When you find anyone proclaiming himself in the objective world as the Christ, you may know he is a fraud. The Christ speaks the Silent

HELEN HINTS.

1 AM Helen.

I am the licker who licks the stamps.

I am the addresser who addresses the envelopes.

I am the one who sits here and writes down what the Boss says. And sometimes he don't care whether I hear it or not, but walks the floor and talks to himself, and I have to catch every word the best I can.

It is a good place to work, for the life current is so strong you don't get weary.

I wish that each one would send a selfaddressed and stamped envelope.

I wish that you would always write your address in full somewhere in your letter. The best place to write it is in the lower, left-hand corner on the last page of your letter. Give your Post Office. Give your state. Give it in full.

For the most part, the people are pretty evenly balanced, and take hold of the Science and swing right into the open way. I merely want to give you a few hints, and if the shoe fits you, put it on. Let this be a "bracer" for all. I hope those who are inclined to be discouraged at times, on reading this, will take heart, wade in, and try it

again. We are all struggling for something, whether it be health, happiness or success in life. But how easy it is for some to get along, and how hard for others! You will say that this is due to circumstances. It isn't! It's just the difference in individuals. It is all right to desire to advance, but it is not scientific or sensible to turn ambition into a hand to hand fight with yourself.

Don't wait for some one to give the rope a pull and hoist you up into ease and freedom. Take hold of the pulley yourself! The trouble with a good many is that they do not realize that all help must come from within themselves. They want money, oh yes, and success, and other things, but they are not willing to do their share in getting them. Mental Science helps you to get into the right attitude of mind and then you must do the rest. Have some definite object in view, a certain point to reach and then work your way to that place. It makes no difference how much time it is going to take. Set your face determinedly towards the place a little farther on, and plod along, or rush along, until you get there! Then go a little farther. You won't advance a step by saying you want this or that, or you want to do this or that or the other, unless you put forth effort to set the forces in action. One is never at a standstill. There must always be a movement, either forward or backward. If you fail once, twice, even a third time, keep agoing! Never acknowledge to yourself that you have met with defeat. The healthy mind does not know this word, does not know what failure means. What some people call failure is simply delay to those who recognize that the source of all good is a spring of life and light within themselves.

Be buoyant, cheerful and courageous under all circumstances. You will find that this spirit is "catching," and will unconsciously affect the people with whom you come in contact. It will bring you among your own kind and keep you in your proper sphere. "Water seeks its own level." A frowning, gloomy, mirthless man repels confidence, creates fear and dislike among his associates. He may be good hearted and might prove a good friend, but how is anyone going to find it out? He shuts himself up in a shell, and hangs out a sign "Not at home," and people pass him by with a sigh of relief. This man goes through life hungering for love, sympathy and happiness. He grows bitter towards mankind; calls people selfish. He has never given anyone a chance to brighten and cheer his life. He has missed all the sunshine and brightness of mortality. He in turn becomes absorbed in self, and what was the making of a loving, open hearted, generous man has been transformed into a regular crank. Which do you prefer

Don't carry your trials and tribulations around with you, and bore every one you meet by telling how hard your life is, how miserable, how thankless! Every human being has troubles of his own, and no one wants to hear about yours. Every person thinks his load is the heaviest, anyway. Drop it all! Learn to look on the bright side of things. Become master of yourself

and all environment and circumstances. That old gag "Go tell your troubles to a policeman" is a pretty good take off. I'll wager that your friends have wanted to hurl this at you many a time. You know some people seem to think they have a right to burden others down with their song of sorrow. They haven't, however, and it would be a good thing to give these people a little lesson in Mental Science when they come along with their text written on their faces. Remember that the world accepts you at your own estimate, and leaves you free to place it as high or as low as you please.

ORGANIZATION.

In the common acceptance of the term and in the material sense (the only one, by the way, in which it can be considered), organization means the banding or combining together of a number of people for the purpose of mutual protection or benefit of some kind, such as: wealth, honor, social position or whatever, of its members both collectively and individually, and its spell seems to have fallen on all classes of people alike. That this is a fact we need only witness the state of affairs in the world at the present time. Whichever way we may turn we are confronted in some form or other by this vast system. Look at the strength of organized capital, for instance; its power in the world to-day can be but faintly estimated, except by those who have it ir control, so great is it. On the other hand, the strength of organized labor must not be underestimated, for it is nearly, if not quite, as great as that of its powerful rival.

Not alone in the business world is this state of affairs apparent, but one may find it in the political, the social and the religious fields as well. Politicians recognize its marvellous benefits in the attainment of their ambitions and make strenuous efforts to mar-shal their respective forces into organizations, as witness the many political clubs that always spring up just previous to an important election. Of course, the voter expects some substantial return, either directly or indirectly, for his participation and en-thusiasm. In the social realm one may also notice its subtle influence. This applies more particularly to secret societies, most of which are obtaining recruits at a tremendous rate for the reason that people seem to find peculiar advantages in this form of or-ganization not found elsewhere; besides, they wield an influence in general on different matters of public and private interest, not apparent on the outside. The church also has its quota of adherents in this popular belief, and the efforts of organized religion to induce an interest in its teachings and bring the outsider under its wings is shown in the many revival meetings, lectures, musical attractions, etc., of the different branches. Even the realm of metaphysics is not exempt from this wide spread hallucination, for we read at a wide spread hallucination, for we read of an "International Metaphysical League" and a "Mental Science Association." Now, if one be at all observing, it is not difficult to see that this is the actual condition of things. Under these circumstances, the person who is not a member of either a business corporation, political party labor union, secret society, church or club is a rare exception indeed.

Considering this subject from an external or material point of view, it really looks very desirable and beneficial, for do we not all recognize the fact that capital increases its earning capacity manifold by combining? Does it take much explanation to convince the mechanics and clerks that they can, by organizing strong unions, increase their wages materially? Can not the aspirant for political honors, by affiliating his interests with those of the strongest and best organized party, usually succeed in having his am-

bitions gratified? Is not the secret society that has the strongest organization, in numbers as well as finances, the one most favorably looked upon by the prospective member as being the most beneficial to him? Would not the church comprising the wealthiest and most influential members be the one most likely to be selected by the candidate for membership as the most advantageous? Many more instances of this system might be mentioned, but the foregoing are sufficient to make the point clear, i. e., that organization seems to be a great and universal benefit.

Now, the honesty of purpose of a large percentage of these organizations in their infancy is not questioned, but sooner or later this evaporates. When, however, the spiritual realm is invaded by this fallacy of the human mind and the Infinite, Omnipresent, Omnipotent Spirit of Truth, Peace and Freedom is attempted to be harnessed to this vehicle, its absurdity is plainly apparent to the discerning mind. As if it were possible to centralize this Almighty, All-prevailing Spirit in any person, organization or place. That this condition has existed, however, as far back as history goes is a well-known fact and need hardly be mentioned here. It is really nothing new, but has never been so conspicuously introduced into all phases of human life as at the present time. It seems almost like one vast contagion, the way nearly everyone seems to be frantically rushing into organization of some sort or other.

It should have been mentioned at the beginning that these deductions are not in the slightest degree meant in the nature of a calamity howl, but are inspired by the Spirit of Truth to point out a way to greater free-dom and fearlessness of the individual. With this explanation, let us analyze this practice a little and see if it really accomplishes all it aims to and is such a desirable condition after all as it seems to be. In the first place, there must be a motive for such a spread and popular delusion. Considering it in a perfectly fair and impartial light, it must be conceded that the underlying motive in this case is selfishness. Now, this is rather a harsh term, but let us hold to the Truth. If we look honestly into our innermost self we can see that we usually think only of how our self-interests may be furthered by association with any political party, business corporation, labor union, secret society, church or club. If it happens, as it does at times, that others are benefited by our selection or choice, we hug ourselves with the illusion that we have done a noble act or deed and feel well satisfied.

Were our motives purely altruistic in principle, however, there never would arise the necessity of any organization whatsoever, because if we sincerely wish to help one another we can do so freely and independently, without any association with others, and in this way we would be greatly benefited ourselves, for: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Did our egoism affect only ourselves, very little need be said about it, for then it would concern no one else, but it may readily be seen that it has a farther reaching influence. For instance, let us take the forming of any association. At the very beginning usually rivalry is aroused by the selection of officers, if not then, after organization is effected; sooner or later it will appear for the reason that eventually factions will crop out, then discord will become in evidence and harmony, of course, will disappear. Now, harmony is essential to peace. No harmony can exist where discord is manifested. After that, the true, noble and unselfish impulses that may have actuated its members in the beginning, are gone and its purpose is destroyed. This is the gamut usually run in nearly every instance. Of course, there are some exceptions, but they are rare indeed. But if we stop and consider, we can not help but know that it could hardly be otherwise. If any question, no matter what its nature, may be, comes up for discussion in any organiza-

tion and a test is made for its disposal, some are always for and some against it, and whatever the decision, it will please some and displease others. Whichever party hap-pens to be in the minority will thereupon harbor a feeling of revenge, bide their time, and at some favorable opportunity, attempt to even up matters, and from this, envy, jealousy and hatred sometimes spring, and if stimulated, work irreparable injury. So it is painfully evident that, from the highest tribunal to the humblest organization, the government is: of some of the people, by some of the people and for some of the people. One principal objection, however, to this custom is that the individual is invar-iably swallowed by the organization. He may be in harmony with its object and aims, or not, he may express his ideas favorably or unfavorably on some topic introduced for discussion in council, but once he is a member, the organization does his talking and acting for him officially and his individual independence is gone. We need only recall the fact that all great pioneers and leaders in reforms of religion, art, music, invention and thought realized their high and tion and thought, realized their high lofty ideals independent of any organization, creed or school. And if we would preserve our individuality, we must remain free from alliances, vows, dogmas, creeds and

Of course, on the face of it this looks utterly impractical and even impossible, but there is another light in which to consider this subject; "The light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," which is the divine or spiritual discernment, and it is this phase of the subject that is intended to be emphasized in this effort, and if possible, to be shown in a plain, clear manner. Viewing it in this light, those who have the discerning wisdom of the Spirit of Freedom and independence will readily know that they are one eternal soul substance and stand without those artificial props and pillars. That those of us who have not attained this spiritual wisdom can, by devotion to the Truth and the Divine in our being, attain this realization of freedom, there is no question, because we can see all around us examples of those who have, and as Elihu, the prophet of old, said, "There is a Spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding," so everyone may have it, for we are all one and the same in Spirit.

The spiritually illumined would hardly think of imitating the actions and ways of the material world, for did not Christ plainly say: "My Kingdom is not of this world?" meaning the physical, material realm. Of course, this cannot be brought about by any radical change or by revolutionary methods, but there is a way and it is the subtile power of strong thoughts and words of Truth. We all understand the creative power of thought, and by meditating in harmony, recognizing the freedom and equality of each individual and the brotherhood of man, these conditions can be changed into happiness, joy and peace for all. For just the moment that we realize the brotherhood of mankind, we will see no necessity of combining against each other in any manner, shape or form, for in Spirit and in Truth, we are all one. As the day dawns gradually, and the sun disperses the darkness, slowly, peacefully and majestically; like Winter merges into Spring, calmly, without any strife, struggle or noise, but serenely and surely, so may the human consciousness bloom into the Divine where all is peace and harmony and where joy and bliss reign eternally supreme.

As each one of us can only express his own experiences, impressions and conceptions, and as each must work out his own salvation in his own way, so all the teachings and writings can only point a way. If this attempt will do this, even in the slightest manner, its nurnose is accomplished.

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