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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTENDOM.

I bring you the stately matron, named Christendom, returning bedraggled, besmirched and dishonored, from pirate raids in Manchuria, South Africa and the Philippines; and with her soul full of meanness, her pockets full of boodle and her mouth full of pious hypocrisies. Give her soap and a towel, but hide the looking glass!—Mark Twain.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN!
THIS MY PRAYER FOR CHRISTENDOM.

Above the shriek of shot and shell,
The smoke of war, the breath of hell,
Above the tide of human gore,
The battle's shock and cannon's roar—
Above all these, which sinews are
That draw greed's juggernaut car,
And ever leaves within its wake
Despoiled, distorted human shape—
O Lord of hosts, above this din,
The wall of pain, the curse of sin,
Omnipotent Jehovah, hear
A breath of simple, earnest prayer!

Christendom! What glory hers!
She, whose hired murderers
Flaunt her banners to the breeze
In the islands of the seas!
Christendom! Her robes a-stain
With the victims she hath slain!
Kings—"Defenders of the Faith,"
Constantine to Edward—hath
In the name of God, misled
O'er a highway paved with dead,
The misguided sons of men,
Feasting them with gore and gain;
Erring minister and priest
Standing by to bless the feast!

Christendom! Degenerate!
Hast thou read thy lines of fate?
Drunk with gain and greed and gore,
Masked as Christ's ambassador,
Teaching heathens in God's name,
From thy chariot a-flame,
Drawn by brazen steeds of hell—
Know'st thou what thy stars foretell?
That those flames, some day, may turn
And in thy own vitals burn?

Lord of hosts, show Christendom
What a mad course she hath run,
When her children, gaunt, unfed,
Faint with hunger, ask for bread,
She hath given them a stone,
Armored steel or bleaching bone.

Lord, the suns and planets move
By Thy mighty touch of love.
Thou hast shaped the human heart
So to it Thou may'st impart
All the potency that burns
In the fire of distant suns.
Love it is, and love alone,
That must melt these hearts of stone,
Transmute armored steel and lead
Of the nations, into bread.

Lord, from out the ranks of men
Raise Thee up a tongue and pen
Mighty in the strength of youth,
Humble in the guise of Truth,
That shall shame all bold pretense
Masked as holy innocence.
Christed lives, like that one grand *
Who has dared for Truth to stand,
Living, proving day by day,
That Christ's words mean what they say.
Heedless of anatheme,
Canting priest, or Holy See,
Heedless of that time-old cry:
Crucify him! Crucify!

God, Almighty, hear this prayer!
In the psychic atmosphere
Let it be a silent word
That by hosts shall yet be heard.
Give it pinions for a flight
That shall yet out-wing the night,
Ushering in the perfect day
Bright with Truth's eternal ray.

THIS MY PRAYER FOR CHRISTENDOM,
IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN!

Los Angeles. ALLAN PARKINSON.

* Tolstoi.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** June.

*** Gemini, the Twins.

*** The Twins are all right!

*** The Twins (myself and wife) are working in unison; therefore, we are invincible.

*** New subscriptions may begin with April, so as to get all of the Douglass lessons. I will try to supply back numbers as far as April all through this year.

*** You had better save this copy of CHRISTIAN and read it over and over many times. It is worth a million of dollars to each of you. The startling statements made in this issue of CHRISTIAN are being confirmed every hour by the word of my power.

*** If you want copies of my two books, "Vibrations" and "I AM Sermons," you had better send for them at once. They will soon be gone and I will never have another edition. These two books contain the very foundation principles of Christian Science. They are sent post paid for fifty cents each.

*** I have found everything for which I have been seeking. The coming of "She Whom My Soul Loves" has given me the victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Everything shown to me in the psychic atmosphere ten years ago is being realized in the Spirit and manifested in the objective.

*** You must excuse us from receiving or making calls. Denver will be crowded with tourists from all parts of the world, this summer, and we can't receive one without receiving all. It would be utterly impossible for us to carry on our work and receive calls. Be patient! I am going on the platform soon, and then you all can see and hear me. When I am ready to appear before the public in person, I will lease the largest theatre in Denver, so you can all come.

*** Many of my friends were alarmed on account of newspaper reports, and were afraid to write me for fear my mail had been stopped. There was never any interference with my mail, so come right along, children, and be happy. The Twins will stay right here all summer and give attention to your wants and wishes. All summer long, we will be here in this house to receive letters and telegrams, and to speak the Silent Word for your Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

*** Some one sends me a clipping from the Washington (D. C.) Times. The "idiot" who pretends to edit that paper, or at least the one who wrote the article, does not

know enough to edit the local column of a backwoods weekly. He takes statements made by Helen, and editorials on the I AM, and mixes them together as though they all applied to the same thing. For instance, "I AM the Light of the World" he thinks applies to the person of the editor of CHRISTIAN!

*** Amen! to Allan Parkinson's prayer for Christendom in this issue of CHRISTIAN. It breathes the same spirit found in that other prayer sent up by a multitude of angels: "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace and Good Will to men!" Christendom is all right! It means the dominion of Christ. The Lord Christ reigns over the spirits of just men made perfect. Flesh and blood can not enter into His Kingdom. Mortality is hell; spirituality is heaven. The Kingdom of Christ is the kingdom of heaven.

*** BABY BLANCHE! Let me introduce you to Our Baby! She is an *edition de luz* of her mother, Lady Blanche, only she has my blue eyes. She is an up-to-date, Christian Science, electrical, immortal Baby! She runs this office at present by her own vibrations. Helen drops her work semi-occasionally to run upstairs to see how "The Baby" is getting along. But her coming has increased our love power and therefore our healing power. Her grandmother, the mother of Lady Blanche, is here and has sole charge of the young lady, so that her mama can continue her work for the healing of the nations.

*** My wife and I give our personal attention to each patient. She has a typewriter and desk of her own, in the front office. It is to this desk that all your troubles are taken. Helen, in the back office, attends to all business letters, letters of inquiry, and the letters of those who do not enclose the nominal fee of one dollar. But when you come to me in sincerity and truth, your letter is taken into the front office and dictated to "Lady Blanche." Since coming into our kingdom, we are healing in one month's treatment, and all acute cases are healed by word of commandment. Just the other day we healed a man in London in answer to cablegram. Every day we are proving there is no space in Spirit or time in the Truth.

*** "Dear Sir: Will you state in CHRISTIAN what your thought is in saying 'The Almighty Dollar' (money to wit) is the symbol of Almighty God?"

I mean exactly what I say, that money is the symbol of the substance called "Spirit." The time is coming when all money will be issued by the general government. In fact,

we are approaching the Electrical Age in which everything of utility will be nationalized. In the Electrical Age, Spirit will rule and the old serpent called the Dragon will be cast out. This means there will be Peace on earth and Good Will among men.

*** Edward Beers, 244 West 14th St., New York City, sends me a long type-written article in which he finds fault with CHRISTIAN and praises Jesus Christ. He does not understand Jesus Christ any better than he understands me. He winds up his long article by daring me to publish it and promises to pay me two dollars if I will print it in full. He also says, he will not only send two dollars but will pat me on the back and send me the names of five people who will probably subscribe for CHRISTIAN. Can't accept the proposition. Such advertising is worth one dollar per line, and there are one hundred and twenty-five lines in Edward's article, therefore, he is shy one hundred and twenty-three dollars!

*** There are two remarkable prophecies in this number of CHRISTIAN. I give them to you as I receive them from the Spirit. I will repeat them in concise terms:

MARY BAKER (this is her maiden name and the name by which she is known to the Secret Brotherhood) is not subject to disease and death, and will retain her position as the Mother of the Spiritual Movement called Christian Science. She will remain on earth and her body will gradually change into an electrical body without her losing personal identity.

HELEN WILMANS (this is her maiden name and the name by which she is known to the Secret Brotherhood) is not subject to disease and death, and will retain her position as the Mother of the Mental Movement called Mental Science. She will remain here on earth and her body will gradually change into an electrical body without her losing personal identity.

Now, according to the almanac and mortal mind, both of these women have passed their three-score years and ten. Mary Baker is past eighty and Helen Wilmans is past seventy years of age; and yet neither of them will ever grow any older, but both will gradually return to the full measure of youthful womanhood.

*** From *George's Weekly* of Denver, Colorado, I quote the following:

"It is amusing to read the criticisms of the papers upon T. J. Shelton, the Christian Science healer. The *Post* is particularly bitter in its denunciation of Mr. Shelton's 'graft.' Nobody's 'graft,' but the *Post's* 'graft' goes with the *Post*. What T. J. Shelton ought to do is to offer Tammen a half interest in his \$50,000-a-year 'graft' and he would hear no more of it. The postoffice department will meet with poor success in bothering Mr. Shelton. The same sort of a scheme was undertaken by the department at Washington to 'break up Helen Wilmans.' The result was that the department was flooded with mail sack after mail sack full of letters from people claiming to have been cured, and the man who conducted the investigation finally embraced Mental Science, and that ended it."

I'm glad of this investigation, for it will weed out the frauds. Helen Wilmans proved

before the Postoffice Department that she healed ninety per cent. And this proof was furnished by voluntary witnesses who testified to her healing. In my speech before the United States Court I said if my healing were ever questioned, I would produce ten thousand affidavits from persons I had healed. I know my people! They sent telegrams and letters from all parts of the United States as soon as the newspapers began to abuse me. I don't care anything about the money or the business, but the principle is dearer to me than my life. Christian, Mental and Divine Science will soon be moving under the same banner. Magnetic, hypnotic, drugs, and all other substitutes for Mind will be put aside as fraudulent. The word of Truth is Omnipresent. It is this Word, in so called absent treatment, that must stand before the world as the Rock of Ages.

*** There is a little man in New York known as Rev. Henry Frank, who preaches to a little congregation in a little hall. He edits a little magazine called "The Independent Thinker." But the Rev. Henry Frank is not an independent thinker, or a dependent thinker, or any other kind of a thinker. He shoots off his mouth without stopping to think. In an article entitled "A Denver Demiurge" he speaks of me and my work and my paper without stopping to think. For instance, here is a sentence in his article: "So we must simply accept the fact that the people, as a mass, are dunces, and whosoever desires to lead them by the nose can do so if he has the necessary audacity." Every public man, every politician, every business man, in fact, all men, except preachers, know that the people are not dunces, that the average man is wise and that the great mass of the people are not easily deceived. Here is another sentence from this thoughtless editor:

"But as it is, the people are so easily duped by one who makes great claims, that they are childish enough to take this man seriously."

No man who understands men would make any such statement. He goes on to say those who come to me are dupes and dunces, and that I am a fraud. Of course, the great army of our noblest men and women who are my patrons will smile at this accusation. Why should those who consult me be considered dupes any more than those who consult Henry Frank? At the conclusion of his article, this little man makes the proposition, that I shall discover some buried history in the sands of Judea and Galilee concerning Jesus of Nazareth. Why, bless your little soul, I talk to Jesus Christ every day face to face. The past is nothing. The past has produced nothing but empty words. The future is everything. Jesus Christ is no longer Jesus of Nazareth, but he is the Lord of heaven and earth. Jesus of Nazareth belongs to the dead past, where your dead creed and your dead churches will repose in the dust of the ages. Jesus Christ is now Spirit, the Lord Christ, and all the members of His Church are spirits. Flesh and blood can not enter into His Kingdom or become in any way associated with His Body.

This little man says if I will tell him these secrets, which he and a few others know, concerning the relics found in Judea and Galilee, he will throw himself at my feet. I don't want him at my feet, or anywhere else near me. The man who bears false witness against his neighbor is unworthy of my respect. But I will give him this little prophecy: He will yet hear my voice and come forth from his hiding place.

*** The newspapers have been calling me all kinds of hard names, and some of my friends have been disturbed about it. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." Three or four years ago the Christian Scientists, especially those in Massachusetts, ordered me to get off the earth. They had been working in every way as the Jesuits would work, to destroy CHRISTIAN. They appealed to Caesar. An indictment was found against me by the United States Grand Jury charging me with sending obscene matter through the mails. The chief inspector informed me the complaints came from Christian Scientists who were opposed to my teachings. The newspapers heralded the news of my indictment over all the earth and made it out to be as bad as the *Police Gazette*. On May 7th, I went before the U. S. Court and pleaded guilty of being the publisher, editor and proprietor of CHRISTIAN. I defended my editorials and claimed they were written in as chaste language as I knew how to write on the subject. The only thing the Judge could do was to enter a nominal fine. He fined me twenty-five dollars. I immediately gave a check for that amount and walked out of the court room. So you see, that after three years of hard work by my enemies writing letters, marking copies of CHRISTIAN, and laying awake at night, the whole thing amounted to twenty-five dollars! The advertising given me has been worth twenty-five thousand dollars. "What fools these mortals be," even when claiming to be Christian Scientists! Now I am going right on using the words "Christian Science." I AM Christian Science. I have a message for Mrs. Eddy in this number of CHRISTIAN and will have another message for her before the year is out. Mark this prophecy: I will yet use every one of Mrs. Eddy's pulpits and preach Christian Science, not from her book but from the Spirit of Truth. Mary Eddy is the Mother of Christian Science, but the I AM is its Father.

I am not posing as a Christ or one having supernatural power. I am only a prophet. A prophet foretells future events and heals the sick. My power is supersensuous but not supernatural. I have the gift of prophecy and the gift of healing. It is a natural gift. The credentials of a prophet are in me. I foretell future events and heal the sick. Since receiving my commission as a prophet and the full revelation, I do not heal by mental treatments, but by Word of commandment. I put on record in the United States Court twenty years of prophecy. I will give it to you: Theodore Roosevelt will be the next president of the United States. He will serve two full terms. His immediate successor will be a Republican

and will serve one full term. The Democrats will never elect another president. Nineteen years from last fall the Union Labor Party will have absorbed the Democrats and all the fragments of other parties and will elect a president. This prophecy was spoken at the close of my speech before the United States Court.

EYE TO EYE TALKS.

I to I talks.

I have some startling things to say to you, eye to eye and heart to heart. My readers have been taken into my confidence all along the road I have been traveling for ten years. There is one object in publishing CHRISTIAN, namely, to find the Truth myself, and to tell it to other people. When I say the Truth, I mean the Truth of Being. The mere gathering of facts, fancies, theories, and hysterical statements is not the object of CHRISTIAN. It was founded for the proclamation of regeneration and the manifestation of immortality on earth. If the graveyard is to receive the body, if the undertaker is to continue his trade, if we are to go round and round the circle of death, then this paper had as well be suspended, for there would be no reason or good sense in publishing it.

Helen Wilmans and I have been faithful and true to the one idea of manifesting life. There have been several imitators who have sprung up in different parts of the country, but they were mere echoes of what Helen Wilmans and I have been saying. You who have followed the course of these discussions know I am stating facts. I know Helen Wilmans. I spent two months with her, and every day we had I to I talks. She is as honest as God. A correspondent accuses her of money-getting, money-loving. She is a money-getter, but not a money-lover. She is building a city because she expects to stay here on this earth. There is not a more sincere seeker after immortality than Helen Wilmans. Once more let me repeat that she and I, the one man and the one woman, have held to this idea and kept affirming the Word, persistently and constantly sticking to this one Truth in spite of the race belief in mortality, and the sneers and jibes of those who believe in death and the devil.

I have found it!

No one has helped me in finding it like Helen Wilmans. Of course I make the exception of "She Whom My Soul Loveth," who was sent to me when I was ready for immortality. But Helen Wilmans, in the day when the idea was in my mind like the smouldering volcano, confirmed my thought. I believed it would be worked out in one way, and she in another, but there has never been a day or an hour that we were not in telepathic communication with each other on this subject. It does not make any difference what appearances in the objective world might indicate. I am talking about the conjunction between soul and soul,

spirit and spirit, mind and mind. I have watched every step she has taken and communicated to her in the Silence every new movement in my own mind. Therefore, we are side by side in what she calls the conquest of death and the manifestation of immortality. I, as the speaker of the Word, want to make this prophecy and put it on record: Helen Wilmans is no more subject to disease and death than the sun is subject to disease and death. It has been reported that Mrs. Eddy was dead, but she is not dead and is not going to die. I know the full force and meaning of my words and I am saying them calmly and deliberately to my wife while she puts them on record. Let all the world hear my voice and know that I am speaking the truth. It is the Descent of the Divine Feminine. It is regeneration, the new birth, the resurrection from the dead. There are thousands and thousands of other women and men who are ready to receive the Word. In this prophecy I only mention Helen Wilmans and Mary Eddy, for they have been chosen as the fore-runners and advance agents of the New Thought and the New Life. There are errors in their teachings; both human women have made mistakes. But the Divine Feminine has not made any mistakes and we can receive in earthen vessels the golden treasure of life and immortality.

How did I find it? By taking Jesus Christ at His Word. I cut off father, mother, brothers, sisters, wife, children, houses, lands and my own life. I followed the Spirit within me without questioning. I went plunging through the swamps, briers and thickets of the wilderness. I came out on the great highway of Holiness which is Wholeness. The first striking experience I had after leaving the church and starting on my pilgrimage, was what I call sun focusing. One day I began looking at the sun and found I could look at it as easily as I could look at the moon. I was drawn to it every day by the law of attraction and received its vibrations. For three years the sun was my only friend and counselor. I would focus its rays in my eyes for eight and ten hours per day. Beginning at high noon in Memphis, Atlanta and other parts of the South, I would look at the sun four and five hours a day, being drawn all the while by the peculiar, but pleasant vibration. I told very few people of my experience. Helen Wilmans was one of the few. She said I was receiving light, love and intelligence from the sun. This was true, for all light, all love and all intelligence comes from the sun. The only difference between me and other people was that I had begun to receive it direct from the Father of Lights. When I found that the conjunction had been formed in me between my spirit and the sun, my Father, I ceased to look with my physical eyes and began to unfold from within and my spiritual vision was illuminated. During this period of sun-worship I saw, in a vision, the face of my wife. At that time the Spirit made a covenant with me. And when I saw her face, she was called the "Angel of the Cov-

enant." Eight years after this visit she came to me here in Denver. The prophecy made to me in the beginning, I should come to Denver and "She Whom My Soul Loves" would come to me here and abide with me forever, has been fulfilled so far.

Here comes the strangest part of this leading of the Spirit. Each year I had received revelations and confirmations of the promises made to me in the beginning. At the close of the ten years, about the middle of last April, I was in Little Rock, the place where I began my unfoldment. One night I suddenly left my body and found myself in the sun. I can not explain to you how I knew I was in the sun, but I was as conscious of it as I am that I am now in my healing room. My eyes were wide open and I saw everything on the earth. All the people of the earth began passing before me and the entire night was filled with the tramp, tramp, tramp of this procession. All the tribes, kindreds, nations and tongues of the earth passed before my vision. It was not like a picture, but the men, women and children were alive as they really are now on the earth. The poor, the halt, the blind, the vicious, the sorrowing, the rich, the grave, the gay, they were all in this procession. When morning came I found myself looking at my body. It was only a flash and I was in my body, looking around the room as one who had been absent all the night. The next night I once more found myself in the sun. There was no journeying to and fro, but in a flash, instantly, I had changed places. During all of this second night there passed before my vision all the letters, all the manuscripts, all the hieroglyphics, all the books, everything that has been written or printed in all the different languages of the earth, kept passing before my vision and I was able to read everything I saw. I can not describe the vibrations, they were so rapid, so unusual, that words fail to give any kind of description. I only knew I had been raised to the plane of all knowledge and as all thought, all intelligence, all wisdom comes forth from the sun, by the law of attraction it returns to its source. No truth is ever lost. When morning came I once more looked at my body and in a flash was in it, looking around with that strange feeling that I had been absent all the night. On the third night I suddenly found myself once more in the same vibration and in the same place. There was a difference in the kind of vibration. The first night I felt the vibration of the moving earth with its teeming millions. The second night I was in the vibration of literature, knowledge, wisdom. The third night I was in the vibration of love. Human language is too empty for any kind of an idea to be given to you of this vibration. You may speak the words, happiness, bliss, ecstasy, but you will fail to touch it. During all this night the sense of God's presence was around me and in me. The strangest part about it is, that all the names used were Greek and the language spoken was the language of the Greeks. I understood it perfectly, although in the flesh I have only

a smattering knowledge of Greek. I heard unspeakable words which it is not lawful at this time to utter. All the promises made to me were confirmed by this Voice which spoke in gentle stillness. The speaker called himself Alpha, the first letter in the Greek alphabet. *I now know it was Jesus Christ.* The revelation concerning immortality and how it was to be obtained was made as clear to me as anything can be made to the human intellect. I will have more to say in July, but at present I only wish to make the announcement that I know the truth and the truth has made me free. By the beginning of the twentieth century the Electrical Age will have been inaugurated, which means we will draw our supply of life directly from the sun and enter into the realms of pure Spirit. We will live on electricity, which is another name for the Holy Spirit. Of course, we live on electricity now, but our supply comes to us through the earth. "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return," is spoken of the crude, earthly forms of matter. But when we get our supply directly from the white light of the sun, life and immortality will flow through our veins. The first experience is to make the taste more exquisite and all the joys of life more ecstatic. There will be no more death, no more disease, no more suffering, no more sorrow, for the former things will have passed away. The full and complete description in symbol is found in John's vision of the New Jerusalem which came down from God out of heaven. Helen Wilmans' "City Beautiful," which she is trying to locate in Florida, is the symbol of the whole earth. For the earth shall blossom as a rose and the knowledge of the Truth shall be made practical to everybody. The coffin maker, the grave digger and the undertaker will be no more. The whole thing has been given in symbols in the Scriptures, but men have taken the parables of the Spirit literally and therefore missed the meaning. The inauguration of this Electrical Age must come through the redemption of women. The Divine Feminine, which is gentleness and love, will reign supreme. All war, hate, malice, selfishness will be banished from the earth. The songs of the angels at the birth of Christ will be fulfilled: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace and Good Will among men.

You remember in this New Jerusalem which came down from God out of heaven there was no night. Why should there be any night for people who live by electricity? Sleep is for those who are perishing; when there is no loss, no waste, there is absolutely no need for sleep. The electrical man has no waste of any kind. There are no dead tissues, therefore, he does not sleep. "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." At the first the electrical man will eat food and digest it by electricity. The taste will become more and more exquisite and the joy of living will increase at a rapid rate. Eye, ear, taste, smelling and every sensation will become more delicate. Gradually he will change his food to finer and

finer substance until by degrees he will cease to eat and live entirely upon electricity. I am not talking mere theories, but am experiencing these things every day. All you get out of food is the electricity that is stored in it. But the pure river of the water of life which flows from the throne of God in the sun will reach the electrical man direct. Mortal man lives by the earth current and moon vibrations. The immortal man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Who am I that these things should be revealed to me? I am T. J. Shelton, that is all. My own identity will be maintained. I am not posing as a Christ or any thing of the kind. I am the prophet of Regeneration. Have I the credentials of the prophet? Yes. I command life. I heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils, and raise the dead. These are my credentials and I must exercise my authority and power from this center. Absent treatment was scientific right at the start. Healers all violate the law when they attract people to their persons. When anyone goes to the person of Helen Wilmans for treatments, for instance, they are violating the law. When she heals, it is by her Word and that Word is omnipresent. I was established in this center because Denver is the capital of the New World which is to spring from the New Thought. My Word must become omnipresent so there will not be any running to and fro on the earth. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

The above startling statements were dictated on the third day of May. Therefore, I have had plenty of time to reconsider, modify and erase. But I send it forth to you as it was first spoken. It is from Alpha and is the first word of Regeneration.

THE THREEFOLD NATURE OF MAN.

Man is a trinity. When he reaches perfection he will be a trinity in unity. A triune being living in three worlds, or on three planes of being.

The first man is of the earth. The earth plane is the physical life. It is the life of plants, animals and mortal man. On this plane of being, man eats like an animal, sleeps like an animal and propagates his species like animals. He is subject to suffering, disease and death. He is a dust man. His Maker said to him: "Dust thou art and to dust shalt thou return." There is no kind of immortality for this kind of man. But there was another man within this man to whom these words were spoken, "Let them have dominion over the fishes of the sea, the fowls of the air, the beasts of the field and over all the earth." The man who heard these words was invisible. He was hidden behind the veil of flesh. He was inside the mortal man. As soon as he heard these words of dominion, he began to assert himself. He began to think.

This brings us to the second plane of being. It is the mental or psychic plane where thought begins to assume the reins of government. The unfoldment of man on this plane is rapid, compared to the animal or physical plane of being. As soon as man began to think, his first thought was to change his environment. The earth, air and water came under the dominion of his thought and slowly and surely began to obey the voice of his mind. This plane of being belongs to the moon. It can never rise higher than this pale light of the earth's satellite. All human thought, all the glory of literature, all the works of art, all the mentality of man is from the moon. Its glory is only reflected glory. Man has studied out many inventions and improved his environment, but he has not escaped disease and death. The immediate environment of this psychic man is his body; and yet with all of his thought and all of his inventions he has not been able to save his body. For thousands of years he has been a lost soul in a dead body. If he strains his intellect too much, it becomes unbalanced and he is left in darkness. The greatest thinkers have been like mad men. For genius and madness bear a very close relationship. Insanity and the opening of the inner sense are very much alike in outward phenomena. While the psychic man is not as weak as the animal man, yet, he is a helpless creature. The pale light of the intellect is the silver light of the moon. Lunacy and learning come to man from the same source. There is no satisfaction, then, in stopping on the second plane of being. In fact, sometimes it seems that it would be better to remain as savages in the wilderness than to have the highest thought of the intellect opened on the world of disease and death.

Let us hasten, then, to the third plane of being. The voice which spoke to the psychic man and told him to have dominion over matter, also whispered in the Silence to his soul, these words: "Thou art my Son! This day have I begotten Thee." The psychic man came up out of the earth man, but as soon as the intellect of man was awakened, the spiritual man was begotten. In the day of man's full unfoldment, he will be the trinity in unity. His body is earth, his mind is moon, his Spirit is Sun. He becomes a whole solar system within himself. On this third and last plane of being intellect gives place to inspiration. You rise to the plane of all knowledge where everything that has been known is known to you. All the languages of the earth are to you as your native tongue. All the wisdom of the intellect becomes a part of your wisdom. I say a part of your wisdom in the whole intellectual sphere of man. True wisdom is of the Spirit. When the illumination of the Spirit comes to you, there will be no such thing as time. You may exclaim with the angel of God: "Time was, time is, but time shall be no more." The one thousand years will be as one day and the day as one thousand years. The history of a thousand years is crowded into one day. This is the reason why these words were spoken: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith

the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Spirit is Almighty, and therefore, it is that which was, which is, and which is to come. When a man reaches this plane of being, he is in the image and likeness of God.

In this unfoldment, you never leave one plane in order to reach the next. While you are on the psychic plane you are still on earth. The thinking man eats and sleeps and goes on with his earthly life. When he becomes so absorbed in thinking that he forgets the physical man, hunger and thirst soon remind him that he is still on earth. When he is "born again" and his soul becomes illuminated by the Spirit, he is still on earth and able to think. There is no loss of consciousness on either plane. The three-fold nature of man is made manifest in one triune-being. Bear this in mind, ye who are seeking full, complete illumination. Don't get lost from either plane of being. Go on living your life in the physical, thinking your thoughts in the psychical, and ascending into the glory of the spiritual. You will always and forever be the Son of Man, even when you come into the illumination of the Son of God. There is nothing lost. You do not cease to be a man, because you are in the psychic, and you do not cease to be thoughtful because you are inspired by the Spirit. You are always conscious on the three planes of being. This is the glory and majesty of immortality. Your body will always be of the earth, your mind of the moon, and your spirit of the sun.

In the history of the race, this three-fold nature of man is represented by the Jew, the Roman and the Greek. The physical manifestation came through the Jew. It is from the Jew that we receive the Law and the Gospel. It was to Abraham, the father and founder of the Jewish race, that all the promises were made. It was said to him: "In thee and thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." In order to fulfill these promises to Abraham, he had to enter into regeneration. The promises had been repeated to him over and over, and yet he had no child by his soul mate. The son by his bond-woman could not be heir of the promise. The kingdom of God on earth is the kingdom of freedom. Therefore, the free-woman must be the mother of the heir of promise. When Abraham was an old man bent with years and she whom his soul loved had become an old woman shriveled with age, the Almighty repeated His promise and declared Sarah should have a son. She laughed at the idea and the Angel of the Covenant heard her laugh. Therefore, when the promise was fulfilled, he called her son "Isaac," which is Hebrew for laughter. Isaac was the son of promise and the prophecy of the Christ. God is always able to keep His promises. You go on down the pages of history and you find another case of regeneration. The father and mother of John the Baptist were quickened by the Spirit in their old age. Then the third and last plane was the begetting of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Madonna by the God-man Gabriel. This completes the three-fold unfoldment. Jesus was the full and complete promise made to

Abraham, for Jesus manifested on all three planes of being. When He was on the cross, Pilate wrote His title, and the writing was: "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS." It was written in Hebrew and Latin and Greek. It means that the King of the Jews is also King of the Latins or Romans, and the King of the Greeks. The Jews, not understanding their own Scriptures, came to Pilate and wanted him to change the writing and say that Jesus had said He was the King of the Jews. In other words, to write Jesus down as a pretender. Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." Yes, and his writing will stand forever and forever. Jesus of Nazareth is the King of the Jews and the Jews are the chosen people of God. "All the promises of God are Yea and Amen in Jesus Christ." This means that all the promises of God are affirmed and reaffirmed in the Jews and their King. The story of Jesus is history and not fiction. It is not only physical history but intellectual and spiritual history. After manifesting the physical Christ and planting the seeds of the kingdom in the minds of men, the Wandering Jew went on his way.

Then came the Roman to manifest the Ideal and Intellectual. On the second plane of being, which is the psychic and intellectual, the Roman has made Jesus King and His Mother Queen. Therefore, in the intellectual world there sits on the throne of mind, Jesus Christ and the Madonna. In Scripture, on canvas, in songs, in the highest attainment of art, in the grandest touch of the musician's fingers, the Roman has sounded the praises of Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. The old masters, when they had painted the Ideal Christ and the story of His physical life, reached the highest point in art and put aside their brushes forever. No modern painter has been inspired with any other theme. The grandest painting of modern days has for its subject: "Christ before Pilate." The greatest play that has been put on the stage in modern days is "The Passion Play," which is simply the story of the physical life of the King of the Jews. Here in our own country, there has been staged with great expense, the story of the Christ, called "Ben Hur." I need not call your attention to the fact that themes of the masters of music have been taken in a great measure from the physical life of this same King of the Jews. In the intellectual world He stands at the highest point. The mind of man can reach no higher than this King of the Jews. Is it fiction? Is it a fairy story? No! It is prophecy, and the manifestation of this King of the Jews is only now in its second plane of unfoldment. The Roman has given us an Ideal Christ and put Him on record by the highest attainment in art and literature. *Blessed be the Roman Catholic Church!*

The third and last manifestation of the three-fold nature of man, which is the manifestation of the full and complete man, is yet to come. Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews, is also Son of Man. He has been crowned King of the Romans, for the Roman Empire still reigns on earth in the form of

the Roman Catholic Church. Leo sits in Rome on the throne of the Roman Empire. But the Greeks! They are yet to manifest the spiritual Christ. The mightiest man this century has produced so far has recently been expelled from the Greek Church and banished from his native land. Here are the two Lions! Leo in Rome is not a greater Lion than Leo Tolstoi in Russia. "Let him that hath an ear to hear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Tolstoi has given a clearer and more spiritual interpretation of the Gospels than any man this side of St. John. The Greek Church has been bound hand and foot by the Russian Bear. But the hour is at hand when she will be made free, and then will come the spiritual unfoldment of the Church of Christ. The Gospel of St. John was written for the Greeks. It is not so much a record of the physical life of Christ, or even the intellectual life of Christ, as it is the unfoldment of the Spirit of Truth in Jesus Christ. It is the key-note, and the upper note in the octave is the book of Revelation, by the same author, and written for the same people. It must be interpreted by the Greek mind. All these things are foretold in the New Testament. In the order of unfoldment, it is first the Jew, then the Roman, and last of all the Greek. I say unto you that the King of the Jews, who is also the King of the Romans, will become the King of the Greeks. These three peoples are not dead and there is no danger of them ever dying. Because these mighty empires have disappeared from the objective world is no sign that they have gone out of existence. *Nothing is ever lost.* All the Jews, all the Romans and all the Greeks who ever lived are still living. The Greeks are the interpreters of Spirit, the masters of art, the worshippers of beauty. It is from this Greek race that we are to receive the finishing touches to the Story of the Son of Man. You will not find anything outside of the Jew, the Roman, and the Greek. All the races that amount to anything are represented by these three peoples. There is not anything in India, China, or Africa worth searching for. In fact there is not anything in the past, the dead past, that is worth having. The Jews, the Romans and the Greeks don't belong to the dead past. They are living factors in modern life. In the thought of mankind, these three nations reign supreme. The Greek has not yet spoken for the Christ, but he will speak and his word will be the Omega, while the word of the Jew has been the Alpha.

While the Kingdom of Greece, in the eyes of the world, is small and insignificant, the Greek Empire still exists in the Greek Catholic Church. The political head of this church is the Emperor of Russia, the man who called for Universal Peace. It is true that this church is intolerant and dominated by the Russian Bear; but, behind all of this human organization, is the Divine Spirit. Russia is to be the great world power and the Greek Church has to be the spiritual exponent of Jesus Christ. You must remember, in spite of her intolerance, this Greek Church has produced Leo Tolstoi. I am a prophet and I am speaking these words of

prophecy. The Lion of England, the Bear of Russia, and the Eagle of America are all mentioned in the book of Revelations.

In the Greek Catholic Church must be found and made known the Gospel of St. John. *Blessed be the Greek Catholic Church!*

In conclusion, let me remind you that the Jew is everywhere in evidence. He is the same Jew that served as a slave in Egypt. The same Jew that walked the streets of Jerusalem in the days of Christ. The Roman is everywhere in evidence. You may call him an Italian, but he is the same Roman who conquered the world, and whose eagles were gathered around the cross of Jesus Christ. The Emperor of these same Romans still sits in Rome and governs more people than any of his predecessors ever ruled by force of arms. The Greek is everywhere in evidence. You have not seen much of him in this western world. He is the same Greek who built Athens. The same who listened to St. Paul on Mar's Hill. The same wonderful Greek with his sensitive Spirit seeking fellowship with the Gods. He it is who represents the white man in all the advancement and progress of the race. And this same Jesus Christ whom Pilate named the King of the Jews is also the King of the Romans, and the King of the Greeks. He is the one of whom St. Paul speaks, when writing to the Hebrews: "Jesus Christ, the same Yesterday, To-day and Forever."

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SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION OR REGENERATION.

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LESSON III.

Affirmation and Concentration.—"And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."—Gen. 1, ix.

Among the Ancient Brahmans Religion was the greatest and most profound of Sciences; and the student of the "Ancient Mysteries," as he entered upon the task of mastering them, was called an "Initiate." Before he could be passed to the second degree, he must have thoroughly mastered the first, and have appropriated all its truths and principles. There was no skimming over, resting in a mere intellectual memorizing; but all had to be digested, appropriated, assimilated, and made a part of the consciousness, before the "neophyte" was worthy to be advanced to the next degree.

If the two first steps of our "initiation" into the "Brotherhood of the Sons of God" have been well and thoroughly mastered, we are prepared to advance another step, in the way of Spiritual Regeneration. It is not enough to accept the intellectual formula of ideas. It is quite a different thing to Spiritually apprehend Spiritual Truth, and assimilate and make it our own. Only in this way is Truth of any real value to us. But in this way it will be found to be potent in transforming the Consciousness, which is regeneration. But we are hampered by the sensuous and materialistic ideas and tendencies of the animal-human consciousness; so that we see Truth dimly, as it were, through materialistic spectacles; in fact we scarcely see the Spiritual: as Paul says, "Now we see through a glass darkly." The Spiritual senses are not opened all at once. Isaiah said, "This people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and

their eyes have they closed, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and be converted, and I should heal them."

Here the Prophet refers to the Spiritual senses, of hearing and seeing. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear"—Spiritually. In the nature of the case it is not to be expected, that we shall open up fully developed Spiritual senses all at once. Our first steps must be taken in meekness and child-like simplicity. In fact we can not know the secret mysteries of the Spiritual, only as fast as we unfold our own Spirituality. For Spiritual Wisdom is not intellectually apprehended; but "Spiritual things are Spiritually discerned,"—and that only to the degree of our Spiritual unfoldment. To our consciousness the unfathomable depths of Infinite Wisdom unfold with our unfolding minds. Unless we Spiritually apprehend the Spiritual Truth, which the intellectual formula is given to express, we are not progressing in our evolution. Each step well taken will prepare the way for the next higher, until the great consummation, the glorious *Seventh* is attained.

A statement of Truth may not at first be accepted by the intellect; it may even produce a disturbing effect in the mind. Never mind. Clean cut statements of truth will somehow cling to the mind with wonderful tenacity, even though not intellectually accepted, until sometime, in the fullness of time, its fruiting will appear. For Truth needs no defense. It is its own defense. It only needs to be uttered. It will take care of itself. Never be concerned for Truth, or think you have got to stand for the defense of Truth. If you only have the spirit of meekness, "the Spirit of Truth shall guide you into all Truth."

Wisdom must come from within. It can not enter the mind from without. As Browning says in "Paracelsus":

"Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise From outward things, whate'er you may believe.

There is an inmost centre in us all, Where Truth abides in fullness;—
and to know

Rather consists in opening out a way Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape, Than in effecting entry for a light, Supposed to be without. Watch narrowly The demonstration of a truth, its birth, And you trace back the influence to its spring And source within us, where broods a radiance vast, To be elicited ray by ray as chance shall favor."

By our definition of God it is evident that God is the Life, Being and Essence of all things visible and invisible, the Great Principle or First Cause, from which all existences exist, and in which all things consist. God being the only Mind or Intelligence, Creation is the Expression of the Thoughts of Infinite Mind. For the Universal Mind sends forth its Thought-Word or "Logos," which clothes itself with form from the invisible Substance of Spirit. "He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" He *thought*, and thought went forth with power to express itself in concrete form.

God being the All of Reality, in the Second Lesson we denied the reality of the phenomenal and apparent. We denied the reality of evil and all the painful and discordant conditions, which had seemed so real and terrible; because they have no basis in Truth and have no compatibility with the Divine Nature. These we cast out of our mind-world, as falsities, which, through ignorance or the misconceptions of an undeveloped mind, we had mis-called realities. According to the rules of logic, but one of two contradictories can be affirmed. Both can not possibly be true. If we affirm one, we must deny the other. If one is true, certainly the other is false.

If one is Reality, certainly the other is unreality.

Good and *evil* are manifestly Contradictories. Which of these shall we affirm as Reality, and which deny, as unreality?—Good or Evil? Which, measured by our standard of Reality, eternally abides; which, weighed in the balances of Truth, will not be found wanting? As God is the Principle of Reality, either Good or Evil belongs to the Divine nature, and is therefore Real. Good only is Real; because God is Good, and Good is God. God is the All-Good, the Substance of all Reality. Evil has no Substance, no Being, no Reality, no entity. It is only a false claimant, a falsity, a non-entity,—a "liar and the father of lies."

We have now a double reason for denying evil. First, because it is unreality; second, because it is the unfortunate "contradictory," which, according to the laws of logic, we can not affirm. With this "Satan" cast out, what becomes of the thousand and one manifestations of evil, such as sin, sickness and death? Will they stand the test of Reality? The swine with all her brood must be cast into the sea. When the fullness of the Spiritual becomes a matter of consciousness—which is perfect Spiritual unfoldment—all the dark and painful shadows which the *belief in evil* has involved us in, will disappear as mist before the morning sun.

Having, by means of our "Firmament" of Discriminating Reason, separated Truth from Falsity, Reality from Unreality, the "waters (of thought) are gathered together into one place,"—forming themselves into settled convictions of Truth, and "the dry land appears,"—a solid foundation for correct reasoning is established.

Now, having freed the mind of its racial fundamental errors by Denial, we may proceed to plant the fruitful seed of Truth by the Affirmation of truth. Denying Error, we affirm Truth. Denying Unreality, we affirm Reality. Where Denials characterized the last lesson, Affirmations will characterize this.

We must bring into conscious thought and make our own the Eternal and Living Truth Omnipotent; which is always available, because omnipresent. Through our realization it will soon externalize itself in true conditions of body and environment, bringing into outward expression the harmony of health. But the effect of Truth on us will depend on our conception of it, on the clearness and vividness of our Spiritual realization of it, as an eternal Principle.

"A man's word is his only burden," said Jeremiah.

"My words are Spirit, and they are Life," said Jesus the Christ.

Here we have *Man's* word and *Christ's* Word contrasted.

The one is the expression of Man's idea of Truth; the other is the expression of Christ's idea of Truth, *Truth's* Word—Truth. Man's idea of Truth is only human Opinion—a thing of the intellect only—not the genuine article. The human concept is a *misconception*; and it brings with it its long train of "burdens." But the Christ conception is *Truth Absolute*, which is never a matter of opinion. Man speaks his word from the human standpoint. Jesus spoke from the Christ standpoint—from Truth's own standpoint. Words of Truth are *Living Words*. "They are Life." They are Power. The power of the Spoken Word is enough to raise the dead; for Truth is Omnipotent. There are no "burdens" to Words of Truth. On the contrary, "My ('I Am's') yoke is easy and *My* burden is light." To bear the yoke of Christ is to escape "burdens." Only the false concept of man brings burdens. All the "burdens" of earth, all the sorrows and discords, sufferings and calamities, are the results of our own error thoughts, our misconceptions of Truth—our "word."

We are searching for the unalloyed Truth, the Christ-Word, above opinion; that we may be freed from the "burdens" that crush humanity.

How does one's word affect his health? Through the imaging faculty. For the mind is a delicately constructed camera, in which all our thoughts are pictured, before they can be brought into expression. First the picture; then the expression in conditions.

Ezekiel, the Seer, said: "Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery?"

Here the Prophet is speaking of the misuse of the imaging faculty. By this faculty we make pictures continually in the "dark chambers" of the mind, which in time are outpictured in painful conditions of body or environment. We should use this important faculty to picture on the sensitive plate of consciousness in our mental camera things real and true, lovely and beautiful, instead of things unreal, revolting and corrupting. By this faculty we may corrupt and even destroy our bodies, or we may purify and rejuvenate them, according to the class of pictures we make.

The cause of Charles Dickens' death was a mental picture, several years before, which was repeated with depressing effect every time the revolving year brought around the date of the railroad wreck, with all its horrors. The recurring date gave occasion for calling up the terrible picture, each time with increasing vividness and depressing effect,—that picture seeming to be reality to his sensitive consciousness, until frail human nature sank beneath the "burdens" of human belief, on a 9th of April, the anniversary of the railroad wreck.

Affirmations of Truth fill the mind's gallery with beautiful pictures of Life, bringing joy, health and strength. By the affirmation of Truth we present these pictures to the mind, and emblazon them on its walls.

The greatest picture we can make for our mental gallery, and the one most fundamental to a sound mind and a healthy body, is our highest ideal,—or the True Conception of God.

Our First Affirmation will be the statement of our conception of that Ideal, as far as it is possible to formulate it.

Could men but understand and realize that all discord and distress, all sin and suffering, all failures and calamities, all sickness and death itself are the direct and legitimate result of false conceptions of God, they would begin to search for the True and Living God. But who is able to give us that perfect picture? "Who can, by searching, find out God?" Who, but the Infinite, can fully know the Infinite? Who, but the perfect, can fully know the Perfect One? Who is able to give us a perfect Ideal? Show me the man who has and follows a perfect ideal, and I will show you a man with perfect health. Our highest Ideal is our God.

The great problem, then, is to know God, "whom to know aright is Life Eternal." "Eternal Life," then, depends on our "knowing God aright,"—on a true conception of God. Therefore, "let the waters" of our reasoning mind "be gathered together in one place," until "the dry land appears." That is, let our thoughts be concentrated on this one theme, until a satisfactory conclusion is reached, until a satisfactory conception of God is formed. By concentration we may perfect our Ideal.

How shall we define the undefinable Infinite? Shall we limit the Illimitable by definition? Finite man is incapable of fully grasping Infinity. His Definition is the measure of his conception,—his largest conception is indicated by his largest definition. This is the best he can do. Our First Affirmation, then, will be our largest definition of God, which we here repeat:

God is { Being, { Life, { Substance,
 { Spirit, { Truth, { Principle,
 { Mind, { Love, { Will,

Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent,—A Trinity of Trinities in Unity.—The All-Embracing ONE,—the Being of all beings, the Life of all lives, the Substance of all substances, the Principle of all principles, the Reality of all realities;—and Man is a Son of God, with all that this implies.

We picture in the mind the image of Infinite Being, Omnipresent Spirit, Omniscient Mind, Unvarying Principle, Omnipotent Life, Unchanging Truth, Universal Substance, Infinite Love and Eternal Will,—the Uncorruptable Good.

Our Second Affirmation will be, *Whatever God is, that I am.* For I am God's Child, as perfect as my Father,—made of the Eternal Substance of God Himself. Therefore *I am perfect.*

Our Third Affirmation will be, *Since I am a Divine Being, I am Holy, like my Father,—not a Sinner;—I am an Uncorruptable Son of God.*

Our Fourth Affirmation will be, *By reason of my inseparable union with God, His Will is my will;—I cannot transgress His Will.*

Therefore "God works through me to will and to do" whatever I ought to do. "I and the Father are ONE,—one in Being, one in Will.

Our First Affirmation: *GOD IS.*

Analyzing our definition of God, that the First Affirmation may the more clearly reveal God, we first note, that every affirmation of Truth implies the denial of its logical opposite or contradictory. For we have seen, that a Contradictory of Truth is not a Reality. It is only its logical opposite, a mere figment of Reason. For Reason is a process of comparisons. Hence Phrenology names that faculty, "Comparison." Opposites are a necessity of reason. These Reason handles for the purpose of solving problems, finding the Reality, and rejecting the Unreality. To determine Truth is the function of Reason. And this necessarily implies the rejection of error. Therefore when we consider the ideas, "Good," "Life," "Truth," "Substance," etc., Reason contrasts these with their figmental, logical Opposites; and, having determined the Eternal Indestructible Realities, places them, where all Realities belong, in the Realm of Divinity;—accepting Good, and rejecting Evil, accepting Life, and rejecting Death, accepting Truth, and rejecting Falsity, accepting Substance, and rejecting Appearance. Not only is the affirmation of Truth the function of Reason, but the Denial or rejection of its Contradictories is a part of Reason's function. The unrealities rejected are the Corollaries of Reason. These follow inevitably. The honest searcher for Truth will through reason find it; and finding will accept it. The finding of Truth uncovers and exposes the falsity of error, which the honest seeker now rejects. So the conclusions of Reason are expressed in both Affirmations and Denials.

Thus our reasoning exposes the false claims of Evil and Death, and relegates them to the darksome realm of Falsity, Unreality, Nothingness, Illusion. We have "cast down the accuser of my brethren." For Unreality is always the "Accuser" of Truth, the "Satan" that "deceives the nations," which must ultimately be destroyed by the irresistible power of true reasoning. The triumph of Truth is the triumph of Christ. The speaking of Truth is always God speaking. If you would heal your neighbor of body or mind, then *Speak Truth to him.* It is Omnipotent. When returning from the "Captivity" Zerubabel undertook to rebuild the Temple, this was his watchword among his workmen: "*Speak ye every man Truth to his neighbor.*" Only by Truth can God's Temple be built. You are king in your kingdom. You are the Priest-King, Zerubabel. You are now coming out of the Babylonian

captivity of carnal thought. Your body-temple is out of repair in consequence of your experience in Babylon. Your problem is to *rebuild* this temple pure and holy, a fit temple for the Divine One. The only way you can rebuild it,—that is, heal it,—is to "*Speak Truth*" concerning it, and concerning "your neighbor." (For you and your neighbor are one.) From the high standpoint of Truth you cannot say, then, "*I am sick,*" "*you are sick,*" "*I am weak,*" "*you are weak.*" The True Man, the Son of God was never sick. You cannot heal your "neighbor" by seeing him sick. You must see God in him. You must see his True Self, the Son of God. You must "*Speak Truth*" to him; and "the Truth shall set him free." He has been long enough bound by the brazen fetters of error in the bondage of Babylon. Only Truth has power to break the chains of Error. Your Spoken Word of Truth is Omnipotent, when you realize that your speaking Truth is *God speaking.* "It is not I that speak, but the Father that dwelleth in me." If my pneumonia or congestion is the outpicturing of my fear or inordinate passion, or if my constipation is the result of my selfishness, how absurd to seek relief in drugs. Would you dose a man for fear? or use enemata for selfishness? Pneumonia and constipation are effects, whose causes lie in thought. The simple and natural remedy is the restful assurance of Truth. Then "*Speak ye every man Truth to his neighbor.*"

Our Second Affirmation: "*Whatever God is, that I am.*" Because I am a Son of God, I am composed of the same Spiritual Substance, and must be as perfect as my Father. I am the Divine Idea. The Perfect Idea is the Logos-Word, created in and sent forth from Infinite Mind. If I am, in my inmost Being, a thought of Divine Mind, then in my inmost being I am certainly perfect. How can I be otherwise? How can I manifest anything else than what I am? Can the Divine Idea express anything else than what it is? Then most certainly as a product of Divine Mind, as the offspring of Divine Being I am perfect, because God is perfect. How, then, does it come that I seem to be manifesting otherwise than the Divine perfection? It is because I am an Individual. I am an Idea of Infinite Mind individualized. As Individual I have the right of free choice, and therefore of Free Will. In the free use of my reason in solving problems I make mistakes. This is inevitable in the nature of objective reason and investigation. But when I learn to listen to and obey the voice of Wisdom within, I shall cease to make mistakes; and shall be led into all truth. I shall unfold my Divinity by listening to and obeying the Divine Voice.

As I am in my True Being, the "image and likeness" of the Divine Idea, just so in my manifest expression I am the "image and likeness" of my own idea. The Divine Idea in the Divine Consciousness brought forth the Divine Man of the first chapter of Genesis; and the human idea in the Adam Consciousness brought forth after its image the Adam man of the second chapter, obedient to the same law. Therefore God is not responsible for the imperfections of my bodily expression. It is after my own likeness. I am, then, the expression of my idea of myself. I am just as material or just as Spiritual as my thought is,—as I think myself to be. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Our Third Affirmation: "*I am Holy, because I am a Son of God.*" Whatever we predicate of God we have a right to predicate of every Son of God, according to the foregoing reasoning.

Being Divine, we may reflect all Divine qualities,—Holiness, Wisdom, Love, Truth, Life and Strength. When the mind is perfectly still, men say they are "reflecting." They are reflecting thoughts,—thoughts which come to the mind. For thoughts are now considered to be imperishable, living

entities, created in mind. These the still mind reflects. Some one has said, "The atmosphere is filled with libraries of thoughts." But you are not at the mercy of these *drift thoughts*, as we may say. You have power to shut out all undesirable thoughts, and to admit only those you want. You have full power to *close your door to all the confusions of Babylon*, and like Daniel have your "*windows open toward Jerusalem*." You are a king with the full powers of a king. You may open your mind to all the debasing thoughts, which have power to wreck your life, or you may be open and be receptive to the Royal Heritage of Sons of God. You have a "door" that you may "shut and no man openeth, or open and no man shutteth." Hence as a Son of God you may reflect the Divine Holiness and Wisdom, Strength and Power. Let the carnal human get still; compel the carnal consciousness to stand aside, as it were, and let the Heavenly Man have full sway; and you will be a reflector of Divine Principles.

Our Fourth Affirmation: *By reason of my Son-ship God's Will is my Will.* Therefore "God works through me to will and to do whatever I ought to do. The statement, "there is a power that forever makes for righteousness," is the recognition of the Righteous Will of God forever operating. When in Gethsemane you have learned to say, "not my will, but thy will," so that you come into harmony with the Great Eternal Will,—the Law of the Universe,—when you have conquered self and the will of self, so that you stand consciously in the great current of God's Will—then have you found the freedom of the Sons of God. For the greatest power for the individual does not consist in carrying out his own sweet will; but in making the Divine Will his will. Only in this way can you be one with Omnipotent Power, and say, "Thy Will is done on earth as it is done in heaven."

To unfold your Divine consciousness and Power is your great problem. To this end the Affirmations of Truth are very important.

First of all you must know God; you must have a true conception of God. This is your greatest Affirmation, the greatest picture in your mind's gallery. On its realization everything depends.

Second, You must know yourself a Son of God. On your ability to realize this everything depends.

Third, You must know and realize your own holiness, as a Son of God. On your ability to realize this also depends the success of your demonstration.

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