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## "A SURE WORD OF PROPHECY."

MARY BAKER (Mrs. Eddy) will remain here on the earth as the Mother of Christian Science. Her body will gradually change into an electrical body without the loss of personal identity.

HELEN WILMANS (Mrs. Post) will remain here on the earth as the Mother of Mental Science. Her body will gradually change into an electrical body without the loss of personal identity.

Christian and Mental Science will unite in one grand movement for the inauguration of the Electrical Age.

This prophecy I have received from ZEUS, the Giver of Life, through ALPHA, the Speaker of the Word.

I AM, T. J. SHELTON.

"What's the use?"

My word of prophecy which first appeared in June Christianian, has called forth many comments. Here are a few extracts from letters:

"I believe you are just joking."

"Do you really mean for your words to be taken seriously?"

"Don't you know that Mrs. Eddy is already dead and has been dead for several years?"

"I have recently made a visit to Sea Breeze, and have seen Mrs. Post (Helen Wilmans). She is not only old, but she looks her age. She is not at all well and is failing rapidly."

"Mrs. Eddy is eighty-five years old and is tottering on the brink of the grave. Why did you select her as a subject of prophecy?"

"In the name of goodness, why did you select these two old women as subjects of prophecy? You have run a great risk. It is utterly impossible for them to regain youth and health."

These extracts are from letters written by women who have passed the age of forty. Many of them will never see fifty any more. They all claim to be students of the New Thought, and yet, they speak of prophecy as something impossible. They seem to think I am guessing or that I have made up this prophecy out of my imagination. They also think that if I had selected either of them, it would have been an easier job. I had no more to do with the selection of these subjects of the prophecy than I had to do with the making of this world.

"What's the use?"

Helen Wilmans and Mary Baker are just as young as any other women on earth. You may be hypnotised with the idea that you are young, but you are not. Bless your dear heart, the youngest baby on the earth is as old as Helen Wilmans or Mary Baker. Mortality is mortality, and you can't make anything else out of it. Your little figures on the dial of time have nothing to do with the passing of the years. It is only a question of so many revolutions of the earth around the sun until the baby born yesterday will be an old woman. Time is time, sweetheart, and is made out of your counting of the shadows of the earth.

"What's the use?"

The woman of twenty calls the woman of thirty old. The woman of thirty says the woman of forty is old; but the woman of forty calls the woman of fifty an old woman. Then the woman of fifty says the woman of sixty is growing old. But the woman of sixty looks a little further down the hillside and talks about that old woman of seventy. This mental hypnotism goes right on until the grave swallows the victim. You will all be at the foot of the hill. It is only a question of your continuing in the vibrations of mortality. You need not look in your glass to see if wrinkles are forming; the crows' feet will arrive in due time. The first gray hair alarmed you, but after a while "the silver threads among the gold" are everywhere in evidence.

"What's the use?"

You ask me why the Almighty did not give me an easier job by selecting a young girl or a young woman instead of Helen Wilmans or

Mary Baker. Is there anything easy or hard for the Almighty? I thought you claimed that Mental Science could heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out the devil of old age, and raise the dead? Yet, when I bring your leaders before you and ask that they be redeemed, you think I am joking or that I am crazy. Beloved, I am seeking for a practical resurrection. There must be a beginning somewhere. If old age is to be cured, the I AM had just as well begin on Helen Wilmans and Mary Baker as any one else. If the New Thought can heal a little sore on the little finger, it can raise the dead. There is no limit to the principle. There shall be no limit to my application of the principle. I am not joking.

"What's the use?"

Let the laurel-crowned skull at the head of this article demand an answer to the question. The seers, sages and prophets of the race have promised us a resurrection from the dead. The Bible is full of promises concerning immortality and the destruction of death. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is Death." The last enemy! Why, sweetheart, death is the first and the last enemy. What is disease but death? What is pain but death? What is weakness, suffering, sorrow, but death? As soon as you are born you begin to die. Mortal life is one long process of dying. Those who claim to believe in the Bible have put immortality on the other side of the grave. They tell you that when you die there will be no more death to you. This is begging the question! The key-note of the New Testament is immortality on the earth. They held out before the people the promise that death itself should be destroyed. The very last words in the New Testament ring out with these promises: "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 are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write, for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." I claim these promises! I have heard the voice of Alpha and in the name of Him who was and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty, I say unto you that the end of mortality is at hand. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him. Life is to be made manifest in the objective world.

"What's the use?"

The gentleman, whose picture adorns the head of this article, asks a leading question. The answer is, that there isn't any use. A laurel wreath on the brow of death is the end of all our greatness. Ambition, the lust for power, the lust for wealth, the seeking after happiness, all our aims, and all our hopes, end with this Place of a Skull. The world has come to the time for immortality. The soul has grown to the place in spiritual unfoldment where eternal life is absolutely essential to our happiness. The words of this truth were sown by Jesus Christ. The harvest is ripe and ready for the sickle.

I AM the Resurrection and the Life!



## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* August.

\*\*\* Leo, the Lion.

\*\*\* The sign is in the heart.

\*\*\* It is the middle sign of the Fire.

\*\*\* "The fire shall try every man's work."

\*\*\* "He maketh His ministers a flame of fire."

\*\*\* "I AM come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?"

\*\*\* There is no doubt about it being already kindled! Jesus Christ kindled a fire on the earth which has been steadily burning for two thousand years.

\*\*\* I am indebted to *The Philistine*, E. Aurora, N. Y., for the portrait of the laurel crowned gentleman on the first page.

\*\*\* Get here early with your "ads," as CHRISTIAN is printed about the middle of the month preceding the date of publication.

\*\*\* In the first stanza of "Johnny," the little poem published in July CHRISTIAN, "fresh blue bones and faces" should read "fresh blue earnest faces."

\*\*\* I don't give treatments for any kind of gambling. When persons send money to be treated for Success in lottery tickets, etc., I always return the money—and it is trying on the nerves to return the cold cash.

\*\*\* In spite of all we can say, our desk is loaded with dead-head letters. Such people can't receive any benefit from the truth until they learn the law of giving and receiving. The nominal fee of one dollar per month for healing is certainly within the reach of all.

\*\*\* A practical resurrection is what I am demanding. There is not any use in theorizing any longer. Life and immortality must be brought to light. It is being brought to light in my own life and I know that practical demonstration will cause the whole world to accept the New Thought.

\*\*\* "The Higher Law," which was embarrassed in the Spring, is now being published regularly every month. It is a beautiful magazine. You know its editor and I had a little spat, but at the same time I gave him treatments for Success. Yearly subscription, \$1.00, single numbers, 10c. H. W. Dresser, 272 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

\*\*\* Baby Blanche is certainly getting into the bloated bondholder vibration. A little box came the other day with the following inscription: "Presented to Baby Blanche by her Klondike friends, M. W. and Lillie D. Johnson, June 18, 1901, Grand Forks, Yukon, Canada." Inside the box were two large nuggets of pure Klondike gold.

\*\*\* There are ten thousand people who owe me more than ten thousand dollars on subscriptions for CHRISTIAN. I am treating these people to pay up so they will come into the vibrations of Success. I will meet you more than half way. If you will send one dollar, I will give you credit for all the past, no matter how long you have been taking the paper. I want to know you are sincere.

\*\*\* In her annual address for this year, Mrs. Eddy makes the following statement:

"Christian Science commands the attention of our best thinkers. I have cured patients of pneumonia, paralysis, and those in the last stages of consumption, in from one to three interviews."

If this is true, she can cure herself of old age. Either Christian Science has done some tall lying, or its healers have failed to make personal application of the healing Word.

\*\*\* A prominent Los Angeles physician offers to put in escrow in the bank thirty thousand dollars to be paid to any Christian Scientist who will cure a patient afflicted with cancer, now in his charge. This is silly! All healing is by the I AM and the patient as well as the practitioner must be in the right attitude of mind. God does not accept a challenge. All the money in the Universe belongs to God, therefore, \$30,000 for the cure of cancer is like offering a penny to a millionaire.

\*\*\* My two books, "The Law of Vibrations," which contains my first lessons in Christian Science, and "I AM Sermons," which is a larger book on the same subject, are selling rapidly. If you want a concise statement of the fundamental principles of Christian-Mental Science, you will find it in these books. "I AM Sermons" has a picture of the author as a mortal. It does not look a bit like what I am going to be. These books are sent postpaid for fifty cents each, or one dollar for the two.

\*\*\* The Spirit of Truth is not confined by any arbitrary rules in the use of words to express ideas. For instance, the Spirit has used the word "Zeus" for God and "Alpha" for Jesus Christ. It will do you good to change words occasionally and get a fresh one. For the idea of God we can use the Hebrew "Elohim," or the Greek "Zeus," or the Latin "Jupiter," or the English "God." They mean the same thing. The Greek mythology or the Roman mythology is just as near the truth as the Hebrew traditions. Behind the myth is the Mind with the true idea.

\*\*\* Thousands of people are being healed of acute diseases, with one month's treatment. I am proving the potency of the Silent Word. My wife and I take pleasure in speaking this Word to all those who come to us in sincerity and truth. You needn't tell all of your troubles; just write a brief letter telling us what you want and how you are situated. The Word is sent forth every day for Health, Happiness and Prosperity. The nominal fee of one dollar a month secures you treatments every day in the Silence. Besides all this, you come into conjunction with this center.

\*\*\* I have been asked to explain why so many persons fail in business after entering into the New Thought. It is because their minds are so carried away that they neglect business. You must walk in the narrow way between the two worlds; hold your balance between the objective and subjective thought, don't neglect this world because you happen to have a view of another world. It is well enough to be exalted to the ecstatic vibrations of immortality, but don't

neglect to wind the clock, put out the cat and see if the house is closed up before you retire. Don't pump so much blood into your brain that your stomach is left without the proper propulsion for good digestion. This is the reason why myself and wife, June and May, are well mated. When June soars up into the air, May says "did you hear the dinner bell?"

\*\*\* Somebody says "Proverbs are potted wisdom." So I got a book of Proverbs because I wanted to be wise; and I found a lot of things that are antagonistic to Mental Science, and to the Bible as well; for there is nothing in all the world that agrees with the Bible so well as Mental Science. The Bible is a Mental Science book; that is, the wisdom parts of it are; there are many parts of it that I do not understand.—*Helen Wilmans in Freedom*.

Now this sounds like good common sense. The Bible is a Mental Science book and all its inspired writings are from the Spirit of Truth. How can we tell the inspired parts from the other parts? By inspiration. It takes an inspired reader to understand inspired writings. Every one who has been illuminated by the Spirit of God recognizes inspiration the moment he reads it. When Helen Wilmans writes from what she calls the top brain, she is inspired. When she goes down into the cellar, she may perspire, but she does not inspire. I am glad she has recognized the Bible as the text book in Mental Science.

\*\*\* We are passing out of the emotional period into the scientific statement of truth. The emotional man belongs to the second or psychic plane of being. Religion is confined to this psychic man, who is full of emotion. The time is at hand for us to receive the greatest truths in calmness and serenity. It is not in the sweet bye and bye, but in the sweet now and now, that we are to rejoice in the Lord and the power of his Might. In the Electrical Age, immortality, ecstatic bliss, heavenly joy, will be received as a matter of course and will become as common as the electric light or the telephone. I am full of the emotional, for I belong to the positive pole of the air. My little wife belongs to the positive pole of the earth. She is my balance wheel. She takes the idea of being "clothed upon with our house which is from heaven" as calmly as a new dress. When I get full of joy and tell her that her body is to be changed into a glorious body, she takes it as if it were a tailor made suit. She is as unconcerned as if it were an every day affair. Really and truly, this is the kind of mind we must possess in order to enter into the Kingdom of Truth. I am having to heal people of emotional insanity caused by being unbalanced between the objective and subjective mind. You must learn how to be conscious on the three planes of being, the physical, psychical and spiritual. Don't let the good news of the kingdom unsettle your mind. This is the one reason why the Lord Christ is coming to the earth through the Silent Word. Objective manifestation would set the world crazy. This is the reason why you must be healed by gradual unfoldment of the mind. Healing by instantaneous command would injure the intellect.



## "A SURE WORD OF PROPHECY."

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but the holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

What has been is and ever will be. Prophecy has been in the past a sure word. It is just as sure a word today. The prophet must learn how to receive the word and how to speak it. You will notice the statement made in the quotation above, that no prophecy is of private interpretation, I was not permitted to mention the wonderful prophecies concerning Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Wilmans, in private letters. The Word received from God must be proclaimed in the columns of CHRISTIAN and left to work out its own unfoldment. No prophecy is ever a private one or for private interpretation. The human women mentioned in my prophecy are no more in the sight of God than other women. We say, why was General Grant put in command of the armies of the United States to close up the Civil War? We ask why Bismarck held the position he did in uniting the German Empire? Why should Leo, Pope of Rome, linger in his present place? These questions are coming up before us all the time. Why should Mary Baker and Helen Wilmans be selected as the mothers of this great movement? I don't know. When I found I was the chosen prophet of the Lord God, I wondered why He didn't select someone else. I asked the Spirit why He selected me. The answer was, "Because you are the biggest fool on earth." At first, this shocked my vanity. The light came to me afterwards, when I found that the fool in the eyes of the Spirit was one who was willing to learn. In the language of St. Paul: "If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." I confess I have always been fool enough to try to learn the truth. It was not my modesty which caused me to wonder why God did not select some one else; but, at that time I did not know what he wanted me to do. When Moses was called, he asked God why He did not select his brother Aaron. Aaron was older than Moses and a good speaker. Moses thought that Pharoah, king of Egypt, was to be impressed by oratory. I thought I had to do some wonderful thing myself, therefore, I wondered why some man better qualified

was not called. After ten years of schooling, I found out God does the work, and all I have to do is to hear and obey.

I have always had the gift of prophecy. It is a natural gift cultivated and educated by the Spirit. For instance, I have named every president of the United States before his nomination, from General Grant's first term to William McKinley's second term. The man and his inauguration always flashed before my mind several months and sometimes years before his nomination. When I was speaking before the United States Court, twenty years of prophecy flashed before my mind. I gave it to the Court in these words: "President McKinley will serve out his present term. Theodore Roosevelt will serve two full terms. His immediate successor will also be a Republican and serve one term. By this time, the Union Labor Party will elect a president. All this will be done peaceably. There will be no more war. Capital and labor will be united for the good of the people. What appears to be division and strife is but God's way of bringing about unity. When all the capital is united in one great trust and all of the labor is united in one great union it is but a step for the two divisions to become one. But a mightier than man is behind all these movements.

I could give you a whole list of prophecies made by me that have been literally fulfilled. I have told you in CHRISTIAN how I saw the face of my wife eight years before I saw her in the flesh. The whole of that prophecy is being fulfilled every hour, in "She Whom My Soul Loves." The reason why it was made public, is because no prophecy is of private interpretation. It was given for the good of all and not for any private benefit that my wife and I might derive from it. While we enter into the glory, it is the glory of the Lord, and the glory of the Lord means the glory of all the people. God is One and His Name is One. Man is One and his Name is One. It is the glory of God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to men. Hell is temporal, while heaven is eternal. Men pass through the gates of hell, but they don't remain in hell forever. Hell is but a name for the fires of purification. All the people must come into the glory of God and to the full realization of immortality. If but one soul was left out, all heaven would be filled with mourning and sorrowing. For this reason, I want you to get into your mind that one great truth that no prophecy is of a private interpretation. Mary Baker and Helen Wilmans are no more in the sight of God than the poorest heathen in the land. Their hearts must take in the whole of humanity without the exclusion of a single one. This is the thought that is filling the world full of fraternal feeling. Jesus Christ is Lord of all. He is directing the movements of J. Pierpont Morgan in bringing all the railroads into one company and under one management. You have been looking at Jesus Christ as a kind of figure-head of the objective church. Bless your souls, He is the Spirit of Truth and reigns supreme over all the earth.

In the conclusion of this article, I want to warn you not to make the common mistake in supposing that because you are to take everybody into your heart, you are to bring them into your house. Liberty, equality and fraternity is a very good motto if you take it in its mental and spiritual meaning. The deadhead must be dumped into the bottomless pit; the tramp must be eliminated. The exclusiveness which belongs to wealth, culture and refinement is for the good of all. Because I love a man in his humanity is no sign that the uncouth, the coarse, the vulgar, the dirty shall be taken into my physical fellowship. Each man must work his own way up to the light of truth. Keep the light burning for his benefit.

## THE THREEFOLD NATURE OF MAN.

The earth.

The moon.

And the sun.

This is the Trinity of Being.

The physical man is of the earth.

The mental man is of the moon.

The spiritual man is of the sun.

These things are taught in the sacred writings of the Hebrews, called the Old Testament, and in the scriptures called the New Testament. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." In other words, the earth brings forth after its kind. The mortal body of man is produced by the earth. It is born of dust and unto dust it will return. There is not any such thing as physical immortality, because, the earth body is subject to change. It is under the law of dissolution. It comes forth as the grass and is cut down by the scythe of Time and returns once more to the place from whence it came. Why men should have been encased in such a frail house of clay, is more than I can say. He hardly has time to look around and think about his situation, before the grave-digger comes around and puts him into a hole in the ground. He may die of old age, just the wearing out of his organs, or he may be an athlete and step on a rusty nail and die of lockjaw. He may be suffocated for want of air. Or it may be he is drowned in the waters. There is a chance of his being wrecked on the railroad. He may breathe some infectious disease from the atmosphere and lie down and die. There is a chance for him to touch the live wire on the streets and die instantly. You see this earth man never knows just when his house of dirt will be dissolved. The only thing that keeps him from becoming a lunatic is hope. He is always hopeful. He knows that death stalks abroad in the land, but each individual hopes he may escape. Therefore this man of flesh is not afraid to risk his life on fast trains. In fact, he rather prefers to travel fifty miles an hour, rather than go in a safer train at a slower rate of speed. He takes his chances on board ship, amid the storms of the mighty deep. He will enlist in the army and go to war, not because he expects to be killed, but because he expects to return with laurels. The other fellow



may be killed, drowned, smashed in a wreck, but each one thinks he is to be made the exception to the rule. The element of hope is all that lifts the mortal man out of absolute lunacy. If there is no immortality for the man of flesh, for the body of earth, what am I talking about? I am talking about breaking the earth connection and putting man's soul in conjunction with the sun. An electrical body would not be subject to accidents, disease or death.

The mind of man is moon. Our boasted thought is nothing more than moonshine. It is the mortal mind in the mortal body. The one corresponds to the other. The first glimmering ray of intelligence which comes to the earth man is from his mortal mind. He begins to learn by having objects and ideas impressed on his brain which corresponds to the moon. His brain is the moon of his spirit. Therefore, its light is reflected light. This mortal mind never goes out of the environment of the mortal body. It can not see one day ahead, and it can not see backward except by reading the records made in books and otherwise by mortal man. He has to learn every thing he knows by the sole process of impressions on the brain. He can not think without words. He can not have an idea without words to express it. So all of his boasted knowledge is simply a collection of words. This moon man walks by faith and not by sight. He can only see a few feet in front of his nose. St. Paul speaks of that scientifically when he says: "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know as even also I am known." The original reads: "Now we see in a mirror, darkly." It is moon light. You must remember that St. Paul and all the apostles were in the psychic where they could only see in a mirror. It is the second plane of being. In one place St. Paul speaks of this mirror in this way: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." The whole unfoldment was revealed by the Spirit to the apostles of Jesus Christ in prophecy. They saw even the change that would take place in the bodies of those still living on the earth at the time of the resurrection. The resurrection period dated a thousand years. It is sometimes called the millennium. But all the scriptures and all the theological writings and all the church organizations are on the second or psychic plane of being. In other words, they are in the moonlight.

There are many so-called scientists who are groping in the moonlight. An editor of a New Thought paper, criticised me the other day for printing the lessons of R. C. Douglass because he reasoned from the Bible. This editor spoke of the Bible as a dead book and as belonging to the past. It shows how thin is his thinking. The Bible belongs to the present just as much as it does to the past. The Bible has the greatest current circulation of any book on earth. The Bible runs more printing presses than

any other book that was ever printed. There are more people reading, teaching and talking about the Bible than any book that ever came forth from the printers. It is not only a modern book, but it is in every man's mouth. There never could have been a Shakespeare without the Bible, for his writings are honey-combed with passages from the Scriptures. The man who speaks of the Bible as a dead book is talking foolishness. But as I have said, the Bible was written in the psychic or prophetic period of man's unfoldment. "Heaven and Earth may pass away, but my words shall not pass away." As sure as the sun shines, all the prophetic writings will be fulfilled. The time is at hand for the Bible to get on its feet and walk. It is not only a live book, but it contains in its pages the highest spiritual potency. The man who does not know the Scriptures is an uneducated man. It is the foundation of all true education.

The spirit of man is sun. That which is born of sun is sun, and that which is born of earth is earth. In spiritual illumination, we come into the knowledge of the truth. We walk on the earth and we touch the sun. What man has been he will always be. Therefore, the body will always partake of the elements of the earth, the mind of the moon, and the spirit of the sun. The majesty of the Spirit man will control the earth and the moon. He will be master of matter. Therefore, his earthly body will be changed into a finer substance with a more rapid vibration and still it will be earth. His mind will be moon and his spirit will so illuminate the brain that he will see things as they are, and know as he is known. Therefore, you see we do not get away from what we have been, in the sense of losing identity or personality. St. Paul puts it in this way, speaking of the Lord Christ: "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His Glorious Body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto Himself." A better translation is: "The body of our humiliation." St. Paul does not call this a vile body, but an humble body. It is to be changed into a glorious body, an electrical body, a body that will vibrate in unison with the sun. This is what is meant by putting off the old man and putting on the new man. It is created in righteousness. It is taking the same material and refining it. "The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." This fire is the electrical current and when it is turned on the earth the very elements will melt with fervent heat. The God-man and the God-woman will be able to walk through this fire unharmed. This is the resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the Electrical Age. This movement has already begun on the earth. Men and women have begun to live in the spiritual vibration and are ascending to the third plane of being. I am speaking from this plane of being for the healing of the nations. Life and immortality is brought to light by the Angel of the Covenant, who has the Everlasting Gospel to preach.

## FAIRY-LAND.

## Song of the Fairy, "Light-o'-Love."

Listen to my tale of Joy!  
Naught but Love do I employ.  
Fairy work I do with might,  
Using Light-o'-Love's Love of Light.

Word of Truth to all sing I!  
Power of error I'd defy,—  
But its nothingness 's so plain  
That I, laughingly, refrain.

Through Light-o'-Love's magic spell  
All in Fairy-Land do dwell.  
Naught doth the wide world hold  
Save Light-o'-Love's Bliss untold!

And where is this Land so fair,—  
Like Mary beyond compare?  
Ah! "Mary"—the mystic Name—  
Father-Mother of Fire's Flame!

God, or Truth, IS Love, IS Fire:—  
Christ, the Flame, transmutes desire:—  
"Mary"—Virgin-Hearted One—  
Reflects to men Christ the Son.

And where is the Virgin Heart?  
Beloved, where'er thou art!  
Herein lies the myst'ry deep  
To which mortal mind 's asleep.

And how this Christ (Truth) reflect?  
Let the One who knows direct.  
Be child-like, pure, self-free,  
And Light shall be given thee.

This One who has heard God's call  
And answered—leaving all—  
Reveals Christ on earth, again,  
As Truth that redeems all men.

And how was this great deed done,  
How this matchless vict'ry won?  
Ah! Canst HEAR the wondrous tale?—  
"Mary" rent the fleshly veil!

Dost know that HEAR means obey,—  
Now and all the rugged way?  
Canst thou say:—"Be done Thy Will,"  
Bid self-righteousness be still,

With sandals off, head uncov'r'd,  
Meekly use Truth as discover'd?  
Then well and good, have no fear,—  
"Ears ye have," and now shall HEAR.

Now thy thought, as mirror clear,  
Will welcome, as Friend most dear,  
This "Mary" Mind—nor new, nor old—  
Clear as diamond, pure as gold!

Now thy heart's pray'r untainted,  
Will be to Truth related  
So thou, as Light-o'-Love, shalt pray  
Without ceasing, day by day:—

Father-Mother! (now as then)  
Teach us, that we shall know when  
And how thy Sword to unsheath,  
How to naught but Love bequeath.

Father-Mother! (then as now)  
Teach us, that we shall know how  
To enter the self same veil,—  
There the Christ of God to Hail!

Praying thus, with all thy heart,  
Aim at self Truth's fiery dart.  
Pray with understanding clear,—  
And Fairy-Land 's found—right here!

As with joyous heart and pure  
Thou Love's chast'ning Fire endure,  
"Fairy-Land" thou'lt find to be,—  
Christian Science *lived* by thee!

—Gertrude Thayer.



## THE SUBLIMITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.

"I will not mislead you, gentlemen, in saying of His intelligence, that in character and sign, it possesses that which we call the sublime. The sublime is elevation, profundity, and simplicity, blended together in a single trait."—*Lacordaire*.

This is a splendid definition of the sublime. Men reach the sublime in their writings when they are inspired of God. In reading, we touch the sublime and it acts on us like a live wire. We read page after page of common things and then suddenly touch the sublime and are lifted out of the common place. Inspiration is sublime because God is sublimity. Therefore, all sublime writings are inspired writings, for only God can speak the Word of God. This is the reason why only God can give you the Secret Word and the New Name for the Secret Word and the New Name is the name of God. And only God can pronounce the Name of God.

I have said that men occasionally reach the sublime in their utterance. Julius Cæsar, in the midst of a storm, said to the frightened boatman: "What fearest thou? Thou carriest Cæsar?" This is the sublimity of personal courage. At the close of the civil war, when the North and the South were torn by strife and bitterness of soul, General Grant said: "Let us have peace." These words of sublimity touched every heart. But note the simplicity. Every word is a word of one syllable. Such is the sublime. It is, as *Lacordaire* says, elevation, profundity, and simplicity blended together in a single trait. All words of prophecy are spoken in the sublime. Nearly the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation is prophecy. After thousands and thousands of years of faultfinding, the Bible still stands as the compendium of sublime sayings.

In Jesus Christ the sublime was natural. It was his native element. He never said anything that was not sublime. His mind was characterized by continuous sublimity. He said of his own words: "The heavens and the earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." On another occasion he said: "The words I speak unto you are Spirit and they are Life." His words were living words because they were sublime. It is said in the last book of the New Testament: "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." All the prophets found expression in Jesus Christ. He was the fulfillment of all who came before him. But Jesus was also a prophet and his own prophecies are being fulfilled now. He was in himself, by his testimony, the Spirit of Prophecy. Then he projected his own word into the future and it is now being fulfilled in the truth.

You must bear in mind that in Jesus the sublime was always present. What would be called the common in other men are sublime when spoken by Jesus Christ. For instance, this expression: "Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost." This was an ordinary remark after the feast, and yet it was not ordinary when spoken by the mouth of Jesus Christ. It has been taken as the text for sermons, songs, poems and

even volumes. Take that other expression: "Blessed are the poor in spirit." It has been a benediction all down the ages to those who have been struggling with poverty of mind and spirit. There is no need for me to give you quotations from Jesus Christ. He is the Divine Word and this Word is always sublime.

The whole Bible is filled with sublime sayings, because it was spoken by the Logos, the Spirit, the Word of God. Take up the common version, it is good enough for anybody, and read the majestic words in the first chapter of Genesis:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

"And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

"And God said, 'Let there be Light,' and there was light.

"And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

"And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

There is not anything more sublime in the literature of the ages. In all of our advancement in physical science, we can not find any better words to express the unfoldment of creation. Read right along through the whole book till you come to the Ten Commandments. In these Ten Commandments you will find the foundation of all our English law. They not only contain the foundation of all law, but the fundamental principles of human society. Then go on down until you come to the Book of Job. In this great poem you will find the scientific statement of the Truth concerning man's spiritual and mortal mind. It is one of the grandest poems that has ever been written. Then turn over and begin to read the Psalms of David and you will find such poetry as was never known even to the Greeks. The Psalms are full of Mental Science. The "Lord God" of these Psalms is the Word of Truth. I will quote for you a part of the 139th Psalm:

"O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me.

"Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

"Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

"For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

"Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thy hand upon me.

"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I can not attain unto it.

"Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy Presence?"

"If I ascend up into Heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

"Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

"If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,' even the night shall be light about me.

"Yea the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

"For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

"I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Can you find any better statement of the Omnipresent Spirit? Is there anything in Christian or Mental Science superior to this 139th Psalm of David? They are all from God, with a few exceptions, and contain the very essence of poetry.

You may read the Proverbs and find Wisdom. And for the genuine love songs, sung for the Divine Feminine and the Divine Masculine, there is nothing better on earth than the Song of Solomon. Then turn to the major and minor prophets for the lines of inspiration and the promises of the Messiah. The New Testament is full of sublime sayings. It is an up-to-date text book on Mental Science. All the Bible needs is to be interpreted according to Science instead of sects. You will find all your New Thought in this so-called old Book. It is there and you need no Revised Version. Our old, terse, Anglo-Saxon has been preserved in the Bible. Shakespeare drew both his language and his inspiration from the Bible.

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Therefore, if you want to be a true Christian Mental Scientist, study the Bible. Don't undertake to read it through from beginning to end. This would tire even the patience of Job. I have been a close student of the Bible for more than thirty years, and yet I have never read it through from beginning to end in my life and never expect to do so. There are many parts of the Old Testament that you need not read at all, as they are historical statements concerning the Jews. But read what your own Spirit leads you to read and you will find it full of inspiration.

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## SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION OR REGENERATION.

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## LESSON V.

Thought and Expression.

"And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving Creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."—Gen. 1:20.

This Lesson deals with the Creative power of Thought. For since Infinite Mind is the Great First Cause, all Causation is in Mind, and there is no such thing as material causation. Back of all material forms, back of all forces of every description lies the Great Eternal WILL, the source of all forces and all activities. From this Unerring Wisdom-Will proceeds the Thought-Logos with inherent infinite possibilities of expression. Form is an inherent attribute of thought. In this allegory the "Great Deep" is a symbol of *formless* Mind. But thought, being *definite*, is a thing of Form; though Form does not always mean Shape. Primarily it is *mode or state of being*, which is ultimately manifested in Shape, its full expression. Thus Thought by the Power of the Will is formative and creative. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God." Heb. 11:3.

The Divine Idea is the Spiritual Germ, the living "Monad" of Leibnitz, the Creative "Logos" of Philo and St. John,—the biological Entity, forever seeking its etheric protoplasm, that it may find expression in visible Form after its own likeness. The biological nature and Creative power is not peculiar to God's Thought alone; but is a characteristic of all thought. It is the nature and prerogative of thought to express itself. It receives its energy and creative vibration from the Will, which sends it forth. This vibrative energy moulds the Ether-Substance, and visible Form is the inevitable ultimate result.

The True Self or Ego is always working with God. In fact, in a very true sense its working is God working. The human needs to find its at-onement with the Divine; then will its creations be as perfect as are those of the True Ego. Then they will be the Ego's creations. Then "It is God working in you both to will and to do"; then you will make no mistakes. Whatever the Father is, that is the Son also. If we ascribe Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence to God, we must also to Man, the Son of God. Man is finite in his conceptions, and therefore in unfoldment and realization. Yet as a Son of God all possibilities are inherent in him, even to Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotence. Like the "waters" of this allegory, man's mind is a *free expanse* omnipresent. This free-flowing mind-expanse of man is not confined to the narrow limits of the body; it is no more within the body than without. For wherever your thought is, whether here or in China, there you are

functioning,—there you are, in the Omnipresence. As a Son of God you belong to the Universe. The Universe is your home and field of activity. You are here to unfold your possibilities of Omnipresence, Omniscience and Omnipotence. In all ages there have been men, whom we call Prophets and Seers, who have been able to go to distant countries consciously, and report what was actually taking place there. Swedenborg repeatedly did this; he even went into the Heavens and held converse with the angels there; St. Paul was "caught up into the third heaven, and heard things unutterable." So real was this migration to his consciousness, that he said of the experience, "whether in the body or out of the body I can not tell."

Emerson said, "There is One Mind common to all men; and each man is an inlet to the same, and to all the same."

As we rid ourselves of the limitations which we have surrounded ourselves with, and open ourselves receptively to our infinite possibilities, we shall begin to be conscious of being in touch with Omniscience, and the whole fountain will be open to us; we shall be "an inlet to the same, and to all the same" consciously. Even the fullness of infinity is not withheld. "All that I have is thine," is the language of the parable. There is no limit, except what my own mind has prescribed. God has not circumscribed his own Son with limits. Walt Whitman, seeing this, exclaimed "From this hour I decree myself loosed of limits and imaginary lines, my own master total and absolute."

"Let the waters bring forth the moving creature that hath life." This is the law of action of Creative Mind. This active, living mind generates active, living thoughts. Therefore thoughts are *living entities*, "moving creatures that have life," which the mind "brings forth." Thoughts do not perish. Mind's creations are not dead. For Mind must express *itself*. Its creations must be *living*, like itself. Man is the containment, the compendium of all God's creation, the Microcosm. In him All has been *in-folded*,—all the Divine thoughts, the whole creation,—the whole of Divinity even. All these are in man potentially, *in-folded*. To *un-fold* these is man's work through Eternity.

Mind would not be mind if it could not think or bring forth its thoughts into expression. Therefore Man, the Idea of Divine Mind, must have always existed. Man is therefore God's necessity; because he is the expression of God's Idea. Bishop Warren said, "Creation is a necessity of mind, even Divine Mind." Then creation must have always existed. Thought is a necessity of mind, and creation is a necessity of thought. If God is Love, he could not be Love without man to love. God could not exist without his creation, any more than mind could exist without thought, or thought without expression. It is an equal necessity of man, that he think, and that his thought be outpictured in expression. In my Microcosmic world my thoughts are expressed in my body. "In thy book all my members are written."—all my thoughts are expressed. For it is a universal law of thought, that, "without the Word was not anything made." And it is equally true, that "the Word is made flesh." That is, Thought is made concrete in body, "after its own image and likeness." Wherefore Jesus said, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Every word you utter is faithfully recorded in the register of your body; and you are therefore receiving judgment accordingly. For the judgment day is already come; the judgment is set; and the books are open. Every word (or thought) you send forth goes on its mission of blessing or cursing, according to the quality of

the thought sent out,—the true word to bless, and the evil word to curse—whom but yourself?—only yourself—. It could not hurt your neighbor, unless he open his door admitting the fugitive. It is the law (or judgment) of thought, that it be "made flesh," in conditions "after its kind." We sow thoughts, and we reap corresponding conditions. "By thy words (thoughts) thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Exact Law is both Judge and Jury, and your words are the witnesses against you in this Judgment. Righteous judgment, the relation between cause and effect with our thoughts, has been going on all our lives. We have been reaping the fruit of our "idle words," until "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint"; and weary with the burdens we have imposed upon ourselves, we seek relief from sin and surcease from sorrow." So bitter is the fruit, we are tired and sick of error and sin. In hope of harmony and peace we turn from these illusions to Truth, as the remedy for error's sad outpicturing.

But notwithstanding the accuracy of the law of cause and effect in the expression of thought, yet so great is the dynamic power of words of Truth, when uttered in the full realization of their power, that inharmonious conditions, effects of error thoughts, may be utterly overcome by the speaking of true words. For error is a coward in Truth's presence, because it is emptiness, falsity, illusion; and because Truth is True—Omnipotent Reality. Therefore you may speak your word with the assurance of its power and success. "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth; it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing whereunto I send it." This is the power of your word,—not God's alone; but every Son of God has the same power. The trouble with us has been, we have not half understood the irresistible power of the Word of Truth, when backed up by Faith and Realization.

For man wields Omnipotent power, when he knows it, when Faith gives him the consciousness of it. With this great Faith, that *knows*, your word becomes a *decree*;—then, "thou shalt decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee."—Job 22:38.

The ancients understood this power of the Word. They said, If you desire agreeable experiences, you have only to put a good word into the ether, and leave it to take care of itself. It will bring comfort by and by, by something agreeable coming to pass. So in silence they sought the right word, which they spoke with, the vehemence of faith. Are your circumstances uncomfortable? Is your environment intolerable? Then you may go to work and change it. You have had much to do with forming it. It is exactly adapted to your mentality. But if it is becoming intolerable, you may be about to throw it off, and come into a better one. You are like the Dragon-fly. For a time he is content with his environment, as he crawls, an uncouth grub, on the bottom of the pond. After a time he tires of it, and aspires to higher things; so he climbs upward on a reed, and the sun splits open his environing shell, and he leaps forth free, the beautiful dragon-fly, with a new and better environment, which he has sought and found. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find." What you desire you can have, if you know your power, and don't get "rattled" by fear or doubt. No matter if the whole world seem to be against you, and would destroy your law. By steadfastly adhering to Principle, abiding in the "secret place of the Most High," holding on as did Jacob, as he wrestled with the angel,—sometime it will transpire, that "while they are speaking I will hear"; while steadfastly claiming with the "persistence of faith" your heart's desire, the transformation will come. You must be free.



"For though wrong grind thee small,  
And all depart;  
Yet shall thy world grow polar to thee,  
Slowly taught,—  
And crystal out a New World,  
Like thy thought."

By training the mind in steadfast purpose, and with fidelity to Truth, you may bring into manifestation the desirable and beautiful things, which are already yours in the invisible omnipresence, only awaiting your demonstration to come into conscious expression.

"Let the waters bring forth the moving creatures that have life, and fowl that may fly above the earth."

It will be noted, that it is the "waters" that bring forth both "moving creatures," and "fowl." This is the language of both the Authorized Version and Douay Version, and is doubtless correct; because this allegory relates to thoughts and the creations of mind. For thoughts ("waters") create everything. Indeed if the Darwinian theory, that the "fowl" is a differentiation of the fish, be true, then this statement is all right, even in its literal sense. The revisers had no need to change it.

In the correspondence of this allegory, "Beasts and creeping things" are the Passions, Sensations and Feelings of the flesh; and the "fowl that fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven," are thoughts that soar above the sense plane, in the unlimited free expanse;—the greatest and most powerful of which are high Aspirations and Spiritual Ideals. These have greatest power in unfolding our Highest and Divine faculties. These carry us into Heaven, where we discover the Higher Self—our Divinity. These lift us up to God. In the silence we form our high Ideals.

The story of Moses, as given in Ex. 2 and 3, is my experience in meditation. For he was forty years in the wilderness tending sheep. And he "led them to the back side of the desert," where he found himself "in the mount of God." Here God revealed himself to him by the Great Name, "I AM." When Spiritually understood, this is my experience—your experience. For, if we will go into the silence ("desert")—into the depths of silence ("to the back side of the desert"), and there shepherd our pure, innocent thoughts; and stay there through the perfected experience, indicated by the term, "forty years," without regard to time, (4 denotes, perfection—a square—; 10 denotes, All; 4x10 denotes a full or perfected experience),—we shall suddenly find ourselves in a very exalted Spiritual state ("in the mount of God"), where highest revealings come to us, where we "meet God face to face," as it were. It is the revelation of my True Self to myself. I find my own True Being, whose name is, "I AM." The Hebrew word for this is JHVH, pronounced *Yaveh* or *Jehovah*. Translated it means, "I AM," and is the name of my Higher Self, my Divine Self—Divinity within—the Son of God—Immanuel. This is the "Lord God"—the Christ within, who rules my world.

When at the "Burning Bush" Moses received this revelation of God within (3rd chapter) he became clothed with power sufficient to overcome the bondage of the whole nation of Israel. Just so our Israelites (Spiritual forces) have been long in Egyptian bondage; and we cry to God by reason of the oppression. By finding God within we may *awake and arise*,—awake to the consciousness of our Divine, Omnipotent powers, and overthrow these Egyptians (carnal mind thoughts). When we know that we are Sons of God, we shall be sure of our right to freedom,—we shall be free. It is always the "Son," who makes us free. "Whom the Son makes free is free indeed." "Lo, I Am with you always,"—the Son of God—the Christ. Only within can we find him. His name is, "I Am." The highest

thought we can have is our highest concept of God. And this Great Thought has its greatest power over us, when we find this God within. For then we awake to the consciousness of who and what we are. We become Omnipotent to the degree of our realization of our Divinity,—exactly as Moses did. For he is our type.

Elijah's power, well nigh omnipotent in its potency, in the annihilation of the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Astarte, by one herculean effort, is only a symbolic portrayal of my own power to destroy sensuality from my heart, when it seems to have gotten uppermost in my consciousness. Baal and Astarte are the Sex Gods. When these dominate me, I am worshipping them, and in a hopeless case, until Elijah arises within me. For "Elijah" (EL-JH-U) means, My God is "I Am." Therefore when I awake to the consciousness that "I Am is my God," then I am *Elijah*, and can bring about the test, who has the supreme right and power, these miserable gods of sensuality or the *Divine Man*, "I AM." So I am able to demonstrate my power, and by one fell swoop "clean out the Augean stables"—purify my heart of sensuality, through the understanding—shall I say it?—that *I am God* ("My God is I AM"). Oh, yes! if we could only get rid of that old inconsistent, childish idea of a limited, personal God; and find the *Omnipotent One* within, we would have no trouble in demonstrating Holiness, Wholeness, Health. But knowing this, we are "Elijah"; and can thwart the foul designs of "*Jezebel that wicked woman*"—the Carnal Consciousness. For the Kingdom of Israel is my kingdom. I am always the King, ruling righteously or unrighteously, and taking the consequences.

Shall we say that all of God is within? Not by any means. For back of my own "I Am" is the Great, Eternal "I AM that I AM." These are not identical. As the words indicate, there is a marked difference between them. For the Hebrew word for "I Am" is "JHVH," and the word for "I Am that I Am" is "AHJH," a different word, the root-word, from which "JHVH" is derived. Thus it appears, that back of my "I Am" is the Great, Original, Underived, "I AM that I AM,"—the Being of my Being,—the Being of All Beings,—the ALL-BEING, from whom I am derived, by whom I am. All "I Am's" exist by reason of "I AM that I AM," the All-Embracing ONE. One is the Father, the other the Son. Only through the Son ("I Am") can I know the Father ("I Am that I Am"). "He that hath seen Me, hath seen the Father also." He that knows God in "I Am," knows "I AM that I AM." The way to the Father is always through the Mediator, the Son. "I AM the Way."

Thus the God whom I know is the Christ, the Mediator; yet knowing him, I touch and know the All-Conquering ONE. "I and the Father are ONE." O but man needs to awaken to the consciousness of who and what he is! When he knows that the omnipotent ONE is within, and that he is inseparable from that ONE, he will begin to awake and arise, glad in the consciousness of his holiness and power.

The great lesson to be learned by the "Burning Bush" and the "Elijah" allegories is the actual Omnipotence of Man, *when thinking and speaking from the consciousness of "I Am,"*—when recognizing, and identifying himself with, Divinity within. Finding this "I AM," you find the CHRIST, the "Only Begotten of the Father."

"I Am" is the local; "I Am that I Am" is the Universal. Yet "I Am" is at-one with the Universal—identifies himself with the Universal. "I Am" is able to draw on the whole fountain of the Universal. He "takes of the water freely." The Great Fountain is not local; it is Universal. Thus at will, and through the exercise of my will, when

realizing Divinity within, I may freely draw on the inexhaustible supplies of All Good, Life, Love, Truth and Power. If it is possible for me to come into the *consciousness of "I Am"*—the Christ Consciousness,—then I shall be able to say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." But not until I reach that Consciousness. Note the dynamic power of this great word, when spoken with the full realization of its meaning and power. When the officers came to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane, he asked them, "Whom seek ye?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Then "Jesus said unto them, I AM." And "they fell backward to the ground," discomfited and powerless before that mighty Word, "I AM."—Jn. 18:5.

This conception of God within gives us a higher conception of our bodies. The body becomes God's Temple. Jesus "spoke of the temple of his body." "The Lord (I AM) is in his Holy Temple." We can no longer defile God's Holy Temple. Your body is God's body. Will you defile it with false words or thoughts? Your hand is God's hand. Will you call it infirm? Your eyes are God's eyes. Will you say God's eyes are dim? Your ears are God's ears. Will you say God can not hear?

"He that formed the ear shall he not hear?"

"He that formed the eye shall he not see?" Who formed the ear? Who formed the eye? Who but Divinity within, whose name is, "I Am"? Who hears? Who sees? Who but the same Divine ONE? Can any one obstruct his hearing? or his seeing?

Manifestly the way to overcome imperfections of vision or of hearing is to realize your own Divinity. The way to overcome any imperfection or limitation is to realize *who you are*.

These are Spiritual thoughts we are now uttering,—putting into intellectual formula our Spiritual conceptions. The same Law which has brought your error thoughts into undesirable expression will be now available to bring into harmonious expression these Spiritual thoughts. If you know yourself to be a Son of God, you will find, that "The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul"—that is, restoring your consciousness from its low estate of sin, corruption, disease and death, to that of Holiness, Purity, Health and Life.

For "the waters" of your mind will "bring forth" into beautiful expression the Spiritual "fowl that shall fly in the open firmament of heaven."

#### "CHRISTIAN."

Through the courtesy of one of our best loved friends, we have before us a copy of the May number of CHRISTIAN, a monthly journal of religious science, published by Thos. J. Shelton, 1657 Clarkson street, Denver, Colorado. We have read the paper with a great deal of interest, and, we must add, with not a little curiosity. Some of Mr. Shelton's teachings are strange to us, possibly because we do not understand them, but he asserts a strong belief in individuality, and ranks among the most original of writers. We quote from one of his articles the following: "All who are my students are taught to follow the I AM within themselves. Therefore, if I ever have any followers, they will be going in direct opposition to my teaching. I am an individualist."

We may not agree with all that Brother Shelton says; perhaps it would be in opposition to his wishes for us to do so, but we



most heartily bid him God-speed in every effort he makes to teach individuality. When the world comes to a full knowledge of the fact that there is only one model for man, namely, Christ, it will be a great sight better off than it has ever been. Did you ever hear of any one who possessed more individuality than did Christ? If so, speak out; the world would like to hear you. It will be a part of the mission of *Free Agent* to teach individuality; that "every tub must stand on its own bottom;" that every man must carve out his own destiny, both here and hereafter. Dear reader, Nature has made no duplicates, and there is something within you which distinguishes you from your fellows, however humble, or however exalted may be your position in life. This is just as true as that there are distinguishing features in your physical structure which enable men to know you by sight from other men. There is an I AM within you which has probably been long held subservient to conservatism. Wake up and let it come out! We hope to see more of CHRISTIAN.—From the *Free Agent*, Winchester, Va.

#### "ON, EVE, ON."

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By Rev. H. S. Geneva Lake.

I can tell each clouded mind,  
Of the ancient, psychic kind,  
Raised in falsehood and in sin,  
That no soul can ever win,  
Ever climb the sun-lit height,  
Till he sense the wrong from right.  
And the fiendish work you sing,  
Which you hope will world-round ring,  
Was begun when man essayed  
Rule o'er matron and o'er maid.  
Every plain with blood bedewed,  
Which the human sight has viewed,  
Every cannon shriek and spear,  
Is the product of her tear.  
Every gory, greedy field  
Is because you made her yield,  
Take the taunt, and bear it on!  
Ours the battle not yet won,  
Sometime, over field and fen,  
Where have roved the feet of men,  
Calling hosts to mad attack,  
Beating hosts as madly back,  
She shall stand, and, standing, say:  
"Mine is now 'the right of way!'  
To blaspheme is not to pray.  
God will never hear your cry  
Till I find my liberty;  
Not till every woman's form,  
By your spirit bruised and worn,  
Shall, erect and perfect, stand  
O'er herself supreme command—  
Not 'till then shall madness cease—  
Not 'till then shall white-robed Peace  
Over land and over sea  
Shout the song of Victory—  
As the 'devils,' cowering, flee."

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