

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** If the Christ was There, He is also Here.

*** If the pneuma is in you, it will manifest in a resurrection from the dead, and this mortal will put on immortality.

*** The Bible is the record of a Chosen People. Adam and Eve were children of the Sun. They were white people and their lineage is given in the Scriptures.

*** There were other races on the earth before the creation of Adam and Eve. Cain, the son of Adam, went over into the land of Nod and took unto himself a wife from among the daughters of men.

*** The Sons of God took unto themselves wives from the fairest among the daughters of men. These sons of the Sun thought it all right to take on these adulterous relations, provided they picked out the best looking women.

*** It is the same old story of adulteration. When I say there are whole races of humans who are mortal and have always been mortal, you must not get scared and think you are among the lost. Since writing "Down Among the Dead Men," the readers are inquiring about their own souls. Just hold on and read CHRISTIAN until this whole subject is unfolded in the light of Science and the Scriptures.

*** Do you know that it is pretty hard work to find a pure white person on the earth? The mixture, when the sons of God took unto themselves wives from the daughters of men, has spread over the whole world. There was among the Greeks the highest type of beauty in form and face. They were almost pure white. When a celebrated beauty appears on the earth it is because she is fair. In speaking of the beauty of Christ it is said: "He was the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely."

*** Writers continue to send manuscripts to CHRISTIAN expecting pay for such contributions. Let me say once more that I have contracted for nearly all the contributions I can use, except occasionally where a good letter can be used with profit to my readers. I would like to buy all you have to sell, provided it was worth buying; but in that case I would have to enlarge CHRISTIAN. It is now as big as I can afford for one dollar a year. I am in correspondence with one of the ablest writers in the world, who is not writing for any other periodical. If I can get him the CHRISTIAN staff will be complete. If I can't get the best, I will do the writing myself!

*** Of all the impractical souls on earth, clergymen are the worst. Occasionally one writes in here for advice and treatment. They seldom enclose any money. The pulpit pauperizes men and they expect something for nothing. The clergyman gets half fare on the railroads, complimentary tickets to the concert, buys goods at cost, and expects a donation party. This habit of thought makes them impractical when it comes to business matters. A man writes in here and tells me that he has lost all of his property. and then on the next page he tells me that after losing this property he made a tour of Europe and the Holy Land. He is out of heart and out of sorts, and dissatisfied with his God. He has quit praying, but is afraid to swear. He also finds fault with my God. He wants God to take him by the nape of the neck and seat of the trousers, and pitch him into the Kingdom of Good. Suppose such a gymnastic effort should be made by the Almighty what would it profit? What would it profit if this man should gain the whole world and a potato patch on the moon? He would let the weeds grow up in his potato patch, and would lose his world for lack of energy to run it. There was a Man on this earth who did things, and He said: "Behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." If you can't find the Kingdom of God within, you will not find it without. You are in possession of just as much power as you develop within yourself, and no more. There is nothing outside of you that you can possess until you are in possession of yourself.

*** A lady writing from Oregon says: "I want to tell you what progress is being made If one month can do so much for a man, how much may we expect in a year? I dissent from your opinion about personal treatments, however, for I can tell almost to the minute when my letter reaches you and is read. I have been interested to study time cards from here to Denver, and the vibrations must be quite personal at the reading of the letter."

The writer must have misunderstood something in regard to personal treatment, for each person receives direct personal treatment, but not in any stated doses or specified periods of time. When once the Word is spoken it should continue to vibrate in unison with the Spirit until the purpose is accomplished. The reception of a letter, or the writing of a letter, quickens the vibrations and intensifies the interest. In looking over my list of patients, I notice the most successful are those who take treatments by the year. The transients get only temporary benefit. Four-fifths of all who are on my list have been there for over five years. They send their dollar a month, or

more, regularly, and keep in conjunction with this Center, so as to be in perpetual vibration and ready for anything that may come up in their lives. Such persons do not have to make connection in case of accidents or trouble, and many of them never have anything of the kind. They are protected from all harm, and are steadily growing in Grace and Knowledge. Many of them have graduated and formed centers of attraction in their own homes. My work has only begun to take effect in this world. I can see the whole earth in conjunction with the Sun Center and free from sickness and Death. Telepathy is the most wonderful discovery of the present time. It is more wonderful than wireless telegraphy. Telepathy must yet take the place of even wireless telegraphy. When we shall have done away with the poles and wires, we shall also do away with all other instruments. Men will be trained to hear thoughts; engineers and pilots will communicate with each other by telepathy; the happy will impart happiness to the unhappy; the healthy will impart health to the sick-thus will the world be brought into conjunction with the Sun. The Knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

*** "Dear Shelton: My unfoldment is becoming more real to me. What is your opinion of worldly material inheritances? My uncle has passed on and leaves a large estate and plenty of money. It appears to me that it would not be exactly right to accept money for which I have not given value received. Please explain."

Stop your foolishness! Is there anything in you or outside of you for which you have rendered value received? What did you give for your eyes? How much did you pay for your hearing? You inherited all these things from your father and mother. You have a perfect right to inherit money from your uncle. Take it and use it just like you use your eyes and your ears and your other inheritances. Spiritual unfoldment must give us common sense in dealing with the material world.

*** If the reader of CHRISTIAN in Kingston, New Mexico, who sent \$2.20 to Dr. Dewey for "The Way, The Truth and The Life," and "The New Age Gospel," will send his name to the J. H. Dewey Co., 117 W. 84th St., New York City, the book will be forwarded. The money was received all right, but the writer forgot to sign his name. Always send your orders for Dr. Dewey's books directly to New York and not by the way of Denver. These two books by Dr. Dewey are having a big run, and you will get your money's worth and much more.

THE COMIC OPERA KINGDOM.

"Evidently the Doctor knows that child love is but an extension of the love of self. He also knows that generation will have to be merged into regeneration before death is conquered in the world. But I predict that he will receive a hundred letters scolding him about the paragraph I have quoted from those who hold that parental love is the purest, divinest emotion a human being is capable of. Dr. Shelton seems to have taken up the subject of immortal life here and now in real earnest."—Helen Wilmans in Freedom.

I did not receive "a hundred letters scolding me about the paragraph." I only received one letter, and it was a tearful one, ordering me to stop CHRISTIAN. The reason is that CHRISTIAN has a select list of subscribers. There has been an elimination of all the members of the infant class and now the readers are ready to receive the Truth, no matter how it hurts.

If you fail to make a distinction between love and affection, you will remain in the fog. What you call love is affection and belongs as much to a horse, a dog, a cat, or even a tree, as it does to a human being. Affection comes from association and can not be conjured up even in the imagination for persons or things with which you have had no association. If you want the Truth, let me tell you the Truth; but if you want to be coddled with error, you will have to quit reading CHRISTIAN. You learn to love a horse with the same kind of affection that you have for a child or a man or a woman. You will learn to love a place and the things associated with that place with the same kind of affection that you have for the people with whom you have been associated. It is animal affection on the animal plane, and nothing more.

The woman who does not think will want to scratch out my eyes and declare that she loves her child. "Oh, my child, how I love my child!" My dear woman, it is affection. and not love. Did you ever hear the plaintive moan of a cow whose calf had been taken to the slaughter pen? The cry of her soul is just as sincere as that of any woman who ever lived. The same is true of the cat over her kittens. All the animal plane is alike from the lowest to the highest. The cow soon forgets and goes on her way. The woman forgets and also goes on her way, having fixed her affections on someone or something else. For this reason, I tell you that your so-called love is founded on memory and association. Mortality could not be endured, if it were otherwise. If death severed the cords of love, life would be unendurable; but death only separates us from affections and life goes right on and forms new associations and therefore new affections. The woman has an affection for her child because it is her child. She thinks her child is just a little better than any other person's child. All the envy, conceit, vanity and foolishness of mortality shows itself in so-called parentage. The mother cares very little for any other children. You will see anger and wrath come into her face and eyes if any other children interfere in any way with her children. She

CHRISTIAN wants her children to have just a little

better food, and better clothing, and to make a better showing than any other children. Your so-called parentage is selfishness gone to seed. The higher the seed grows, the more selfishness is exhibited. Grandparents are foolish and silly over their grandchildren because life is going out of themselves and they make a desperate effort to cling to it in the children of their children.

Speaking of grandchildren ought to convince us that parentage is a delusion. In the third generation it becomes extinct. Your grandparent is not very welcome anywhere. Just as soon as your children cease to be children and make homes for themselves, you are in the way. You may think that you are IT, but you are not; you are simply a poor old fool, fixing your fading eyes on the children of your children. Shakespeare's "King Lear" is true to human nature. Why should the old fools linger on the plane of action when they have ceased to be anything other than relics? It may hurt, but the best thing you can do is to pack up your baggage and get yourself to the graveyard. Why delude yourself any longer? In the third generation parentage becomes extinct. This shows that it never had any reality in being. When I was a flockmaster, people were always asking me if they were going to meet their children in heaven. I always folded my hands across my breast and declared in pious words that they would meet their little ones in heaven. I quoted that saying of Jesus: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." I made this quotation fit all the mortal children and told their parents that these little ones were safe in the arms of Jesus. It never occurred to my hypnotized mind what a curse it would be for a child to remain forever a child and a parent to remain forever a parent. It is the silly thought of mortality. All the babies would remain babies forever in order that the affections of their mortal mothers could be satisfied in the kingdom of heaven! The whole is on the mimic stage of mortals. If the spirit of a child is not full grown and therefore not a child. then the universe is built on injustice. It is not fair that one should be a child and another an adult. It is not fair that one should enjoy motherhood and the other be condemned to the life of an old maid. It is not fair that one should be endowed with motherhood and another born barren. It is not fair that one should be rich and another poor, that one should be dwarfed and another full formed, that one should be healthy and another sick, that one should be handsome and another ugly.

The other day, in a Denver restaurant where girls were employed as waiters and were members of the Waiters' Union, there was a strike. The leader cried out, "Unfair!" and all the other girls repeated "Unfair," and walked out and left the proprietor in the lurch. The word "unfair" was their signal for a strike. It is being used by labor unions all over the United States and perhaps of the whole world. I stand in the presence of mortality and cry out to the whole universe, "Unfair!" There is no justice or righteousness or fairness in mortality. This unfairness runs all through the animal plane, for the larger and stronger animals devour the smaller and weaker. Selfishness is a natural product of such a world.

So that you will keep in a good humor and listen to the science of this article, let me tell you that I am better situated than the majority of my brothers. I live in a handsome house with a beautiful wife and a lovely baby. I have plenty of everything to eat and many of the luxuries of life. I am not sour on anything or anybody. I am trying to get facts before your minds. The world is hypnotized with the mimic show of mortal life. Love does not reign on the earth. It is affection and not love. I am not saying that this affection is not real and strong. There is nothing stronger in mortality than a man's love for his mother. There is nothing deeper in mortality than a mother's love for her child. But I tell you that it is not LOVE. It is the same kind of affection that you will find in a tigress for her young. The animal mother, whether human or beast, will sacrifice her own life for her young. The animal father walks at the head of the herd ready to die for the weaker ones and to defend them at all hazards. The beast and the man are on precisely the same plane of being. If you will keep cool and listen, you will see the whole world arrayed as a herd of cattle or a flock of sheep. They have been fighting and devouring each other for all these thousands of years and calling it civilization. I was just old enough to be a witness of the war in this country. Do you suppose that men and women had any love for each other? They had affection and, even between the opposing sides, this affection was often shown. The belching cannon, the whistling bullet and the flashing sword were like so many horns of cattle or teeth of wild beasts. General Sherman said: "War is hell." You will miss the point if you think that war is anything but an incident of mortality. Mortality is hell.

Mortality is a delusion and a snare. All of our so-called love is that affection brought about by association and memory. We are playing at life. And once more I call out to the Proprietor and throw down my dishes, saying, "Unfair! Unfair!" If there is no other life than mortal life, and even if the other life is fashioned after mortal life, the universe is a fraud and a failure. I would have an utter contempt for myself, if I could sit here in my own house and enjoy my wife, my baby, my comforts, and be indifferent to the sufferings and sorrows and privations of my fellows. I want the Proprietor to utterly destroy mortality. Let those who are born to higher things manifest, and let those who are mere mortals vanish from the face of the earth. To set fire to this planet would be the very best thing that could be done under the circumstances. Listen to the words of Spirit: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass." This is true. It is awfully true. You are grass-fathers and grass-mothers and you bring forth grass-children. It is a comic

opera kingdom. I refuse to be hypnotized into believing a lie and calling it the Truth. Mortality is comic opera. I like comic opera for a change, but as a steady diet it would produce mental indigestion. You know how the comic opera king struts around on the stage. His whole retinue enacts the role of royalty much better often than you find it in the real thing. I would rather see a king who had been under a good stage manager than to see the old gentleman who is going to be crowned in England. Of course, the coronation of King Edward will be comic opera, but they haven't had time to rehearse and get ready for the footlights. Take our own American republican form of government and it is just as funny. Prince Henry comes to see President Roosevelt. President Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, baptizes the emperor's yacht with a bottle of champagne. When the emperor thinks he will honor Alice, he paints out the name of an old torpedo boat and renames it "Alice Roosevelt." What is it? It is American royalty kowtowing to German royalty. Roosevelt is doing the kowtowing because a foolish boy shot McKinley. It is what mortals call an accident. Roosevelt is his accidency instead of his excellency. It is funny! Take the case of General Miles, the next biggest man in the United States. The president is elected every four years, but the general of the army is supposed to hold his office for life. It so happens that General Miles is a Democrat. If a Democrat had been elected president, General Miles would have had all the honor and glory of the Spanish-American war. But a Republican president kept Miles in the background. Commodore Dewey, another Democrat, happened to be in command of a squadron and received orders to go to Manila. He cut the cables between himself and the administration and so gained the glory before he could be called off by a cablegram. Wise man, this Admiral Dewey! I have always been a Republican in politics, so don't think for a moment that I am writing from a partisan standpoint.

The other day the United States senate passed a law for the protection of the president. Part of this act reads: "The secretary of war is directed to detail from the regular army a guard of officers and men to protect the president without any unnecessary display, and the secretary is authorized to make regulations as to the dress, arms and equipment of such guard." President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have another pet measure which they are trying to get through Congress. It is to put the whole staff of the army, including the commanding general, under the control of the president and secretary of war. General Miles opposes this law and says that he will resign if it is enacted. It would place the whole general staff, including the commanding general, in the same position now occupied by the cabinet. A Democratic administration would have a Democratic staff and a Republican administration would have a Republican staff. In other words, the army and navy would come under political patronage. You give the secretary of war power to guard the president with a detail from the regular

army, then give this president and secretary of war control of the general staff of the army, and you have imperialism with a vengeance. I am not talking politics, but any fool can see the drift of the whole thing. The president of the United States is nothing more than a common clerk for the whole people, but a little kowtowing would change the whole form of government. "What fools these mortals be!" Shall I cry out and say "We must have a change!" Yes, but it must be a change from mortality to immortality. You can't get a change by changing political parties. Roosevelt will be re-elected president and his immediate successor will be a Republican. Then will come a change. In 1912 union labor will elect the president; but will this be a change? The labor union will be just as mortal as the Republicans and Democrats. Mortality is mortality anywhere and everywhere. Humanity can never be improved very much until mortality is swallowed up in Life. You give a man a title and place him on a pedestal and forget for a moment that he is a mortal. He is common clay and it does not take him long to make a fool of himself and show that he is dirt. I like the comic opera king better-if he has a good voice.

How can we get out of this show? Is there no chance for us to get away from the circus? Yes, if you will take the medicine; if you will replace your affection with love, the corruptible will put on incorruption and the mortal will put on immortality. Listen to the Spirit:

"If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he can not be My disciple."

How many of these things can you hold? Take the whole list and tell me if there is a thing on it that you can keep as your very own. Not a single thing! Jesus Christ was not talking as a moralist, trying to get you to do something because He said so. He was saying these things because they are facts in being. There isn't a single thing in mortality that you can hold and keep as your own. I have shown you that parentage is a delusion and a snare. This is true of everything else in this world. You try to hold on to property by deeding it to your children and they to their children and so on down the line of mortal inheritance. It is man's effort to perpetuate himself. No man has a right to property except as he can use it. He has no right to deed it to some one else to use after he is gone to the grave. Dead fingers have no right to living property. But the whole earth can be put into the hands of a few families by this law of inheritance. It is just like putting the whole government into the hands of one political party. There is no relief for humanity in the present order of mortality. You think the words of Jesus Christ as quoted above are hard to practice? Is there anything harder than mortality? Listen to one who knew how to interpret the sayings of Jesus Christ:

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not Love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowl-

Do you suppose that he used the word "Love" in the sense of affection? Certainly not, for Love is God and God is Life. God is certainly not going around begetting children who die. God is not giving birth to mortals, and yet God is Love. But, my beloved, Love is the Grand Passion and you will not find it in mortality. You will not find Love down here in the comic opera among the dead men. You will find affection with caressing and coddling and selfishness, but not Love. Love does not reign in the world of undertakers and coffins. Love is immortality! Love is Eternal Life! Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be who find it." You must be willing to give up affections and your mortal life and ascend into the higher plane of Love, which embraces the whole universe. This is the Only Way.

profiteth me nothing."

卷录卷 "T. J. Shelton: Some six years ago I took your paper, but you grew too fast for me and I soon did not like it. About a year ago a friend asked me to read hers. sisted I did not like it, but to please her I took a copy home and sat up half the night to read it, and half of it over two or three times! I found I had grown up to you to say 'amen' to everything. I have been reading it ever since. The other day it entered my mind that I was admitting limitations by thinking that I could not take it, and not treating you right. So here is the dollar. am glad you have made a weekly. I am glad you have taken out so many of the adverisements. I had wondered a little at your having them, but thought you knew best. I intend to not let you outgrow me any more. want to ask you one question, and, if you think best, answer through CHRISTIAN. How can a person get one in whom they are interested, to let the Light in? I have tried living it the best I can and have tried talk-ing it when I think it best, yet they seem to think the whole thing "moonshine," as they say. For about a year I have not said a word or read an article to them. I grow so and see everything so different. I realize have come into my own Kingdom and 1 just want them to enter into this great joy with me. Can I help or will they have to do all themselves? I think there may be others who are like me, and if you will answer through CHRISTIAN, it will do them good. I realize you must be very busy, so don't anwer this letter, but send me CHRISTIAN and certainly wish you nave received the money. I certainly wish you success in every way, and you will get it, for you have sought and found the Kingdom of Heaven. All else will be added." I will know you have received the money. I

There are hundreds of readers of CHRIS-TIAN who have passed through the same experience. There are seven thousand on my rolls who are ready for the Kingdom; there may be more, but I know there are seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal. In answer to the question, let me say that the less you say the better. I am getting more and more averse to entering the domain of the individual unless there is an invitation. I am opposed to preaching to people who do not want to hear. Let the unscientific carry on their proselyting and propaganda; let others seek, ask and knock before you open your door. The Spirit of Truth waits for you to hear His voice and open the door before He will enter in and abide with you.

PROPHETIC POWER AND PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

I print the following personal letter, by permission of the writer, for the sake of pointing out principles underlying prophetic power and psychic phenomena. The first part of the letter will not interest you much and you may be inclined to throw it down, as I was, but don't do it. There were clippings from newspapers, giving columns to a report of her wonderful healing. Mrs. Rothrock has had a wonderful experience, but one that is common to all who suddenly pass out of the animal into the psychic plane of being. There is much of this psychic phenomena that is not worth considering. It is made up of fanciful visions and confused voices. There is a key to the understanding of the Law by which you may control these forces and adjust yourself to these conditions. It is this law which I wish to point out to you. But first read her letter:

"898 Liberty avenue. "Beaumont, Tex., March 15, 1902. "T. J. Shelton,

"Denver, Colo.:

"Dear Brother-Have wanted you to know of the inspirations I have recently received from CHRISTIAN, but the last number com-Was born with a pels an acknowledgment. pneuma; am taking part in the first resurrection, and greatly enjoy the articles along that line. Seven years ago the Voice said to me: 'I am the resurrection;' was very conscious of the indwelling Christ, and at once said: 'Then I do not need to die.' then began to 'put on immortality.' been recently healed of consumption. My father died with it when I was five weeks old, and my whole life had been one of resistance to the dread disease, but it had mastered me, and I was not expected to live a few days longer. My approaching death was one of joyous expectation-for my longing to know the mysteries of the Gos pel had been an intense one, and had been repeatedly told that, for anything further, must wait until I had entered the great So was anxious to know these beyond. things, and could hardly bide my time. Some one called one day and offered prayer for my healing. I didn't care, for I didn't think would make any difference, but in the morning I was decidedly better than for some months; was alarmed, and told the Lord I must go, for I wanted to know so many things and could not wait. The Voice 'Now you hush! You are to get well said: and accomplish a wonderful mission on the earth. And, beside, I will teach you these things here.' I said: 'Oh, if you will only do that, I am willing to stay.' From that time the Bible seemed an open book, and wondrous things shone forth in all their glory-things of which I had never heard imagined-one of which was, that belonged to us to put on immortal bodies, and prove the victory over the last enemydeath. I at once set about the work, and in a very short time looked at least ten years younger than I did. The gift of healing fell upon me, and each day there was a repetition of miracles-wondrous demon-strations of the mighty power of God to save even to the uttermost. Ears were unstopped, blind eyes were opened, cripples laid aside their crutches, and leaping, praised Paralytics took up their beds and God. walked. Those born deformed, with not a correct joint in their body, were restored to a normal condition, and stood before me with the full use of all their members; in valids, no matter what the dread disease, responded to the words of life, even when the death sweat stood in great drops on their foreheads and lips, and no one ever ex-

pected to see them breathe again. Nothing could resist the word, spoken with absolute faith. It would take volumes to tell you of the more than 2,000 cures that were so marvelously wrought by the Hand of the Great Physician, for I made no attempt even to do any healing; I handed every case over to Him, and simply waited a few minutes while the work was being done. Even forgot my own identity in the fullness of joy that God was demonstrating His love to the children of men. It was during this time that the understanding came to me of the death of the final enemy: that it belonged to us to 'put on' the incorruptible, etc., and under high spiritual pressure, my body, weighing about 175 pounds, became apparently very light in weight, and my tendency was to rise into the air. This was more noticeably true after some marvelous heal-At such times, when going down stairs, ing. would press hard upon the banister, and unless I did this I was afraid of floating out into space. My body seemed so ethereal that it was sometimes difficult to control. I was all the time resisting this tendency, and it never once occurred to me to attempt to rise, or to cease my resistance, and see what demonstrations would follow.

Such marvelous things being wrought, of course I was visited by shining Lights (?), and finally persuaded that it was my duty to study the various methods of healing, and to reach 'scientific understanding.' I began. and no time, labor, or money was spared to avail myself of the most valuable information to be had along all those lines. Eddy, Hopkins, Wilmans, Evans-in fact, all of them-and I soon awoke to find myself shorn of my strength. I was sorry, and earnestly sought for *light*. In answer, was given this vision: Dressed in white, shining garments, I stood upon an eminence, of surpassing beauty; everything about me was perfec-tion; every motion was grace; every sound was harmony, and the breathing of the air gave inexpressible delight. My soul was conscious of the blissful environments, and I 'Surely this is the kingdom of heaven on earth.' Suddenly I heard some one speak my father's name, 'Punderson Avery;' I turned and inquired who had his name, and was sent hither and yon to find the boy who bore my father's name. In my unreasona-ble chase after him I hurried on, not once stopping to realize that I was leaving this beautiful paradise, until suddenly was forced to halt at the bottom of a dark cav-ern, where I found the boy, who was obnoxious to look at, and I turned from him and his family only to find that there was no visible means of retreat; my beautiful white garments were torn and grimy. I was weary and sad, and to my great astonishment, found I had descended to this dirty place, on the protruding edges of shelves in a bookcase, but I could not ascend on them. On the shelves were arranged, in systematic order, the very books I had been studying. In my despair I discovered a huge iron door, at the base of which was a semi-arch, needle's eye, through which came some faint glimmers of light. I doubted whether I could crawl through this eye, and, while considering the matter, awoke. I then saw that my husband had told me the truth, and that the study of these books had done me great harm. I was an open vehicle of expression for the Father, and instead of attending to the part He had assigned to me, had entirely neglected my work, in trying to ac-quire a scientific understanding (?) of how He conducted His own affairs. I became a teacher of metaphysics, but my education cost me the priceless gem which it could not restore; and, could I live this part of my eventful life over again, would continue the work of simply leading the needy and suffering to the Great Physician, with the entire forgetfulness of my own personality, and without any care or thought as to how God attended to His business. Had I done

this, I might to-day be a living demonstration of the power of one who controlled an immortalized body. At one time, during those very wonderful two years, for three days and nights, my physical body seemed full of a light, bearing a close resemblance to the upper part of the flame of a candle. I said, What is this? If it is of the Spirit, give me something from the Word to prove it. I closed my eyes and put my finger on this passage: 'If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." During this time (the three days) my face was said to be illuminated, and my body, to my vision, seemed almost transparent. It was so ethereal in its tendency that at night I had my husband fasten the quilts under the mattress, and hold his arms over me; was afraid would float out of the bed when asleep. About that time I used often to dream of flying through the air. The sensation was delightful one, and the remembrance of my flying experiences were so real that, in my waking moments, it was hard to realize that I had not flown. It never seemed like a dream, and the wish that I might soar through the air, and the conviction that I sometime would, abode with me-would neither down nor vacate. Not long ago, in a vision or dream, I was with our church people on the platform of a depot; we were all waiting for a late train, and one of them said to me, 'Is it really true that you sail through the air without any visible means of locomotion?" I said, 'Yes. I often travel in that way.' 'Well, how is it done?' I said, Well, as the train is thirty minutes late,] will show you how I do it;' and I slipped from my arm some kind of a folding skeleton chair, of light, but strong material, hav ing a seat, arms, high back and foot rest I seated myself, inhaled one or two long breaths, and immediately the chair began to rise; I went above the house tops and trees, then started in an easterly direction. passing over several towns, and returned another way, and safely landed on the platform amid the cheering crowd. In answer to their queries, I said: 'No, the chair is simply an ingenious device for my personal comfort while sailing in the air, and is in no way responsible for the motion. The propelling power is within me, for my slightest pressure anywhere on the chair gives it motion, and my thought directs the motion. They said, 'Do you become highly charged with electricity?' I answered: 'I only know with electricity?' I answered: 'I only know that God is with me.' The last number of CHRISTIAN gave me the key to the situation. It was the 'Breath of the Almighty.' To me this vision, or dream, was prophetic, and have never lost the feeling that I would yet do that very thing, and why not? Oh, it was so real, and so delightful with an electrified body-so easy to do.

"Now, if you and Lady Blanche would some day see me coming down out of the skies in a pretty bamboo chair, I think you would hasten to fulfill my prophecy, and 'let me in'-for that is what you will do when I come—and some day you will see me. And now, one thing more: Am greatly interested in the New Jerusalem on Earth, the return of the Jews, etc., and am hoping to go over to Jerusalem; so I began to brush up my French, and the Voice said: 'Put away that French grammar, and get the Gift of Tongues, so you can speak to each one in their their own language.' I said: 'Sure enough, I'll do it,' and why not? It was promised to them—it came—why not to me? Is there any law against it? Isn't it among the what Is there soever? If so, why not grasp it? I want it. This is an age of inspiration and of gold. Inspirations have been coming all winterit is now time for the gold. I feel the pressure of its incoming, and am soon to be, not 'Proprietor,' but a Dispenser of God's boun-During my time of healing, one of the ties. sweetest little experiences occurred one morning-the 'bill of fare for the beautiful I send you in separate envelope an baby.'

account of it, and after letting Lady Blanche read it, I will trust her to return it to the envelope, and remail to me, as it is my last copy of the pleasing incident. I once sent you a clipping and asked you to return to the envelope and mail to me, but you did not return it, so turn this over to her, and I know she will attend to it. Am in preparation for something outside the ordinary; anyway, am being resurrected, and will hail with great joy the fulfillment of your prophecy that pneumatic bodies will manifest in the close of this present year. Am glad you made an expose of the 'breath-ing exercise.' You did that up in fine shape. ing exercise.' You did that up in fine shape. Each number of CHRISTIAN is warmly welcomed and carefully studied.

'Think, truly, and thy thoughts will the world's famine feed. Speak, truly, and each word of thine will

be a fruitful seed. 'Live, truly, and thy life will be a great and noble creed.'

"Yours for the great uplift. "SARAH L. ROTHROCK.

"Of course, this is only for ye editors." Where there is so much smoke there is

bound to be some fire. Helen Wilmans passed through the same kind of psychic phenomena when she first began taking lessons in Christian Science. She said she was "lifted" into what she calls "the ideal brain." There are hundreds of others who have reported like experience. I have the same experiences in regard to floating and being lifted from earth conditions. It has continued with me for the past ten years and is growing more and more wonderful. Sometimes it is in a dream, but more often when I am wide awake. I have passed over rivers and among trees, and down the streets of the cities, through doors and into houses and through different rooms of the houses, when I was wide awake. I have walked along the streets of Denver in the same vibration of lightness. I will sometimes pass through the crowded streets looking through every man and woman who passes me. This clairvoyant vision, when wide awake, is a very recent experience of mine and dates back only about six months. It is clairaudience and clairvoyance in the objective with eyes wide open. All who have gone through the experience know that clairaudience and clairvoyance is a phenomenon of the subjective and comes only when the eyes are closed and you are in a semi-trance condition. But with me this is becoming my own vision; subjective vision is becoming naturalized and used in the objective. Of course this means the Spirit taking up its abode in the whole body. It is a literal fulfillment of the promise: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

How could it be otherwise? If the Spirit is to take up an abode in you, he must see you, hear you, talk you, walk you, and Be you. I had quite another experience here just the other day. Heretofore the Voice of the Spirit was spoken in the ear in the Silence. This Voice talks to me on the crowded street or anywhere else, but always in the inner ear. The hearing of this Voice in the inner ear has become so common that I would be lost if it should remain silent for even an hour. It is a part of myself.

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The other day, to my utter astonishment, the Voice took my tongue and spoke out aloud and continued the discourse for over an hour. It so happened that I was alone in the house and so I listened to my own voice the same as I would if some other person had been speaking. No man could stand any such phenomena unless he had been gradually educated up to it. If this had come to me while on the psychic plane and during my first prophetic experience it would have unbalanced the mind. It has been ten years and more of steady education as a pupil of the Spirit. The speaking with my own tongue and with my own voice is now a common thing. What does it mean? It means my own Spirit taking control of all my faculties. My own Divinity, of course, is in conjunction with the Universal. My own Spirit is in direct communication with the Whole Spirit. The 1 AM in me is just as much in communication with the I AM THAT I AM as the mortal mind and man is in communication with the earth and its atmosphere. It is not some spirit coming to you from the spirit world, but the unfolding into consciousness of your own divinity. The I AM declares that He will come and make your body a temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Now your own Spirit is just as Holy as any other Spirit, therefore, the consciousness that your own Spirit is guickened and awakened into activity in you is the Coming of the Holy Spirit. There can be no half way measures. Spirit must do the hearing, seeing, talking, thinking and acting. Now, my beloved, Spirit is not subject to the law of gravitation. This law of holding things down to the earth is for mudmen and mudwomen and not for those who are spiritually illuminated. The trouble with us is that we are prone to talk in parables and when one comes down to recognition and realization, they are looked upon as lunatics. You can't always go on with symbolism and parables. The time has come for a scientific demonstration and practical unfoldment. The minds of men are startled every day by something new in science. The telephone was a startling phenomena. When men stood at either end of a wire, and talked across five thousand miles of space, it was a miracle. But here comes Marconi and, with wireless telegraphy, spans the ocean. Now let me tell you that when the Lady Blanche and I want to travel in our pneumatic bodies, we will not pay any carfare. What we have been doing in dreams will be done in reality.

My correspondent thinks she lost her power because she turned to the writings of others for Light. This is only partly true. The others to whom she turned for Light had also lost the power to heal. The phenomena experienced on the psychic plane must give way to full and complete knowledge of the Spirit. You must know how you are doing these things and why you are doing them, else your physical body would be consumed by the flames. I am glad 1 did not succeed on the psychic plane, for success would have meant failure. My wife and I are now studying all this phenomena in the coolness and calmness of the

Spirit. There is no excitement, and no effort to get there before the time. As this is to be a permanent condition, there is no need for haste. There is no possible chance for us to grow older or to go backward. Therefore, if we should remain as we are. stationary, for a hundred years it would not hinder our progress. The changes would be very rapid at times and at other times a slow unfoldment. It is the quickening of the Spirit. It is the fulfillment of all the Prophets and Apostles and Saviors who have spoken the Truth. The only advice I can give you along the road is to put away fear, keep your eyes wide open so that you are not deceived, and cultivate repose. Let your own Spirit judge everything for you. You can read books and papers and other writings, but let your Spirit pass judgment. Don't follow any leader. Always and forever be a pupil of the Spirit.

PARENTHOOD!*

These are the years our God Lays down, and nothing loth. His sceptre and His rod As He were tired of both: Bids men and women take His empire for a while, To ban, to bless, to make The children weep or smile.

All power be yours. He saith-Over My little ones: The power of life and death, The power of clouds and sons, The power of weal and harm. Be yours to have and hold; In you they shall go warm, In you be pinched with cold.

Just for these God-like years Ye shall not know the intense Pang beyond prayers and tears Of your love's impotence; Be yours to make, to mar, This lovely thing I wrought, With Love brought from afar, And My eternal thought.

This fashioned I of joy, Much hope, without a stain, Pure gold without alloy, Redeemed in Mine own pain: For this the wine-press trod; Red-sanguined to the knee; Afterwards-saith our God-Ye shall account to Me!

For every needless tear, For all the smiles un-smiled, For lonely wrong or fear Brought on any little child, Myself will exact the fee, A God of wrath and scorn; Better that day that ye Were dead ere ye were born.

*This beautiful poem was sent me in MS. without name of author. I suppose it is original.

*** It is absurd to speak of the Christ as a hasbeen or an istobe without recognizing Omnipresence.

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THE MESSIAHSHIP OF JESUS AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

BY JOHN HAMLIN DEWEY.

Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father which is in heaven. Neither be ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end.—Jesus the Christ.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by wonders and signs which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know. * * * Ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. * * * This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received the promised Holy Ghost from the Father, He hath conferred this, which ye now see and hear. * * * Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.-Peter at Pentecost.

Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. * * Wherefore, God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, * * * and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.—Paul to the Corinthians and Philippians.

In quoting these exalted claims of Jesus, Peter and Paul, for the Messiahship and mediatorial function of the personal Jesus, as anointed of God to this end, I know that it is against the protest of perhaps many readers of CHRISTIAN.

In the radical development of individuality under the New Thought freedom, it is natural to resent and reject all claims for any authoritative pre-eminence of one individual over others in spiritual matters. Jesus, it is said, was but an individual, and subject to the same laws and conditions of attainment that pertain to all; and, while as an example to high attainment, He may be a stimulus to others who have equal access to the source of all life inspiration and power, He can not stand in any mediatorial position between His brethren and that source.

Let me again assure these earnest souls that I do not here point to these New Testament claims in any theological sense, nor as an arbitrary authority for others, but simply as the understanding and deep-seated conviction of these inspired and remarkable men. In calling attention to the exceptional inspiration, power and spiritual attainment of Jesus and His apostles, as representing the possibilities of all men, it is quite essential that we should seriously consider the ideals they held, and that influence which these ideals and convictions may have had in securing or helping to that attainment.

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We may accept the New Testament claim for the Messiahship of Jesus, and still have no affiliation whatever with the interpretations which the traditional theology of christendom has given it. Indeed, when seen in the light in which the claim was held in the minds of the Master and His apostles, not only the falsity and absurdity of the theological interpretations are exposed, but the legitimacy and rational basis of the claim are found to rest in the spiritual nature and psychic constitution of man.

Surely every real seeker after the perfect life of mastery and insight, as exemplified by Jesus, which was a life of divine communion and fellowship, wants and needs the entire secret of its realization. If the New Testament claim for the spiritual Headship of Jesus, and His continual and perpetual ministry from the heavens, is true, the recognition of this truth is necessary to the complete success of every brother of Jesus seeking fellowship with Him in His realization.

If, again, the Christ doctrine of the Supreme Reality of God as original Being and universal Spirit, and of the divine Sonship and brotherhood of man, be true, then this claim for the Messianic Leadership and supreme ministry of Jesus as the Christ will be found to be the legitimate outcome of that basic truth, and constitutes, with that truth, the original wheat of the Christ gospel which brought forth the Apostolic experience.

On the other hand, the theological dogma of vicarious atonement, and the entire arbitrary scheme of salvation by Christ, are gross misconceptions and false interpretations of that gospel, and constitute the tares foretold by the Master, which have been allowed to grow up with this wheat. The ecclesiasticisms, dogmatisms, contending sects, religious wars, persecutions and martyrdoms in the name of Christ by the historic church are the legitimate fruits of these tares of misconception and false teaching.

The harvest time, as I have said, for the separation of the tares from the wheat, and their destruction, and the gathering in and appropriation of the wheat in its purity, as prophesied by the Master, is now upon us, and this is the work to which this age is called by him.

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In my last I called especial attention to this prophecy of the Master, concerning the final harvest, which was to close and bring to consummation the age of preaching and prophecy, and usher in the age of realization and exemplification. In connection with this I called attention to His further prophecy of His own spiritual appearing with the shining hosts of heaven in "power and great glory," at this ushering in of the new and larger life of realization and demonstration by His true followers, this appearing to them being the means of the realization and demonstration.

Only to those who are ready and look for it can this full spiritual appearing of the Master and His attending host of those who minister in His name come. And those only can be ready and look for the fulfilment of His promise who have come to recognize His Messiahship and anointed work as the Christ.

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Instead of the race outgrowing the recognition of the spiritual Headship of Jesus, or its need, it is coming more and more into the understanding and appreciation of it. The fact of the organic relationship of the human race as children of a common Father, partakers of a common life and brethren one of another, and the interacting influence of each upon others, must be denied, or the spiritual Leadership of Jesus be recognized; not, however, by any arbitrary selection or appointment, but by the law of the fitness of things.

Let it be shown that some other members of our race came to this perfect realization of divine sonship and brotherhood before Jesus; then He became the Elder Brother, Spiritual Head and true Messiah of His race. Such an one must, and sooner or later will be, revealed and recognized by all men, and that which the New Testament has credited to Jesus will not only belong to, but will be given to Him. But, until this is shown, Jesus will hold His rightful and legitimate position as the One Whom infinite wisdom has made "both Lord and Christ."

Let us not hesitate, then, to be about the Master's work and to prepare for His full appearing. Enough, it will be conceded, are now in the work of idol breaking and destruction of the tares. I am seeking only to gather in and winnow the life-giving wheat of the original Christ gospel, and to present it in its purity, fullness and power.

The original gospel of Jesus thus freed from its traditional incumbrance, and accepted in its spirit and power, will do for this age on a broad scale what, and more than, it did for the Apostles in the limited sphere of their experience in the darkness of that age. This is all that is needed to spiritually awaken and revolutionize the life of vast numbers of men who are to-day looking and waiting for this manifestation, and open them to full fellowship with the mighty brotherhood of the Christ in the higher world, and their ministry of redeeming love and power to this world.

The revolutionizing and emancipating power of this gospel lies, first, in the vital recognition of the spiritual Headship of Jesus as the complete Messiah of His race, in which He stands as the perfect Teacher, perfect Exemplar, and perfect Helper of His brethren. For whatever power of realization He may have entered into in advance of others, He could not exert it fully to the saving of another, without the recognition of His power by that other, personal cooperation with Him in it. It was this which wrought the Apostolic experience, and without this recognition and co-operation by them, that experience would have been impossible. This holds equally true of men today.

Granting this Messlahship of Jesus, as recognized and acted upon with such immediate and marvelous results by the Apostles, and that He is crowned with "power to

save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him" (by His help), and that He is of equal spiritual access to all men everywhere, then the vital recognition of this truth is necessary to lead men to seek and obtain this help from Him. This should be the primary object of every sitting in the silence, alone or with others, and when it becomes truly such, and when numbers sit often together for this purpose (in His Name), with one accord and in one place, as did the disciples in that upper room at Jerusalem, the opening of the heavens and the appearing of the Master and the holy angels (the second coming and resurrection life) will be realized by them. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

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I know that most of the New Thought people emphasize the necessity of recognizing the Christ or God nature within every man as truly as in Jesus, and also the calling it forth to conscious supremacy and activity by the constant affirmation of this supremacy until realized, as the true and only means of this realization, ignoring both the fact and the necessity of any special ministry and help from the living and active Christ in the heavens.

The God nature certainly is in every man as truly as it was in Jesus; but as compared with Him, it is only potentially there, or but partially awakened, just as manhood is potential in the child as compared with the fully developed man. The ignoring, therefore, of spiritual help in our individual attainment and the need of it from this Elder Brother and other brothers sent in His name and power, is as absurd as for the infant or little child on the sense plane to ignore the need of help from his elders in the development and perfection of his powers on that plane.

This ignoring of the need of the Christ ministry and its help in our spiritual unfolding and higher realization of being, is a vital mistake. The attempt to bring the realization we seek by ignoring all special help from those above ourselves and depending alone upon our own positive affirmations to bring the realization is like attempting to lift ourselves into midair by the waistband, and will prove as fruitless spiritually. We may hypnotize ourselves into the belief that we are thus attaining, or have attained, and may even hypnotize some others to believe it for a time, but we can not thus deceive the world at large, which judges the tree by its fruits.

When any New Thought teacher of to-day manifests the Christ life and power exemplified by Jesus, or even that of the Apostles, he will not need to proclaim it on the housetops or in journals; for the world will not be slow to recognize and welcome it. This is exactly what vast numbers are not only looking and waiting, but are ready for.

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This question of direct influence and help from a higher world in our efforts at spiritual attainment in the body is of too vital importance to be lightly passed by, or to let the bias of preconceived notions and false teaching prevent our giving it a most earnest consideration.

Certainly a doctrine taught and especially emphasized by such a Master as Jesus, and the application of which brought such immediate and remarkable results in the Apostolic experience, is presumptive evidence in its favor.

And, again, when comparing these results with those of any and all other schools of occult and mystic teaching and practice, ancient or modern, so far as these have been made known to us, the contrast is too great in favor of the Christ ideal and method and the Apostolic experience under them, to allow of a moment's hesitation in choosing between them.

It is on this basis only that I am here seeking to call the attention of earnest seekers to the original gospel of Jesus and His Apostles in its purity, by separating it from the misconceptions and false teaching of the historic church, and also from the misinterpretation with which some New Thought teachers are now distorting it.

My aim is to show that in the Christ gospel and His own exemplification of its spiritually emancipating and perfecting power, and also in that of the Apostles under it, there was nothing miraculous or supernatural; but that it has a rational basis and solid foundation in the spiritual nature and psychic constitution of man.

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With all deference to the convictions of many, I must still say that neither the present metaphysical teaching nor spiritism have yet grasped and recovered the real secret or full truth of the Christ gospel, and the Apostolic experience under it, lost to the church since the Apostolic Age, nor has Oriental Theosophy, vedantic philosophy or any of their western modifications, with all their extravagant claims, given it to us. As I have said before, the only place to find it is in the New Testament record of the lives and teachings of the Master and His truly inspired Apostles, to be studied with unbiased minds, for the science and philosophy involved in their teaching, independent of the ideals and presumptions imbibed from other sources.

This reference to the limitations of the special cults I have mentioned is not saying that they do not each of them hold a great and vital truth, and much that is identical with the teaching of Jesus; for they certainly do, and each has its own needful place in the higher education of the race. What I mean to say is, that not one of them represents the full secret of the Christ life, nor of the method and conditions of its realization.

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The Christ and Apostolic experience was not mediumship, in the sense this is regarded by modern spiritists, and which is the recognized basis of spiritism, but something vastly more and higher. It was the awakening and enthronement of their own spiritual nature, which brought them into conscious union and fellowship with the perfected life of the heavens, and made them sharers in its higher wisdom, impersonal spirit and power. They were not brought under the subjection and control of any spirit or spirits, however exalted, not even the Apostles under that of their ascended and beloved Master.

Nevertheless, the brooding, penetrating and quickening touch of the active life of that impersonal sphere of realized, deific being into which the Christ ascended and became the Master spirit of His race, in both this and the higher world, is a necessity to this awakening and enthronement of the spiritual life and consciousness while in the flesh. It is this which constitutes the direct ministry of heaven in His name, the specific influence or force of which is called in the New Testament the Holy Ghost. This important factor will be considered later; not, however, in any abstract sense, but as a living, active energy, as normal and legitimate to the higher spiritual activities and relations of the soul life as electricity or magnetism are to the sphere of their activities.

The work of the Christ was not, and is not, the teaching of science or philosophy, though His teaching involves the deepest science and the profoundest philosophy, but the lifting of men by direct inspiration into a new and higher order of life and consciousness, a life of spiritual supremacy, divine illumination, and the deific mastery of life and environment through this illumination.

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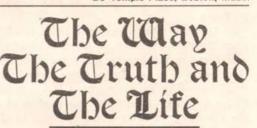
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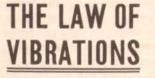
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