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Gems

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The wealth of earth, the precious gems of gold,
Were formed through ages as the earth grew cold.
First fiercest flame, then molten wave,
Then mountain steep, and hidden cave
Formed by the belching crater's tongue,
Which from that seething ocean sprung.
Deep down within this mass aglow,
Through chemistry of ages, slow,
Transmuted as the earth grew cold,
Were formed the diamonds and the gold.

And so in Life. In youth the fiercest fires,
The flowing lava of untamed desires,
The flaming tongue, the belching wrath,
The misdirected lava path.
Yet hidden 'neath this fiery tide,
The alchemies of Life abide.
The crucible of God is there,
That cooling, forms the gems so rare.

In flaming fires of hell, alone,
Were formed each prized and precious stone;
Where deepest flowed the fiery stream,
There delve, for gems that brightest gleam.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Ladies and gentlemen!

*** I am calling for proof!

*** Let us have something more than words.

*** You may demand of me the same kind of proof.

*** There must be a resurrection from the dead and the dying.

*** This is the Pneumatic Age and the world is demanding practical application of the Truth.

*** The preachers are complaining that people do not attend the services of the Church and listen to the sermons and contribute to the treasury of the Institution. The reason is that people have had too much talk and not enough of the works.

*** The one whom the Church looks to as the Founder and Builder did things. He talked a little, but He worked more. He made promise that His disciples should do "greater works," not make greater speeches or say more beautiful things. You can't get out of this proposition by repudiating Jesus Christ.

*** I am not satisfied to sit down and become a part of a sect in religion, even though you call it New Thought. The name "New Thought" is a nuisance anyway. It is a contradiction, for there is no such thing as new thought. Truth is never old or young; it is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. Truthful thought can't be new or old. Mortal thought is the same thing anywhere and everywhere, and the most of the so-called new thought is from mortal mind.

*** My dear comrades, we have been threshing straw. It is the old straw from the threshing floor of mortal mind. Mrs. Eddy translated Paul's doctrine of "carnal mind" and called it "mortal mind." It was not a new thought, but a new translation of the Truth taught two thousand years ago. She took up statements of the old prophets and gave us new translations by saying "God is Good; God is All." This thought runs through the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. There is not one single new idea in all of Christian Science. There isn't a new thought in all of Mental Science. Have any of us anywhere given birth to a new thought? If so, name it.

*** There is no need of new thoughts. The Scriptures are full of the science of being. You can not add to or take from the Word of Truth as revealed in the Bible. It is a storehouse of science which will last as long as men are on the mental plane of being. This storehouse is inexhaustible. This is the reason why the Spirit closed the book and said: "It is finished." The whole work of redemption is complete. When Jesus uttered from His cross the words "It is finished," the work was finished and there was nothing more to do. What, then, do we need? The recognition and realization of the Truth of Being. Will some of you please rise up and do it? If you don't, I will do it myself. I am weary of talking, and talking, and talking about the kingdom of God. One

exhibition of Divine Power is worth more than all the talk in the universe. The mental plane of being is complete and we must enter into spiritual dominion and power.

*** Take a look at us! Shelton writes on the "Law of Vibrations" and preaches "I AM Sermons," and yet he doesn't do anything except to heal a few sick folks. If he knows anything about the Law of Vibrations, why doesn't he vibrate on a higher plane of being? What is the matter with Shelton? I tell you he will be just as much of a failure in the science as he was in the pulpit, if he lets old age, disease, and death conquer. I am not satisfied to go around and around the circle of mortality. If we had not made our aim so high, we could afford to light low. But, beloved members of the Household of Science, we have set our mark as high as God. The mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus is perfection. This is the kind of talk we have been giving the world. None of us have been willing to sit down and pray for a possible future in the sweet bye and bye. The demand has been made for incorruptible and immortal bodies here in the sweet now and Now. I am glad we started out with this kind of a banner. Let it wave! But we will have to get a move on us if we make our standard known to the world.

*** Charles Brodie Patterson writes on "Dominion and Power," and yet he does not exercise dominion and power. Helen Wilman writes a great book on "The Conquest of Death," but she does not exhibit life in a way to prove that death has been conquered. John Hamlin Dewey writes a splendid book on "The Way, the Truth, and the Life," but he continues to grow old and does not do the works which Jesus Christ said a man should do when he is in the Way. Horatio W. Dresser writes on "The Christ Ideal" and a dozen other themes of the same kind, but still walks his way in mortality and can not do any of the works which Jesus Christ said a man should do. Ursula N. Gestefeld writes of "The Builder and the Plan," a text-book of the Science of Being, but she goes right on living in mortality without giving proof to the world that she has met the Builder or knows anything practical about the Plan. I need not bring any more witnesses. What is the matter with Patterson? What is the matter with Helen Wilman? What is the matter with John Hamlin Dewey? What is the matter with Ursula N. Gestefeld? What is the matter with the high priest of ethics, Horatio W. Dresser? What is the matter with the whole outfit? The matter is matter. There is nothing the matter with any of us except matter. Until we can come out of matter into Spirit, we will do nothing but talk. If we get a market for our talk, we make a living at it, and that is all. It is a sad commentary that we all die trying our best to live. We grow old and gray and decrepit talking about immortality and eternal life. Ladies and gentlemen, there is a screw loose somewhere! Who will tighten the screw? Will you lend me a screwdriver? I have shown you the loose screw. Let us have a frank and open discussion of the subject. I will watch my exchanges to see what you are going to say about it. Don't dodge!

How can we inaugurate the Electrical Age and become possessed of pneumatic bodies? This is exactly what is going to take place. The coming of the Holy Breath will change our vile bodies into glorious bodies like unto the Son of God. Who among us will be the first to breathe this Breath?

*** Don't think for one moment that I am finding fault. There can no good come out of fault-finding. I am calling your attention to the failures of the past, so that we will not repeat. There is something lacking. That something is the vital principle of Being. This principle of Being is not thought, but Spirit. Thoughts are things when God thinks, that is, living things. Man thinks only dead things into existence. He thinks and writes a book. A book is not a living thing. "The letter killeth; the Spirit giveth life." Man thinks and publishes a newspaper. A newspaper is not a living thing. There is no power in a letter or newspaper to heal the sick. There is no cleansing vibration in cold type. This is where the whole mortal mind has made a mistake. You can't create conditions on paper. Man thinks and builds a church, constructs a railroad, invents a machine, but all these things produced by thought are dead things. Men go right on, day after day, producing these dead things. The result of all this thinking is that men dig holes in the ground and manufacture coffins. After they have put the living thing in a coffin and then put it out of sight, they feel the loss of something and so they erect a tombstone. Tombstones and monuments are also dead things. This is all the result of your so-called "thinking." In spite of the fact that you can only create dead things, you cry aloud and declare that thoughts are things. The vital principle of Being is Spirit, and Spirit is not thought. Spirit is Breath. Spirit breathes and living things are created. It is said: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." This same brooding Spirit must move upon the face of our thoughts before they will produce real things. Spirit can use thought in creating conditions. Man uses thought to make things out of other things. Spirit uses thought to create and recreate from the unseen forces. When we turn our thought to Spirit and call out, from the unseen, the creative forces of the universe, we are dealing with Life. Just as long as we are writing books, publishing magazines and newspapers, building churches and temples, and organizing people into clubs and sects, we are dealing with Death. "I AM the Resurrection and the Life."

*** "In CHRISTIAN for March 16, under 'Tid-Bits,' you say: 'The Father's House of Many Mansions' was by John Hamlin Dewey,' and add 'Dr. Dewey's name was left off by mistake.' You are worse mistaken this week than you were the week before. I tell you the author's name was written in CAPITALS in every line and could be read by a blind man, so clearly traced were the characters of fire. Dr. Dewey has no need to sign any article—neither have you—nor has any one who writes according to the dictates of the Spirit. Why not quit it? It's vulgar—and in a manner degrading—of the earth, it is

most earthy. Let the Spirit talk. I once sat down to write—I had a message—a message of love divine. I did not wish to write. I had no gift—no words—no skill with the pen—but I had no choice. The Living God said "Write." I bent to my task. Language flowed like a spring freshet, living, burning truths, a thousand years ahead of my day. It was God's message, not mine. A beacon light on a mountain. Then I did a wicked thing. Filled with vanity and forgetful of the source of the power, I signed these lines—this God-given communication—with a mortal name. I have passed beyond that now—my own has come to me. I now know there are many mansions in My Father's House. I'm living in one, and there is one waiting furnished throughout for every one who will come. The invitations are out—COME!"

This all sounds very pretty, but it is unscientific and unscriptural. The world is full of foolish people who claim to be someone other than themselves. This is a sign of lunacy. When a man claims that he is Elijah, or Jesus Christ, or even under the control of a "spirit," it is a sign that he is unbalanced. When God calls men to write or to speak, they may say, "Thus saith the Lord," but they must say it in their own name. Each one is known by his own name. Just read the last book in the Bible and see how careful the writer is to identify himself with the writing. This is the way he speaks: "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the Isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." You will notice the I runs all through the Bible. There is a certain kind of vanity which tries to hide personal identity. The man who is ashamed of himself and his work is ashamed of the Spirit. It is said emphatically that the one who is ashamed of Me and my Word will be turned down.

*** "Dear Brother: I received and read CHRISTIAN this evening, and I want to tell you what is on my mind.

"For some time past, some of my readers have been asking me to tell them what was the matter with Shelton, for as they read CHRISTIAN, they were strongly attracted at times, and then repulsed a moment later. I explained to them, in a recent issue of *Spirit Fruit*, that it was because Shelton was a prophet, and prophesied by the Spirit, and as he did so, they were drawn toward the Life of what was uttered. And that T. J. was very self-conscious and added to what the Spirit spoke through him, and this repelled them.

"Well, I have gotten quite a few letters of thanks for 'placing' Shelton. But this is what I now feel like saying—you are like a flea, you won't stay placed long; and if you keep up your rapid movements for a few weeks I'll have to 'replace you,' for you get so full of Spirit that you almost forget T. J. and he don't get a chance to add much to the words of Spirit in you.

"I am hailing this oncoming condition in you with much pleasure and will be glad to announce it as soon as it is safe. Yours, J. L. Beilhart, Editor of *Spirit Fruit*, Lisbon, Ohio."

I certainly would like to see a copy of *Spirit Fruit* in which I am placed. It must be a curiosity. If I am self-conscious, my self-conceit makes it utterly impossible for me to know it. I never write anything for me to know it. I never write anything for CHRISTIAN until I am moved by the Spirit and the writing is just as much a surprise to me as to any other readers of CHRISTIAN. In

fact, I sometimes think that the Spirit is writing CHRISTIAN for my especial benefit. It is true that the utterances of the paper are always ahead of its editor—but he gets there all the same. When the Word is projected ahead I always know that I will follow it in my own unfoldment. But what man on earth can place another man? Not one. Here is where we have been acting the fool—by trying to place other men. You don't understand your own Spirit; then how can you understand the Spirit of another man? Men have been trying to interpret God in the same way. No one can understand God except God. Even so, no one can understand man except man. This is the way the prophet Paul puts it: "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the Spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things which are freely given to us of God."

THE BATTLE OF THE VIBRATIONS.

This is a report from the field of battle.

Preserve this article and read it carefully many times.

You can make it personal and practical in your own affairs, for you are also engaged in this warfare.

The principles laid down in this article are applicable to any kind of business enterprise, or to housekeeping and homekeeping. It deals with Truth and error on the mental plane of being.

The time is at hand for an aggressive campaign against error and the captains must learn the tactics of war and know how to meet in combat the negative forces arrayed against the Truth. The rules of this warfare are simple and easily comprehended, if once you get the right principle in your minds. It is the principle of non-resistance. This principle is less understood, perhaps, than any other principle in the Science.

As I proceed in the unfoldment of facts, I will teach the principle of non-resistance. It is the only real resistance. It is the only power by which you can attain Victory. This does not mean that you are not to exercise judgment and use any means which the Spirit may direct. Jesus Christ appeared before Pilate and answered some of his questions; He also defended Himself before the High Priest. Paul appealed to Caesar. But in all this you will find that Jesus and Paul practiced the principle of non-resistance.

Recently Helen Wilmans has been on trial before the public. At first she began to strike back with evident antagonism. But it was not long before the Spirit of Truth took command and she clad herself in the armor of non-resistance. She spoke in gentle tones, and in clear words enunciated the principles of Mental Science. She recognized the opposition as something for her benefit. Before this experience, she was gradually dropping into the vibrations of a grandmother. There were two or three columns in her paper every week, which

showed the signs of old age and the second childhood of an old woman. Her talk was about her grandchildren, and necessarily about "Grandmaw." She was rapidly becoming "Grandmaw" in mind and body.

When persecution came, she aroused herself and became in her mind a strong young woman. "Grandma" disappeared from the columns of her weekly and the grandchildren were put aside for the time being. When the newspapers began calling her an old woman, she asked herself a question. Her answer was a denial of their affirmations. There were points and pungency in her editorials. *Freedom* began blazing with the Light of Truth. Grandma Post once more became HELEN WILMANS, the invulnerable and irresistible advocate of IMMORTALITY. My prophecies concerning her immortality began to take effect in her own mind by the law of reaction from the assertions of error. I still believe firmly in the words of Alpha, that she will throw off disease and death without losing identity or her place in the objective world. But before this is done, she and you, and all of us, must recognize the enemies we have to encounter. Against these enemies we must not show any kind of enmity. They are only enemies like darkness is the enemy of light; like ignorance is the enemy of intelligence; like lust is in opposition to love.

Let us also uncover the infernal meanness of these enemies of righteousness. An indictment was filed against Helen Wilmans and without waiting for a trial or hearing of testimony, the Postoffice issued a "fraud order" against her. This was one of the most infamous acts ever perpetrated under a free Government. Helen Wilmans was posted as a fraud in every postoffice in the United States. All letters addressed to her were opened and returned to the writers marked "fraudulent." Just think of the fact that in every little out of the way postoffice at the cross-roads, and in the mining camps of the West, was this fraud order posted. A woman who had begun in poverty and had worked up a respectable business, was forced to have thousands and thousands of dollars of her money confiscated. This is what it was, out and out, confiscation of private property. To say nothing of the disgrace and humiliation of the fraud order, it was an outrage from a business standpoint.

Here comes the sequel to this bureaucratic fraud order. The judge of the United States Court has decided there was no fraud intended or perpetrated. Every man and woman in the United States who has taken the pains to investigate, knew that the work of Helen Wilmans was as free from fraud as that of any clergyman or physician in the world. Here is the statement concerning the quashing of the indictments, which I clip from *Freedom*, of March 12, 1902:

"News has just come to hand that, on motion of the defendants, the indictments against Helen Wilmans Post, Col. C. C. Post and C. F. Burgman have been quashed at Jacksonville by Judge Locke of the United States Court. This puts a complete end to the indictments as presented.

"In order that the position may be clearly understood, free from legal technicalities, it may be summed up as follows: It was al-

leged, by way of criminal charge, that Helen Wilmans Post had devised a scheme to defraud others and had used the United States postal establishment to accomplish her purpose. This, the indictments alleged, was to obtain money from others for treatment, and *fraudulently convert it to her own use without rendering any service or thing of value therefor.*

"The court has now held that the defendant was not charged with any crime, for it had not been stated that the alleged science had been devised with a fraudulent intent on her part. If she were able, or believed that she was able, to do what she promised, and had acted in good faith, no crime had been committed by her. And unless the indictments charged lack of good faith they did not set forth any offense against the law.

"In other words, if Helen Wilmans Post believed in what she professed and acted in good faith toward those who had placed their confidence in her, she was legally justified in making her claims in reference to mental healing. And it was not in the province of others, who denied that she possessed this power, to interfere between Helen Wilmans Post and her clients so long as she was acting in good faith and giving them what they desired and had paid for."

So endeth the farce! But, does this end the outrage against Helen Wilmans? Will the Postoffice Department post the facts as stated by the judge in all the postoffices of the United States? Will they rescind the fraud order and restore the name of Helen Wilmans to its former place? Even if this should be done, will it make amends for the thousands and thousands of dollars confiscated?

Remember, I am teaching the law of non-resistance.

I am not setting down anything in malice, or even in antagonism, but stating facts.

I have had a battle with this same old cat. The symbol is always that of an old brindle cat. There is nothing in the world so full of negative electricity, according to its size, as a cat. They see in the dark and do their prowling in the night time. They sneak up secretly and sometimes hypnotize their prey. Now, this Old Cat represents all of that negative force called envy, wrath, malice, prejudice, conceit; in a word, Mortality. You will find this Old Cat among the Pharisees and hypocrites, the refined and esthetical. In fact, the Old Cat, when she is dressed up and slicked up in a religious garb, with her claws hidden under soft fur, is more deceptive and dangerous than at any other time.

Let me make this history of my dealings with the Old Cat as brief as possible. In the year 1899 the subscription list of CHRISTIAN was investigated by order of the Third Assistant Postmaster General. I had to deposit at the postoffice in Little Rock sixteen cents a pound for every pound of mail sent out. The regular rate for newspapers is one cent a pound. After a thorough investigation, CHRISTIAN was declared to be all right and my money refunded.

I found out that I had really been sending out more samples than the law allowed. I removed the paper to Denver, and put my subscription list into type for a mailing machine. This cost me over a thousand dollars in cash. Application for entry was made after the subscription list had been put into mailing machine and the certificate of entry was issued. I thought, of course, that

this settled everything. But within six months circulars were sent out to my subscribers and the question once more opened. I engaged the services of a lawyer in Denver and through him a United States Senator. After the private secretary of the Senator had called on the Third Assistant Postmaster General, I was informed that if I would make out a new application it would be all right. I made out the new application according to their own suggestion and the return mail brought a certificate of entry.

In six months' time the question was once more reopened. The Third Assistant Postmaster General again sent out circulars to my subscribers and ordered me to make a new report. All my old readers know how often I have called on you for written statements concerning your subscriptions. I filed these papers with the postmaster in Denver and sent affidavits from printers, mailing clerks, together with my own sworn statement. I employed lawyers in Washington and in Denver. But in spite of direct proof, I was warned by the Spirit that CHRISTIAN would be canceled for the third time. I stormed and raved; but, when I got calm and serene, the Spirit said for me to go ahead and announce my weekly. I rushed the December number out so as to get it into the mails before my certificate was canceled. The certificate was canceled November 30, but you had received the December paper before that time. Since starting the weekly I have put on deposit with the postmaster in Denver sixteen cents a pound for every pound of CHRISTIAN sent out. I didn't tell you people anything about it because I thought it would be settled. When I made a new application for the weekly, I took the postmaster here a wheelbarrow load of original orders for CHRISTIAN. One of the ablest firms of lawyers in Washington City presented the case to the Postoffice Department. What did they do? Sent to the postmaster in Denver for two hundred names from my subscription list and then sent out circulars to these people asking them if they were subscribers!

At this writing CHRISTIAN is still held up and I am paying sixteen cents a pound every week. I was astonished at the Spirit for starting a weekly, knowing that the certificate would be canceled before the first number of the weekly was mailed. But the Spirit is in the habit of astonishing me. I have no doubt but the I AM knows more about publishing CHRISTIAN than I know. If he doesn't, he doesn't know much. When it comes to ordinary newspaper work, I have been all along the road from printer's devil to editor and publisher. But this thing of editing and publishing under the direct command of the Spirit is something new to me.

Who is the chief representative of the Old Cat? It is the Christian Science Church. I would not believe this statement if the facts were not before me. I felt this vibration when I first came to Denver. It did not originate in Denver, but came from the East. When I was indicted by the grand jury of the United States Court, I went to the Chief Inspector and had a long interview with him. I asked him who had brought

the charges against me. He reached down to a drawer in his desk and took out a large bundle of letters and documents. *They were all from Christian Scientists!* The inspector said: "They think you are trying to upset their religion." So, you see, the Old Cat jumped out of the bag and around her neck was a card labeled "Christian Science." Why is this thus? Because, after Mrs. Eddy made her affirmative statements, the power of negation took possession of her and has held the fort ever since. She is as certainly in prison under the jailer Black Magic as any one could possibly be behind the bars. She made her affirmations concerning the Good and the reaction or echo of Black Magic took its place. The whole movement is one seeking for objective power. Instead of entering the Silence for glory, honor, and immortality, they have entered the domain of the Noise and erected temples of wood and stone. These idols of wood and stone are their gods. They fall down before the physical woman called Mary Eddy and go on building structures of stone, instead of manifesting in their bodies the Spirit of Truth.

Now, this Old Cat has a following outside of its own ranks. You will find the Pharisees and Sadducees all arrayed against the Truth. Even such men as Horatio W. Dresser took sides against Helen Wilmans and pronounced judgment against her before the judge of the United States Court had a chance to hear the case. It is the vibrations of mortality in opposition to the vibrations of immortality. It is the objective world with its organizations, churches, temples and mortal mind, against the subjective world of righteousness and truth.

How are we going to meet this opposition? Just exactly as light meets the opposition of darkness. Turn on the light! It is not done by argument. It can not be accomplished by thinking. You can't turn on any light by throwing thoughts against thoughts or putting arguments against arguments. You may attack Christian Science and return blow for blow, but this will not bring you the victory. The whole world has been a battle ground of this kind for two thousand years. You can't convince people that you have the Truth by saying that you have it. Christian Science has convinced the world that they have the power to build a strong organization and to make money. To use a slang phrase, "they put up the stuff." Now suppose that we perfect a strong organization and put up a million dollars to their one and put up a thousand churches to their one and send out ten thousand teachers to their one, what would we gain? Suppose, my beloved, that we should gain the whole world, what would it profit? There is a mighty organization called the Roman Catholic Church, but what does it profit? There are more than six hundred strong and mighty organizations called Protestants, but what does it profit? What are all the spires pointing to the skies but so many monuments of failure? You may unite the Roman Catholic, the Greek Catholic and the Protestant Churches into one great and mighty Institution, but it would be as weak as water against one Man endowed with the Spirit of the Living Christ. All these mighty institutions on

earth are powerless in the presence of God. They can not perform one of the works of the Spirit. They have no power to heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse lepers or raise the dead. They can not produce one single sign of divinity. The so-called "healings" of Christian Science are nothing more than suggestions of mortal thought. Their whole work of healing is in mortal mind and has no more foundation in divinity than the work of the pill peddler. Peruna heals by suggestion and affirmation and so does Christian Science. There is nothing in the old cat but mortal mud. Let them heal one person, by Word of Commandment, and the whole world will rise up and call them Blessed.

What is the law of nonresistance in regard to all these things? It is the law of Light shining in the darkness. The darkness does not and can not comprehend the light. The only thing for us to do is to Do. Your enemy is mortality. The chief exponent of mortality is Christian Science. The only way for you to gain the victory is to produce the signs of the Spirit. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following."

There is but one force in the universe. This force is commonly called "electricity." There is positive and negative electricity. The subjective is positive and the objective is negative. Mortality is objective. When you want real power, you must go to the Unseen, the subjective, for it. Last year when the Denver papers abused me for everything they could think of, and called me a fraud, a fakir, etc., I calmly and serenely went on my way; I want no vindication from the objective world. When the time comes Spirit will sit on the throne of Glory and judge this objective world. I am patiently waiting for the vindication of Spirit. I know that one Man is more powerful than all the institutions on the earth. There is nothing more helpless than mortality. They can build costly temples and leave their bodies subject to devils, disease and death. It is sad to see the lame, the halt, the blind, the diseased, rallying around the standard of Christian Science. It is the hunger of the Spirit for perfection. They will not find it in temples made of stone and brick or in people who are afraid of animal magnetism and black magic. When you ask for bread they will give you a stone; and when you ask for fish, they will give you a serpent. I don't want CHRISTIAN to succeed as an organ of an institution. I want it published as an organ of Spirit and edited by a Man. I am holding for the signs of Spirit. Nothing less than complete regeneration of my body will satisfy me. The whole earth is nothing in my sight compared to the temple of my own Spirit, which is my body. Since I have found out the haunts of the enemy, and know that the whole of mor-

tality must go, I am entering into the conflict clad in the whole armor of God. I want no church, no platform, no organization, but I want Myself. I am in possession of myself and am only waiting for the full and complete vindication of the Spirit. It is not a question of thinking or talking, but of *breathing*. It is not physical breathing, but pneumatic breathing.

Since writing the above I clip the following from *Unity*, published by the Divine Scientists of Kansas City, Mo. Speaking of the Postoffice Department, the editor says:

"Many of our friends are concerned about the seeming oppression by the Postoffice Department in denying a number of reform journals the second-class mailing privilege, and they think that we are in danger of being held up in like manner. There is no cause for alarm. We mail between eight and nine thousand magazines every month, and there has never been any objection raised by the postal authorities in any way. We have never been asked to submit our mailing lists, nor furnish proof of regular subscribers—in fact, there has been no fault found whatever with our publications by the department. The journals that have been held up claim that it is because they are advocating a doctrine that the conservative government officials oppose. We do not believe this. We are as radical in our line of thought as any journal published, and we have been left perfectly free to express our views. We have a very intimate friend connected with the Postoffice Department at Washington, who writes us that the officials there have undertaken to stop the use of the second-class mailing privilege by those who are publishing periodicals for the exclusive advertising of themselves and their wares. They try not to be partial, but aim to put equal footing the medical specialist with his cure-all patents and the mental specialist with his wide-open vibrations. This seems fair and right, and we hope to see through it a legitimate, metaphysical literature finally established."

This is the same Old Cat under another name. It is organized religion. Count Tolstoi said: "The concept of the Church is the wickedest thing in the world." He means that organized religion is the wickedest thing in the world. When you organize religion into an institution, it becomes, when it has the power, an inquisition. *Unity* has never been called upon to make a showing. Why? Because it represents a religion and is run by a company. My lawyers in Denver and Washington urged me to organize a company. My attorney in Denver said he would become a director and that I could own the whole thing by holding nearly all the stock. When you translate Fillmore's language into plain English at the conclusion of his article, it means that he hopes that all the others will be shut out, and that the Divine Scientists will have the field all to themselves. He speaks of "the mental specialist with his wide-open vibrations." If there is a gospel shop or a healing concern on this earth that is any more wide open than the office of *Unity*, I don't know where you will find it. They not only carry on healing, but they publish testimonials in nearly every issue of their magazine. It is true that they put up that old religious plea of "free will offerings," but I happen to know that if a patient offered only one dollar a month, they would be considered close and stingy. They are

not even investigated because they are a "religion" and have a "company" back of their enterprise. Well, I want it understood that I am an Individualist, and that CHRISTIAN is run in the interests and under the control of one individual named Thomas Jefferson Shelton. I will not organize a humbug company and keep the majority of the stock in my own possession. I will proclaim the Truth as an Individualist and win out on this line. Favoritism is the curse of our government. The cat jumped out of the bag when Fillmore forgot himself and printed "we have a very intimate friend connected with the Postoffice at Washington." I am not depending upon any such a pull with the Department. CHRISTIAN is published by an Individualist and has been hounded and hampered and its certificate of entry cancelled three times. If I had not had a bank account it would have been confiscated long ago. *Unity* is published by religionists and has never been called upon for an accounting! *Freedom* was published by Helen Wilmans as the organ of an Individualist and she was indicted, persecuted and published as a fraud. She became Helen Wilmans Post and organized a company and became president of the Mental Science Association, and lo! *Freedom* is re-entered as second-class matter, the money on deposit refunded, and all the indictments quashed. Great is the Institution! Great is Diana of the Ephesians! "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the Devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him." Now, watch the angels minister unto CHRISTIAN. I absolutely refuse to fall down and worship the Institution or any other kind of objective power.

*** "It is not well for man to live alone." That statement would be all right if it contained any sense. Man never was alone, is not now, and never will be. He has the constant companionship of a God within. What more does he need or require? I would not exchange the companionship of my Within Self for all the alleged physical Soul Mates extant."—*The Pathfinder*, Roswell, Colo.

This is an invitation, my dear girls, for you to go way back and sit alone. He may talk all he wants to about the "within" being his "soul mate," but either now, or at some time in his life, that "within" was an exact likeness of a woman. It is true that the woman will not appear in the objective, until you have her likeness within you. A man can't live alone. He will either have the Real Thing, or else he will have an imaginary Julia, like William T. Stead. It is written: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, for the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

"VENGEANCE IS MINE, SAITH THE LORD."

Dr. Dewey, Lillian Thompson, and other members of CHRISTIAN household, are too tender-hearted to touch the torch to the tares of mortality. Louise Downes and I believe in abortions as well as productions in nature. It is our effort to be scientific. If the Scripture is not borne out by facts in Science, you may know it was not written by the Spirit.

God is Love and Love hates, takes vengeance, and executes judgment. The namby-pamby stuff called "love" is not the genuine article. The religionists of the world have put God up as a kind of good-natured Old Man. He is so tender-hearted that He weeps over sinners. He has not the executive ability of the devil. He is a kind of weeping Jeremiah, without Jeremiah's prophetic fire and energy. They give Him the character of a coddling old codger who can be cajoled by Sunday school songs and tearful prayers. Just think of a God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, who would be pleased to hear such a jingle as this:

"Jesus died and paid it all,
All the debt I owe:
Nothing, either great or small,
Remains for me to do."

Yet this is a very fair sample. The silly stuff sung in Sunday school and church is enough to make God sick at the stomach. Jesus Christ is also pictured as the son of this old coddling codger who could not cast out the devil, and, therefore, sacrificed his only begotten son to appease his own wrath. Because Jesus practiced non-resistance, they are looking at Him as a milk-sop. On the contrary, He was a MAN of the mightiest courage. When He was arrested in Gethsemane, there flashed out from Him a fire which caused the soldiers to fall as dead men. The mighty courage of Jesus Christ was shown by His suppressing power. He must teach the world the utter worthlessness of mortality by laying down His life. He put off mortality in our presence that we might see that it could be done.

But the Man of Sorrows has passed away and the world must now deal with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus Christ is no longer clothed in mortality and walking in the vale of tears. All tears have been wiped away from His eyes, and they flash out above the brightness of the sun. The character of Jesus Christ corresponds exactly with the character of the I AM that I AM in the Old Testament. In fact, the New Testament is simply a supplement of the Old Testament. Let us look at the Lord Christ on the Throne of Glory. I will quote Paul to the Thessalonians:

"So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power; when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

Now this is either true or false. If you are going to accept the Scripture, you must do it in a scientific way. Heretofore Scripture has been interpreted in a sentimental way. Sentiment is not science. The prophet Paul declares emphatically that Jesus Christ is coming in flaming fire to take vengeance. He also tells us that He is coming to be glorified in His saints and to be admired. I tell you that this is scientific and in exact accordance with the statements of the prophets who preceded Jesus. This same Jesus Christ said: "The Scripture can not be broken." Hear this same Paul quote from the Law:

"For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Now hear the prophet David pray:

"O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show Thyself. Lift up Thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces Thy people, O LORD, and afflict Thine heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planteth the ear, shall He not hear? He that formed the eye, shall He not see?"

It is David the Prophet who speaks in this prayer. People are in the habit of speaking of the man and forgetting the prophet. I have told you that Jesus Christ and Adam are one and the same Person. When Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, He was simply taken to one side where He could hold a conversation with Himself. In His own Person was found the positive and negative of Being. He didn't understand His own nature until the unfoldment was complete. There is Unity in the universe and duality is only an appearance. Love is the Grand Passion and therefore holds in its elements all there is of Passion. It is the fire that burns and the fire that warms. It is the power that grows and the power that destroys. Spirit is the Flaming Fire and the prophet Paul tells us in plain words that Jesus will come in flaming fire to judge the world. You see how He can take vengeance. Now let us see how He can hate.

"But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of Nicolaitanes, which I also hate."

This is in exact accordance with the statements of the prophets of the Old Testament. Here are a few samples:

"I hate every false way."
"I hate and abhor lying."
"I hate them with perfect hatred."
"A forward mouth do I hate."
"I hate your feast days."

You may run through the whole book and you will find that Love hates everything that

offends Love. It is time for those who claim to be scientific to understand that the Grand Passion is the Eternal Fire, the unquenchable Fire, the Fire which burns forever. The destruction of the wicked and the casting out of everything that offends is not punishment. There is nothing penal in the code of the Almighty. The fire consumes because it comes in contact with that which is combustible. It is time for mortality to cease its reign and give place to Spirit. It isn't a question of good or bad in the sense of morals or ethics. Mortal mind is the same in all places and under all conditions. You may dress it in the robes of a priest and still it is mortal mind. You may put it on the bench of a judge and it is mortal mind. It reigns in mortality and this means in unrighteousness. Let the prophet Paul give you a little list of the workings of mortal thought:

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye can not do things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

You will see that the word hatred is used as one of the works of the flesh. Hate, in mortal mind, is altogether different from hate in spiritual mind. Spirit does not hate because it is angry, but because it is in love. There is something in the New Testament called: "The wrath of the Lamb." It is the wrath of Love. When men undertake to execute judgment they are assuming the prerogative of the Almighty. They go out with anger in their hearts against somebody or something. God executes judgment the same as you would kill a mad dog. The judgment of the Almighty is like the fires in the valley of Gehenna, which were kept burning night and day to consume the sewage from Jerusalem. This perpetual fire was necessary for the health and happiness of the people. Such is the fire of perpetual Love. It kills men and women who are unfit for life. The common interpretation is that these men and women will be confined to a place of perpetual punishment in everlasting consciousness. What good purpose could be served by such a judgment? The truth is that they will be utterly destroyed, root and branch. There will be nothing left to suffer. I have had enough experience in the past four or five years to know that righteousness does not reign on earth. The self-righteousness of religionists is more hypocritical and tyrannical than the out and out wickedness of the wicked.

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THE END OF WATER AND THE BEGINNING OF ELECTRICITY.

The following newspaper clipping has been sent in by several friends, asking for my comments:

"Seventh Day Adventists are all wrought up and declare that the end of the world is near at hand, firmly believing that the warning has been conveyed to them by the appearance of a black horse on the ruins of Kellogg's Sanitarium at Battle Creek. Upon the side of a wall, which is still as white as before the fire, has appeared a perfect picture of a black horse burned in the wall. With extended head, open mouth, distended eyes and ears lying back in the head, the animal presents a fierce appearance. Thousands daily visit the place and speculate on the strange sight. The Adventists, who lay great stress upon Bible signs, have been searching the Bible for a reference to the black horse. They have at last found just one reference, and that is in the sixth chapter of Revelation. This entire chapter refers to the end of the world and the troubles to come, and ends with this warning: 'For the great day of wrath is come and who shall be able to stand.'"

There is no doubt that the Bible is a revelation of spiritual unfoldment on this planet. The book of Revelation is prophecy and nearly all of it is yet to be fulfilled. It is not a destruction of the world by fiat of the Almighty. It is an unfoldment by the law of evolution from the Egg to the full-orbed Son. The planet itself must pass through the same process that men and women are passing in order to reach its sunship. Everything in the universe is governed by Law and it is a law of vibrations and of unfoldment. It is a movement from a seed or egg to maturity. The change which will take place is from water to fire, or from crude matter to electricity. You may speak of it as the Pneumatic Age, if that will help your mind to grasp the thought. Pneumatic breathing is the breathing of electricity or ether. The body of man becomes pneumatic and is more adapted to the air as a place of abode than the earth.

Let us look at this sixth chapter of Revelation. For fear you will not get your book and look it up, I will quote it:

"And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him; and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

You may go on with the whole chapter, for it all refers to the unfolding of the electrical age. The black horse does not stand for the destruction of this world, but for the reign of Justice. The one who sat on the black horse had a pair of balances in his hand. This is the symbol of justice. This time is right here now when slavery has been abolished and the union of capital and labor has almost been accomplished. Justice and righteousness will reign on the earth. Prices will be fixed by law and not by the manipulations of bankers and brokers.

The black horse also stands for Famine, but Justice sits on Famine with a pair of balances. Nature often has to teach us by dire distress before we can learn the lesson of justice. It is time now for the scales of justice to be adjusted in the affairs of men. India has just passed through an awful famine, and reports indicate that they are getting ready for another one much worse than the last one. England is spending vast sums of money in efforts to conquer the Boers. Justice demands that this money should be spent in the irrigation and uplifting of India. China has also passed through a famine and is threatened with another. In many parts of Russia the peasants are just barely subsisting. The same is true of Italy. It is said that the inhabitants are slowly starving to death. It is time for the Black Horse to be mounted by Justice. But, perhaps, the Pale Horse will have to appear with Death and Hell before men will learn righteousness. I said perhaps, but there is no perhaps about it. Everything will be unfolded as revealed in this prophecy.

But don't think for one moment that it is a fiat from some individual. It is the outworking of the law of spiritual unfoldment. John gives you a strong statement further along in this same book of Revelation:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. 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."

John says, "And there was no more sea." This is literal and scientific. There are no seas and oceans in the sun. When death is destroyed and the former things have passed away, there will be no more sea on this planet. It will be a sun. The men and women who live on it will be like unto it. It is the passing out of water into electricity. The rainbow in the sky stands as a sign that the world will never more be overwhelmed by water. It is to be immersed in fire. Everything in prophecy is to be revealed by fire.

John says that the Pale Horse was followed by Death and Hell. Now turn over to the twentieth chapter, and you will find out what becomes of Death and Hell.

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

After the above declaration there follows the announcement of the new heaven and the new earth. The new heaven and the new earth will not contain either death or hell. The Black Horse, the Red Horse, the Pale Horse, will all give place to the White Horse, upon which sits the King of kings and Lord of lords. The horse is always used as a symbol of Truth. The Black Horse is the truth of God in the famine. The Red Horse the truth of God in war; and the Pale Horse the Truth of God as manifested in Death and Hell. All these things are the unfolding of Spirit. It is the coming forth from the Egg into the full-orbed Godhood. There is no need of being alarmed or afraid of this unfoldment.

The apostle Peter seems to think that the change will be made by an explosion, but if so, the world will have been prepared for the change:

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Don't you think it is about time for the fire to get in its work of purification? When you want to think about the earth, think of your own mortal body. What are all our efforts toward healing but an attempt to throw off mortality? It is amusing to see some of the healers trying to hide their own infirmities. They adjust their false teeth and go right on talking about what they can do in the way of Mental Healing. I haven't any false teeth, but when I look in the glass at my slick, bald head, and the eyeglasses on my eyes, I think "Dam it," and sometimes say it. My earth must be cremated, and my spirit clothed with a pneumatic body. I will not be sorry to see the old man go up in the flames of fire. What is true of my physical body must be true of the planet. Peter puts it in a splendid way when he speaks of the earth as "standing out of the water and in the water." Seventy-five per cent. of your mortal body is water. It must live and move in the water in order to survive. You remember what the French philosopher said in giving a definition of man: "He is a digestive tube open at both ends." He is also a son of God and will enter into the glory of the Father.

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