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"Rather hell with infinite room than heaven with four walls."—Horace Traubel.

## Mental Healing Endorsed

CHRISTIAN, an eight-page illustrated weekly religious and literary journal, has been condemned by the third assistant postmaster general and denied pound rates of postage because it preaches and practices Mental Healing. In other words, CHRISTIAN has been denied the pound rates because it preaches and practices the Gospel of Christ.

The third assistant postmaster general informed my attorneys that CHRISTIAN was held up for want of proof that it had a legitimate list of paying subscribers. This was a lie! It was held up all the time because of Mental Healing. The "legitimate list of subscribers" dodge was a subterfuge. The legitimate list of subscribers was proved, not only by the books, but by the bona fide letters from over eight thousand people.

Is there any law for this arbitrary action of the third assistant postmaster general? Not a bit! There are at least fifty other periodicals whose editors and contributors preach and practice Mental Healing.

CHRISTIAN is made an exception out of the half hundred others. For the present I will return to the monthly. Many have offered to pay the postage, but not enough to justify me in continuing the weekly.

I AM a Mental Healer. It will not do for me to quit this work of healing. Perhaps the Spirit has used the third assistant postmaster general to drive me into healing as my exclusive and only work. If so, then the I AM will do the healing as never before and the Institution will quake with the power of the Silent Word.

Helen is in New York. My wife takes her place as typewriter. In the Upper Room we will speak the Word of Healing to all who are sent to us by the Spirit. Let all who are drawn to us come in full assurance that we will give our full time and attention, not only to the healing of your diseases and the curing of your troubles, but to the full and complete REGENERATION of your whole being.

There was a mighty protest from seven thousand of the best people on this earth, but it had no

effect on the prejudices and blindness of the men who have started this crusade against the Truth.

I quote from the official letter of Edwin C. Madden to the Denver postmaster:

"Your communication of the 14th ultimo and new application for entry as second-class matter of THE CHRISTIAN has been received.

"There is on file evidence indicating that a portion of the legitimate subscriptions were made in connection with 'treatment'; also copies of the paper showing that 'treatment' was offered in connection with the subscriptions.

"The application for entry as second-class matter is therefore denied.

"If the publishers can establish the fact that they are in possession of a legitimate list of subscribers as defined by Section 436 P. L. R., made up of persons who subscribe for the paper irrespective of treatment, and future copies are free from printed offers of treatment in connection with subscriptions, and the paper otherwise changed so that it does not appear to be issued primarily to advance the interests of the mental healing of Mr. Shelton, a new application for entry as second-class matter will be given prompt attention."

In other words, if I will become a self-confessed hypocrite and liar CHRISTIAN will be entered at pound rates of postage. I can advocate any kind of patent medicine, Methodism, Baptistism, Catholicism, Mormonism, or the Salvation Army, but I must not preach Mental Healing. I refuse to bow the knee to this Baal. CHRISTIAN was not

founded on a lie. It was founded on the eternal and everlasting fact that I AM a Mental Healer.

Why was CHRISTIAN made an exception to the rule? Because I am really and truly doing Mental Healing. ¶ This is the July number. Let us send the August number to 100,000 readers. The postage will be \$1,000; let us pay it! Hereafter, I'll do nearly all the writing myself and make the paper Sheltonic. For every dollar sent on subscription I will give a month's treatment; and for every dollar sent for treatment I will give one year's subscription. Let the rule work both ways and the work rule both ways over mind and body. I will also send either of my books as a premium for treatments or subscriptions. ¶ I am a Man!

**I AM  
Endorsed  
as a  
Mental  
Healer  
by  
the  
United  
States of  
America**

## MADDEN'S MADNESS.

For the benefit of the press let me make a final statement in regard to the case of CHRISTIAN and the postoffice.

In 1899 CHRISTIAN was held up, investigated, re-entered, and my money refunded. Not a word about my mental healing.

In 1900, after removing to Denver, it was again held up, investigated, re-entered, and my money refunded. Not a word about my mental healing.

In 1901 it was again investigated, and, in spite of positive proof, entry was canceled, on the plea that I did not have a legitimate list. Not a word about my mental healing.

In 1902, before starting the weekly, I engaged attorneys in Washington and they reported that the subscription was the only thing in the way. Therefore knowing that I could furnish this proof, I went ahead, putting up sixteen cents a pound weekly postage, thinking, of course, that the money would be refunded. April 30th, after four months' delay, entry was denied, on the ground that sixteen people, to whom circulars had been sent, reported that they were not subscribers. Still not a word about mental healing. I was advised to make a second application. I did, and asked Senator Patterson to investigate. Patterson called for a report, and in the report appears the first hint about mental healing.

Mental healing is sprung on me after three years of silence, and after I had deposited enough money to bankrupt an ordinary publisher. All this money is confiscated, and if it were not for the loyalty of my friends CHRISTIAN would be dead, in its eighth year, and myself and family turned out to start life anew. I am asked to do a silly and impossible thing. As well ask a Methodist publisher to eliminate all Methodists from his subscription, and promise never to say anything more about Methodism.

Madden is not altogether to blame. Kelley is the attorney. Kelley never decides according to law. Kelley always decides according to Kelley. He has read in the yellow journals that I am making big money by mental healing, and that CHRISTIAN is only an advertisement of my work. My enemies have helped to fasten this falsehood in the mind of Kelley. Mental healing at one dollar a month barely pays for the correspondence. My support comes from subscriptions to CHRISTIAN and the sale of my books. Since starting the weekly I have not made expenses, but I have made just exactly the amount deposited in the postoffice. So, you see, if this money had been refunded and CHRISTIAN entered, as it should have been, I would be doing a good business. But it has taken seven years and six months of hard work to build up this business for Kelley to ruin.

The last issue of the weekly was on the press when this decision came. It had been partly printed. This all had to be destroyed. In addition, all my "bundles" had to be put into "singles," at another big expense. Each paper must be sent in a separate wrapper, with a one cent stamp attached. The expense of separate wrappers and the sticking

of the stamps must be added, as well as the delay in canceling all these stamps at the Denver office.

This crusade of Madden and Kelley has intimidated the New Thought press. Only the Socialists are making a fight. This is up to you, readers of CHRISTIAN. You can keep up the fight by writing to all your congressmen, senators, and other representative men. CHRISTIAN circulates in every state of the Union; therefore, it is national, and not local. It is an insult and outrage against every one of you.

Justice demands the entry of CHRISTIAN from the beginning of the year and the refunding of all excess postage. You can use the above statements in your work of agitation. You are all treated as so many dumb cattle, and yet you represent the salt of the earth. The most independent, intelligent and unprejudiced people I know are readers of CHRISTIAN. You now have a chance to rise up and make your voices heard. But don't attempt to penetrate the prejudices of the Third Assistant Postmaster General and his advisers. Make your fight on higher ground and with mightier men. I will leave the whole matter to you, and go on with my regular work.

## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* I AM healing the sick.

\*\*\* I AM cleansing the lepers.

\*\*\* I AM casting out the devils.

\*\*\* I AM all the time raising the dead.

\*\*\* I AM healing poverty and giving wealth.

\*\*\* I AM driving away sorrow and giving happiness.

\*\*\* I AM always and forever doing these things in the mind.

\*\*\* I AM doing these things through the mind of Thomas J. Shelton.

\*\*\* I AM recognizing his name just as fast and as far as he recognizes my Name.

\*\*\* I AM doing unto others as others are doing unto Me. It is a poor rule for men that will not work with God.

\*\*\* I AM healing by absent treatments where the healer recognizes my omnipresence; the patient is never absent from the genuine healer.

\*\*\* I AM not a respecter of Shelton, but Shelton is a respecter of Me. He makes me omnipresent, and, therefore, I AM present with all his patients.

\*\*\* I AM just as great and as little as you make Me. I AM the smallest of the small ones, and the largest of the large ones. Enlarge your God if you want your God to enlarge you.

\*\*\* I AM proving the work of every man who proves Me. I will bear witness to the work of any man who bears witness to My work. "Turn about is fair play." "My Father worketh hitherto and I work."

\*\*\* I AM all there is of Mental Healing or of any other kind of healing. It is not something which has been discovered; it is as old as I AM. It is as universal as I AM. It is the I AM that I AM.

\*\*\* I AM not to be separated into schools of thought, or localized in men. I AM not to be cut up into spaces of either distance

or time. I AM not to be made a fragment of history. I AM not laurels for the brow of any one man.

\*\*\* I AM not uplifting sects in religion or pushing parties in politics. I AM not a figurehead for the Church, nor a banner for the Institution. I AM the Way, but not a way. I AM the Voice of the Truth, but not the lips of the speaker. I AM the Word spoken in the Silence, but not the mind which speaks it. *You are the mind.*

\*\*\* Lucy A. Mallory, in "The World's Advance-Thought," Portland, Oregon, after quoting George Edwin Burnell, has this to say of CHRISTIAN: "If you want to wake up and find yourself, subscribe for CHRISTIAN. Thomas J. Shelton will surely wake you up—you may be enjoying your sleep and it may make you very angry to be aroused, but when you are fairly awake, you will be very glad." I take this as very high praise, for Lucy knows an Awakener when she meets one in the read.

\*\*\* Edward Miller, editor of *Listen*, a monthly, published at Evansville, Ind., writes me a private letter. Among other things, he says:

"Now, my dear brother, I can not realize why it is that you do not understand this thought. Don't you know the reason you are having so much trouble here of late? It is because you are trying to reach too many people. You are not supposed to reach the masses, for the very reason that the masses can not understand you. You should keep right on just as you have in the past, and that is, get after the teachers, those who talk to the masses. You are a teacher who is to teach the preachers, doctors and lawyers, and not the people who they teach. You will, of course, reach the masses, one by one, after those whom you have taught to preach reach them. Stop trying to make CHRISTIAN a paper for the masses, but get after the classes. Your Father within is getting very jealous of you, and He is going to pull you down and show you a trick or two for the very reason that you are thinking more of other things than you are of Him and His way of teaching. Stay with your Great I AM and stop talking about your hundred thousand subscribers. You will get your hundred thousand subscribers and get them much faster if you will obey orders from within your own kingdom."

Now, with all due respect for Brother Miller and all other editors who are giving me advice, let me say that if I can't understand God, I can't understand Miller. It may be that Edward Miller can talk plainer than God Almighty, but he hasn't done it in this letter. When he talks about the masses and the classes, he is talking tommyrot, and God never talks it. All individuals look alike to God. CHRISTIAN is a journal for the Individual, without regard to race, color, previous or present condition of servitude. I am speaking the Word for the Individual and his whole environment. Some of my very best readers and most apt students are among the so-called masses. A man is a man "for a' that and a' that." The true individualist obliterates the lines between individuals. The man who shines my boots does it because he wants the nickel and I want the shine. If I wanted the nickel and he wanted the shine, I would try to do a good job for him, and earn my nickel. God bless the man who makes my clothes, saws my wood, mows my yard, paints my house, or does any other kind of service for me! I am an individual and I recognize the nobility of every other individual.

## REVISED REGENERATION.

\* \* \* REGENERATION!

\* \* \* It is in the very air.

\* \* \* The planetary influences are most auspicious for it.

\* \* \* The best word yet spoken upon the subject, to my mind, is George E. Burnell's opening article in CHRISTIAN.

\* \* \* And what a fine, balanced head Mr. Burnell has, as indicated by his picture in CHRISTIAN.

\* \* \* Regeneration is a making over of the whole nature—mind and body. The soul is and always has been perfect. It is unchangeable as God. But the manifestation of the soul through mind and body is changing constantly as these instruments become more pliable.

\* \* \* The whole earth is ready for a change. A new era has been ushered in, from a planetary point of view. A new cycle has begun, and the results are already becoming manifest. Life is quickening the bodies of the dead. The dead are not those who are in their graves, by any means. Don't get that idea fixed in your mind. The dead are found among those whom the world calls alive.—From "Briefs," by William E. Towne, in *The Nautilus*.

Thanks for the courteous notice of my contributor! I have been the one crank who has given up everything for Regeneration. I left the pulpit and threw overboard everything for the sake of Life. I have now been walking in this way for nearly twelve years. The longer I look at it, the more logical it all seems to my mind. I gave up everything and yet I did not have anything to give, for I was not in possession of anything. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?" If the grave has got me, what have I got? There is not a man on this earth who is in possession of anything, unless he is in the Regeneration.

I have held to the one central idea all the time, but have always been ready to revise and correct and retranslate. I have read all of Burnell's seven lessons on Regeneration. They are the very best Word yet spoken. I have experienced everything of which he writes; therefore, I speak with authority. At the close of his seventh lesson, he announces the next course under the title: "More Than Conquerors." Unless you have climbed this mountain step by step, you will not be able to understand or appreciate these lessons.

If I had been regenerated when I first entered on the Way it would have been a great mistake. I would have become an immortal tadpole. It would have been a case of arrested development. Spirit never makes any mistakes. I am now large enough to understand *my* mistakes. A man must become, in his mind, as large as God before he can overcome death. I say "in his mind" he must take in the breadth and depth and height of divinity before he can become one with it.

All the teachings of the past are too narrow. You can't find the truth of Regeneration in the past, else it would have been demonstrated. When the Jews taunted Jesus with the names of the fathers and prophets, He answered them with one deadly word: "They are dead." When a man brings to you the saviours and prophets and apostles and sages of the past and points to them as the teachers of Regeneration and

leaders for you to follow, all you have to say is, "They are dead." Dead men are not the leaders of the living. "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Then if you would seek life, follow God. And when you follow God, you find yourself standing still, for God is Eternal Repose.

When you come into consciousness of Eternal Repose you find yourself in Life. What then becomes of all the stuff you have heard about the conservation of energy? What becomes of the foolishness of Hiram Butler and the Rosicrucians? How can there be any conservation of Infinite Energy? It is the spendthrift who gets there Eli. Do you remember the parable of the Prodigal? It was the man who spent everything who gained everything. The man who tried to save, lost. The man who lost his life, gained it. We must come into the consciousness of opulence in everything. The millionaire who squeezes the nickel is a miser. When you come into the vibrations of Regeneration, you know you have all and can not lose anything. It is utterly impossible for you to waste anything. You have all there is of life; therefore, you can not lose any of life. You are opulent in thought. There is no danger of you losing your mind or any part of it. You become a great spendthrift! You walk out into the world of life and breathe the fullness of Breath, knowing that it is infinite. When you come into this consciousness, what more do you need? The transmutation of substance into a body which corresponds with your mind. The last work is the easiest part of it. The body may be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye; the change of mind is a slow unfoldment. One thing which makes it so slow is that we refuse to revise, correct or retranslate. We are afraid that people will say that we are inconsistent. Consistency is not a jewel in the crown of Regeneration. The man who seeks life must seek it and nothing else, for there is nothing else to seek. Man is Mind, and mind generates and regenerates. Mortal mind generates and spiritual mind regenerates. Spiritual mind is not a goody-goody religious mind. Spiritual mind is the mind of the Almighty. When you come into the consciousness of the Whole you will find yourself with life, and life more abundantly. You will be so full of life that death will have no place in your mind or body. But, my beloved, you will not be trying to conserve God Almighty.

You must learn that you are the heir of God, not in any moral sense, or religious sense, but in a Real sense. You are an heir of the Almighty because you are an heir of the Almighty, not because some one made you such, or you attained such a position. You come into possession of the consciousness of Regeneration by discovery. You have kept on searching until you have found the pearl of great price. It is yours because you found it. All who are associated with you in the new life have been drawn by the law of attraction. All who have been left behind are left behind because they did not keep up with the procession. You must not stop for any local attraction, whether of the past, present or future. You can't localize the Kingdom of God. A local God is not God. Almighty Spirit fills the whole Universe, and this you must recognize in Regeneration.

## A DEAD GIVE AWAY.

The blow has been struck!

I knew it would come, but was in hopes that it would not start in Denver.

Mental Healing is to be made respectable, and has been endorsed by the Ministerial Alliance of Denver. It is a hard blow, but I guess we can stand it. Last year Denver was denouncing mental healing as a fake, a fraud, and everything that was low down and vile. This year—but I will let the *Denver Republican* tell the story:

"Within two weeks the Rev. J. H. Houghton is to see a practical realization of his scheme to establish a college of psychic healing in connection with the ministerial work of this city. At the meeting of the Ministers' Alliance this morning Dr. Houghton followed up his paper of the last session, when he discussed the efficacy of mental suggestion in the curing of ailments, by announcing that he had taken definite steps in establishing this school in which the system of psychic healing may be taught. At his mission on Glenarm street, next to the Denver Athletic club, the embryo college will be opened under the tutelage of a lady teacher, who is a graduate of the leading New York and Chicago schools of this study. The plan of teaching is similar to the one pursued by the Divine Science College, only a term of six weeks will be given for \$20. This course of study will fit a person to apply the principles of psychic healing. At first, during the period of study of the learners, treatment will be free, but later, when they are graduated, a fee of \$1 will be charged. Dr. Houghton does not propose to heal vital diseases, nor does he claim that the graduates of this college will know anything about the physical ravages of disease. The new school fully recognizes the power of medicine. It simply aims to cure those ailments that have their seat in the mind. 'We can cure headache and nervousness in fifteen minutes,' said Dr. Houghton, 'and one important principle of ours is, no cure, no pay.' Dr. Houghton gave a number of incidents in which relief had been given various persons through the treatment of the lady teacher he will employ. He is most enthusiastic to have the ministers take up the matter, and says that the new college, as he terms it, will be a method also of providing a means of livelihood for its demonstrators. There is no mysterious, occult power lurking in the proposed study; it is based upon good, common sense, says Dr. Houghton."

The heading to this announcement read: "To Rout Christian Science." Well, the preachers never rout anything. They never get in front of the drug doctors. The drug doctors have already adopted "Suggestion" as a remedy where medicine fails, or where the patient would prefer the new brand of healing. The preachers have just now got up to the rear end of the drug doctors' procession. You see the drug doctors pay much money into the sanctuary of the Lord; therefore it would not be polite for the preachers to get ahead of the doctors.

But something had to be done. The people were joining the Christian Science and Divine Science churches. There must be a mental healing annex to orthodoxy, or there would not be any people left to tell the tale.

Dr. Houghton has erected the annex in the form of the psychic healing college. That poor word "college!" It is like the word "palace." There is not a little hamlet anywhere along the railroad but what you can find in it a "Palace Hotel." "College" is

what they call it, and Dr. Houghton has sent all the way to Chicago to get a "lady teacher" to take charge of the college.

It is a dead give away! The preachers acknowledge that they can't carry out the commission of Jesus Christ, which commands them to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils, and raise the dead. Therefore, as a substitute for this commission they send to Chicago for a "lady teacher" to do the healing as a kind of sideshow to the main circus; and yet neither she nor her students are to do any real healing, only "those ailments that have their seat in the mind." Pray tell me what other kind of ailments are there in this world? Where is there any kind of disease that does not have its seat in the mind? But here are the very words: "Dr. Houghton does not propose to heal vital diseases." And yet, the preachers claim to be practitioners of Christianity. Did Jesus ever select an easy job when He went out in the healing business? The record says that He healed all manner of diseases. The record says that He cast out devils, healed leprosy, opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, and raised the dead. In view of this record, the preachers' psychic healing college is a dead give away.

These preachers are pretenders. They are Jesusites and not Christians. They are following a man instead of God. They are preaching a doctrine instead of the gospel. They will make themselves the laughing stock of an intelligent world. It is almost so now. There is only one thing to do—to preach Christ and do all the works, or preach Jesus and start a psychic healing college.

Before leaving the subject, let me quote once more: "He is most enthusiastic to have the ministers take up the matter, and says that the new college, as he terms it, will be a method also of providing a means of livelihood for its demonstrators."

In other words, there is money in it. I was damned in this same Denver last year through the yellow press because I was making money by preaching and practicing mental healing! It is all right, reverend gentlemen, if you can do it. But if you can't heal, it will be a dead give away for you to hang out the sign. You are beginning too low down. Set your mark high! Declare before God and men that you can heal any kind of diseases that Jesus Christ commands you to heal. And He commands you to heal all kinds of diseases.

\*\*\* I want to say in this little space, which must be filled with something, that I am heartily ashamed of the course that I have pursued in regard to the postage on CHRISTIAN. Instead of leaving the matter to lawyers, I should have left everything to the Spirit. It was my Irish anger in opposition to my better judgment. I promise you that I will not say anything more about the affair in CHRISTIAN. I will give my whole time and attention to the healing of the sick. I will make mental healing the whole of my work, instead of a part of it. Mental healing is the very essence of the gospel of Christ. It is the one living principle of the present hour. My wife has given up everything for this work, and now that I have quit trying to run a newspaper we will do better work than ever. If CHRISTIAN is entered I will accept it as the work of the Spirit. If it is not entered I will go right on paying the postage.

## INTOLERANCE.

The intolerance of Institutionalism is proverbial. Chas. F. Burgman, in his second article in *Freedom*, shows the intolerant spirit of those who are trying to institutionalize the New Thought movement. Here is a sample:

"The opposition to the organization of the new thought forces as manifested by some of the leading exponents and writers who champion the new philosophy is irrational, illogical and paralyzing in its effect. It invites discouragement, ridicule and persecution, besides inviting doubt of the sincerity of these champions in the belief of the soundness of their own teachings. At any rate, whosoever advocates a new doctrine, and at the same time denounces, or discourages, organization to put these teachings to a practical test, occupies, to say the least, a paradoxical position."

Who is Charles F. Burgman that he should call us by such names as "irrational," "illogical" and "paralyzing?" Who is this who calls in question the "soundness" and "sincerity" of our teachings? He is simply the son-in-law of Helen Wilmans, nothing more and nothing less. An individualist, like Helen Wilmans, enters the arena of thought, and, when she grows old, the only way her heirs and assigns can take charge of her effects is by institutionalizing the movement she helped to inaugurate. But this son-in-law of an individualist and heir-apparent to her throne calls all who oppose him criminals. They are not only unsound, insincere and paralyzing, but they are criminal in their opposition. I never reply to a man without quoting his own words. An editor who garbles another man's statements is unfair. Here are Mr. Burgman's charges in his own words:

"To oppose organization where the desire is manifest or where association is in process of formation is criminal. It leaves the New Thought people as individuals at the mercy of indecision, organized intolerance, ridicule, annoyance, persecution and the hundreds of disagreeable experiences which beset the pioneers of all new movements without the compensating and strengthening influences of approval, encouragement and inspiration by kindred spirits and associated power."

What could you expect from such a man if he were third assistant postmaster general for instance? When a man speaks like Burgman in the following words, what may you expect of him if you give him authority in an institution? Hear him:

"I can see mainly two influences at work in opposition to organization. One is from the leader who expects in time to corral all of the awakening hosts of the New Thought philosophy and guide them into his own enclosure for his own benefit and aggrandizement. The other is from the leader who is afraid to lose what he now has under control. Between these influences the undecided yet aspiring mass of readers, students and practitioners remain helpless, and the strong arm and the active mind that is eager to build is paralyzed."

Just two motives influence all of us who oppose organization: Ambition to be at the head of the whole thing, or fear that we will lose prestige. Just such stuff is the kind of material used in institutionalizing any movement. The Institution always carries the incompetent. My grandfather was a

preacher. My father was his successor in the pulpit and I succeeded my father. I have been at work a long time in social, political and religious institutions. The most paralyzing power on the face of the earth is the institution. It makes men weak, and then loads them into the ambulance and dumps them in the hospital among the other weaklings.

Let me speak one work of Truth: *All who are in the Spirit of Truth are now united and thoroughly organized.* Those who are not in the Spirit of Truth can not be united. For instance, the other day I asked a New Thought editor to exchange subscription lists, as both lists were in type, and it would only cost about five cents to make the exchange. I was emphatically refused. I asked another New Thought editor to exchange lists, and she immediately sent me all the *Nautilus* list, and several thousands more that she had gathered from other sources. Fred Burry did the same with gladness. I repeat: those who are united are united, those who are divided are divided.

## A FRANK LETTER FROM FRANK.

University Park, Ore., June 1, 1902.

Dear Brother Shelton—It is with regret that I note the seeming trouble that you (or "CHRISTIAN") are having with the postal authorities, and I am also sorry to see you lay the blame to Christian Science or Mrs. Eddy. I am a Christian Scientist, and am able to know that you surely are mistaken in laying the trouble where you seem to.

Brother (for we are all brothers in truth), I am going to criticize you a little. In your "Eye to Eye Talks" in May 25, 1902, "CHRISTIAN," you say that Paul talks nonsense right along with his sense. Who art thou that judgest thy brother? Readers of "CHRISTIAN" think that Shelton does the same thing. Take the beam out of thine own eye, then may you see more clearly the mote that is in thy brother's eye. In this article you seem to be laboring with (or against) the prince of the power of the air. For you are attacking everything in sight, and a good many things that have no existence, except in erroneous imagination. For instance, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Mary Baker G. Eddy.—Christian Science." Now, brother, you either do not know *what* Christian Science teaches, or else you are knowingly making misstatements; for there is no such teachings in Christian Science. Your article also labors against institutions. But what is "CHRISTIAN" but an institution of T. J. S.? You call it our paper; but what do we have to do with its sayings (editorials) but to pay T. J. Shelton for his own ideas there expressed? I love you and your paper (for I have taken and paid for it for years), but I also love Christian Science and its founder, Mrs. M. B. G. Eddy, from which "CHRISTIAN" sprung. Let not the child despise its parents. As proof, I would refer you to "CHRISTIAN" of a few numbers back, which read at its head, even above "CHRISTIAN" (for it is above), "A Journal of Christian Science."

You say that "Paul is the founder of the institution called Christianity." What is "CHRISTIAN" but an aping of that same institution? That "He had two distinct kingdoms in his mind." Have you not the same thing in attacking Christian Science and the United States postal authorities? Brother, people (individuals (?) with mortal beliefs) who live in glass houses should not throw stones. In your article the Kingdom of Darkness seems more apparent than the Kingdom of Light. "Paul exhorts his readers to buckle on the armor of God and go forth to battle against Satan." You exhort your readers to send in the money and you will down the Giant. You talk in the same article of the destruction of Mrs. Eddy, but the salvation of the institution. At the same time you say, "I am going to keep Mrs. Eddy here on the earth." What power do you use, or have, to keep the personality Mrs. Eddy here on the earth, but the same power that she uses in the institution that you so much deplore? You are a great man, and state great truths; for instance, "I am the head of myself. I do not reign over any other individual, and no other individual under the heavens, or on the earth, shall reign over me." At the same time you seem to be dominated by something that is not right, for righteousness has no trouble. You strike too much right and left, as Peter of old, when he cut off the servant's ear. The Good Master said, Put up the sword—he that will use it shall perish by it. He healed the wrong that Peter had done. Again, Peter thought that he knew it all—that he would follow the Master in whatever He did, but the Master told him that he would deny Him three times before the light came, which he did. You strike too much without a cause (except in appearance).

"The individual can hardly hold his place in the business world. He must either join a trust, or labor union, or get off the earth." What right has the individual with the earth? Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man hath no place to lay His head. If you have Spiritual being (an individual—undividable wholeness) you do not need the earth. You do not live by bread, alone. Let the institutions alone! There shall be a new heaven and a new earth. God alone is the bulder. It is all right to talk, to show and to criticise, but do it all in the name of Love. Don't use any hate, ill-feeling, envy or malice; they are all destroyers and go with the old institutions. The new ones are they that prosper.

You say "The battle royal to-day is between the individual and the institution." How can there be a "battle" if there is no opposition—no opposer? Who gives life to the institution? You say "it is between the reign of Spirit in the individual and the reign of mortal mind in the institution." You condemn Christian Science and then use its arguments. They are the ones that are showing the individuals (for we are all the children of God) the errors of belief in mortal mind. When this belief in error ceases there will be no opposition, for there will be no opposer—for God (good) is all

and in all. Of all of the fruit of the garden they might freely eat, but they must not know (believe in two powers) or eat of good and evil—know God and devil—for the instant one conceives of two powers, one opposed to the other—then your temple (house) is divided and must fall, because it is temporal (temporary) and divided—you shall surely die. This is the only foundation to mortal mind. To believe in two powers makes a mortal mind—a mind that is unstable in all its ways. Mortal mind says there is nothing that is exempt from error. "There is no such state of mind." In the next breath the same individual says, "I am a God myself." And so he is, if the Spirit of God rules him. But you can't know good and evil and have a holy (whole) spiritual mind. Whenever you know (believe in) two powers, then are you possessed with the mortal mind to the extent that you believe in the opposer. When we use this mind, then are our deductions and conclusions erroneous. Even nature, as the mortal mind sees it, is a deduction from mortal mind; and, of course, is fallible to mortal mind. The real true nature, as spoken of in Gen. ii, 4-5, is the Spiritual nature, where Jesus went for bread and fishes, and where you and I may go for all our necessities.

Brother, in conclusion, let me admonish you with your own words, "You can't change the plan. Let it alone. Just let the universe alone; it will take care of itself, and you, too." But the plan is entirely right, and has no error in it; it is the mortal that sees the error and says, "Let us improve the plan." The mortal may improve by substituting the Spiritual mind for the mortal—put off the old man—have ye the mind that was in Christ Jesus—but we can never improve the Spiritual plan, that can never be broken. We may slay the lamb, with mortal beliefs, but we can't destroy life, nor change or improve the Spiritual plan.

Now, brother worker in the field of good, whatever I have said has been done in brotherly love. "But other sheep have I that are not of this flock." "Unity" has been a morning star to me as well as CHRISTIAN, "Science Journal" and "Sentinel." And there are others, but there is no paper or book that I have ever seen that casts out demons and heals the sick, like "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. I must stay with that which seems to be the best and which has the signs that must follow those that believe. But I am also with you in whatever good you do, and I do know that you are doing lots of good. You are a light to lots that are in the wilderness. But you seem to be making trouble for yourself by kicking against the pricks. But you will, as Paul did, see that it is a hard business. I was in business over fifteen years, and I found that I could not conform to the world's way of doing business, so I quit; and I found I had been in hell (with a big H); that the Spirit had a much better place for me. I have been kicked many times for doing what I do, but it is no more I (I) that do these things. I may seem to do wrong many

times, but the real I of me can not commit sin, and it will triumph in the end. We should let it alone.

Don't kick the institutions, the trusts or postal authorities; they think they are doing good—verily they will all have their reward.

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#### TO MY COUNTRY.

CHARLES ADOLPHE LIVINGSTON.

O fair COLUMBIA, we beg of Thee  
Stain not Thy hands in blood for dastard's  
greed;  
Betray not troth that made our fathers  
bleed  
To constitute a state where all are free.  
Send not the lie abroad from sea to sea  
That makes us wince before the world's  
just screech.  
Virtue's career was for Thee once decreed;  
Spurn those fair rogues whom Thy seducers  
be.  
Once wast Thou called Goddess of Liberty;  
None guessed that Thou wast of the war-  
hound breed  
To chase off over distant hill and mead  
'Gainst those whose fault was only to be free.  
If Thou must spoil, abroad, why US dis-  
tress?  
Renounce thy "maddening" craze to spoil  
the Press.

#### "ORANGE BLOSSOMS."

ALLAN PARKINSON.

Said thirsty tree to bursting bud,  
"I think you're taking too much food,  
The season is so very dry,  
For weeks and weeks a cloudless sky.  
And you are so extravagant!  
I can't afford—I really can't—"  
Said bud to tree: "Well, I'm in love;  
Don't interfere; I think I'll prove—  
You see I'm going to demonstrate,  
And must get ready for my mate—  
I think I'll prove that I'm all right."  
So love prevailed. That very night  
The farmer saw the bursting bud,  
And turned the gates to gathered flood.  
The bud, full blown, in loving mood  
Danced in the sun, and wooed and wooed;  
And made for love such fragrant brew,  
That all the chemists tried it, too;  
But to produce it, vainly strove,  
For, who could imitate such love?  
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## THE PASSION OF THE PATTERN.

GEORGE EDWIN BURNELL.

Jesus Christ was an incarnation of the Principle of Reality under the dominancy of the quality of goodness, if we may believe His own vouchers.

If we can not find ourselves able to believe in Him it is because we are trying to swallow the historical data. Let us take His words and what they prove of Him; they clinch, for His words have teeth and claws and hold on to the reason like bulldogs.

Dropping, then, the proving part, and take the words and sentences the way they best stand and see what sort of a being He would be, whoever such statements are true of.

Now, I affirm that His words pronounce Him to be the Principle of Reality under the control of the quality of goodness, operating as the omnipotent pattern to which all creation must conform in order to escape unto the eternal.

Let us learn briefly the salient and necessary characteristic components of the Realizing Principle.

1. It must be light and identity—grace, beauty.
2. It must be the word—*vak siddhi*.
3. It must be the breath of life—dynamic.
4. It must be the creative fire—the alchemist.
5. It must be the water of life—the drink of strength.
6. It must be born in the flesh—transubstantiation.

Anyone can trace these traits in the common sayings concerning the Nazarene Christ. These six traits, as one, equal Reality. I am the truth.

Any man who is the fulness of these creative energies is an image and likeness of the Elohim or Forces of Creation, as announced in the Book of Genesis.

This pattern is nothing but an instrument. "I do nothing but what I see the Father doing."

It is devoted absolutely to the quality of goodness—"Call not Me good, there is one good even God."

He made goodness His God. He had a God. Regenerators must have a God. But God needs none; and He is all in all.

He was putting *things* under His feet; afterwards to be put under foot Himself.—Cor. xv., 27-28.

The pattern is useless after the copy is made. The image is useless after the likeness is produced. Forget patterns.

Putting things under foot is putting creation under foot. Creation is nothing, for God is all in all.

The Principle of Reality has an axe to grind. It has to turn chaos into creation. This is regeneration, in particular and universally.

Its real aim does not appear until the main intention is revealed in the sixth dimension.

This main purpose is the model. When the pattern is seen, then you may be sure that the process is most over, for who of wisdom shows his hand until he has the game?

2. The organ of self-consciousness is exposed to the pattern and it is found to be the medium of pure thought. The various identities are found to be oneself.

What men have supposed to be the very essence of their difference from each other is the very point of their common agreement. For men do not differ in identity, but in condition. Identity is their common focus. False egoism is supposing identity to be dependent upon the organ of selfness.

As water, having been long in a transparent bottle, should get to feeling certain that it was of the shape of the bottle, not being distinct from it. But it pours out and finds its real state. "Pour out love and hide yourself."

As drops evaporate from a river and lake, and spring, and ocean, and dew, meeting in the air, should say—I am a dewdrop, or I am an ocean, or I am river, or I am lake, or I am spring. But they are only water, and nothing more.

3. Mental success is rebellion. Reflection is pure rebellion; but seems as demure as sheephood. It is the science of constant rejection, as in the case of the mirror. This hurling forth of everything that dares venture in your presence is projection. Projection of the pattern conforms the image. Projection is reversal. There is nothing the true mind refrains from knocking end for end. Apparent assent, but actual dissent. Seeming lamb, but the throne of the Almighty. Such is the paradox of receptivity by rejection, of resisting by nonresistance.

To what, then, do you kneel your mind? It is your mind's god; and in that your mind is deranged. A mind that knuckles is not true. It is a traitor to itself, and I will not trust a mind that is a monkey.

You are in possession of the mind of a rebel, if you know the knock of Jesus Christ. This rebel is your emancipator. God is famous for turning rebels into deliverers. Join the rebel.

There is one sound to which nothing is deaf. It is the pronouncement of protest, the daring of defiance.

God Almighty has no dealings with submitting slaves. He will see only the spark of flint, for mush and mud are His tool-stuff, but not His own substance, that has no working-over qualities. The Christian is not a craven, even to God.

The search for an example, instead of yourself, is the keynote of lash-science. Crack goes the whip of precedent and patter the feet of countless minions, who will kill their brothers in war or torture their bodies in monasteries, as the word comes to them.

God is no example. Who is like unto Him? Hunting some one to obey is not God-hunting. It is fattening yourself for the shambles.

Hearken now and remember that regenerating is a word that applies to your tools of creation—as your fourfold mind and your body; but to you it pertaineth not. No one is regenerating you, or can.

Disguise yourself as you will, you are unchangeable and eternal truth or nothing. It is a great game, this masquerading, but there is the open eye.

Regeneration applies to the mask. Unmasking is regeneration. It lays bare the

pattern, then lays it off. Away with the branding-iron.

You are not fit to know the truth if you have no repelling force in you. Have snap, spunk and resiliency. A spot of blood on the sidewalk attracts dogs and men. But who repels them? Your true self.

Now they excommunicate liars and swearers from church, but Jesus Christ put in His first flock a man He knew was a liar and swearer and traitor. He made a pattern pope; no wonder they are proud of him.

The repellent is the divine. The repellance in the stem shoots it out of the soil. Repellency expands the water drop and lifts it towards the sun.

What draws men to truth is what yanks them away from all the best human principles. In with the spreader and hoist the God in you.

The mother-eagle makes the nest prickly under the tender eaglets, until they get wingy. Have you felt the pricks?

Listen, whoever you are! If you go on in your present ruts you are now as good as dead.

But if you will turn to your unsatisfied self and let it lead you out into open revolt you shall not die, but win escape.

If I were a hog in the butcher's pen and saw my fellow hanging out in front, *I would die game, at least.*

If I had learned to transform myself into a keg of dynamite, I would await in silent glee the approach of the murderer's blow. Jesus died and blew up death and hell, and so lives to-day; if you are unaware of this, take a reef in your doubts and blow the bag out of your senses.

No wonder He should say in pity—praying to His dynamite nature, which He called His Father—"Forgive them, they know not what they do." But His Father blew them to atoms, and not one stone is left upon another in Jerusalem. The graves were cracked open like eggshells and those in them came out. There is mental explosiveness stored in the breastworks of the one who regenerates his castle of flesh.

The idea that silence gives consent does not turn out so well with God and dynamite. Silence is terrible as God. Beware of arming against one who defies you, but lets you do as you please with him. Look out for the spring, born of the lion's crouch.

There lurks in the woods of your being a mighty gladiator of escape. In your hour of woe he will come to you, dirk in hand. He will be your champion, for he has no law but himself, and his lot is cast outside of every fold. He heralds the new marshalling. You must lay down your friends and encamp with your foes, for your friends are thorns in your clothing. "The Prince of this world hath nothing in Me," says this outlaw champion to you, and you must pillow under His plaid.

In the seventh lesson I will let you look at the conqueror, who is then no longer an outlaw, but God.

"The Resurrection of Adam," by Mabel Gifford. Paper. Price, fifteen cents. Occult Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.

## THE NEW MAN.

JOHN HAMLIN DEWEY.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. . . . This, I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. . . . That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. . . . And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. . . . And be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God in Christ hath forgiven you. . . . Now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. . . . For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.—Paul.

No unbiased thinker or advanced psychologist will deny that man, as he is and has been in history, has an animal nature rooted in selfishness, as well as a higher spiritual nature whose law and spontaneous expression is altruism and nobility of life.

It must be admitted also that there is such a thing as lust—"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life"—desires springing from the animal nature and, under its law of self, running into excessive indulgence and perverted action when uncontrolled or unmodified by the restraining, refining and spiritualizing influence of the higher nature.

It will thus be seen that the law of the true life for man is the dominance of the higher nature, or the spiritual over the animal, and that there can be no perfection of the personal life and character without conformity with this law. So the first need of the present humanity is the bringing forth and enthronement of the spiritual nature and its law of purity and brotherhood in the individual and social life. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," said the Master, "and all needed things will follow." "Ye, therefore, shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

It will be seen, further, that when this higher nature is held in abeyance by the lower, these perverted activities in some form will dominate the personal life, and man, thus living in violation of the true law of his being, may justly be said to be in a state of sin; sin being the indulgence of perverted desires against the protest of the higher nature.

For redemption from this state, in which it must be confessed, the vast majority of mankind still are, the direct help of spiritual inspiration is needed, and nothing short of complete regeneration and divine illumination will lift them above its liability.

Spiritual regeneration and permanent illumination can be realized only, as we have seen, through the full development or evolution of the spiritual nature and its subduing and transforming influence over the animal by which all the activities of mind and body are brought under the law of the Spirit in the personal life.

It is the evolving or unfolding spiritual nature within man that effects this transformation or regeneration and illumination; but for this evolution or speedy unfolding and bringing to enthronement the spiritual nature, there is needed, in turn, the awakening and quickening power of spiritual inspiration, or that direct influence that comes from vital contact and association with a higher sphere of active life in which this emancipated and illuminated state is realized in its perfection. That is the present Christ sphere of realized deific being, from which comes in His name and power to us, a divine and heavenly ministry of redemption service, to which we become receptive by recognition, faith and prayer.

The animal nature and functions are a necessity to man in this world, his primary state of existence, and are not sinful in themselves. It is only their perverted activities and excessive indulgence, against the protest of the inner and higher spiritual nature, that constitutes sin.

The animal nature and sense life were brought to their full development and activity in the animal kingdom before man appeared, and were as much a necessity, as a ground work for the implanting and bringing forth the higher kingdom of humanity, as was the mineral kingdom for the vegetable.

So as the sense nature and animal functions were a necessity to the individualization and physical embodiment of man as a psychic and spiritual being, he begins his individual existence with the physical sense and animal nature in spontaneous activity, while his higher human powers of mind and soul are latent and have to be awakened, unfolded and brought to organic activity in the body by education, a process of evolution.

This evolution is twofold: First, on the plane of the physical life, in contact with the outward world through the senses, which, I repeat, are spontaneously active; second, on the higher, psychic and spiritual planes of his being by the awakening of his consciousness through his quickened inner senses, to the corresponding planes of the inner and higher world to which these as vitally relate him while in the body as do the physical senses to the material world. "Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural and afterward that which is spiritual."

The law of animal life rules the senses until the higher spiritual nature and activities are sufficiently evolved and established to overrule and bring it into subjection.

These activities, I wish to repeat and emphasize, can be thus brought forth and enthroned only by the awakening and sustaining influence which comes from vital

touch and communication with a corresponding world or plane of spiritual life and activity. THE INFLUENCE OR VIBRATIONS OF THE MATERIAL WORLD CAN AWAKEN ONLY THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MATERIAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Spiritual inspiration and conscious communion with the sphere of the Divine and Heavenly are as much a necessity to the awakening and evolution of the soul's powers on the spiritual plane of its being and relationship as the physical impressions from the active touch and intercourse with the outward world for the awakening and evolution of the mind and consciousness on the sense plane.

Either by the direct appeals of spiritual preaching, or the influence of living demonstrative examples, all men, sooner or later, in this world or the next, will be awakened to the recognition of this truth, and led to seek and enter into its realization.

Until, however, this spiritual awakening comes, the spiritual activity or "voice of God in the soul," though never wholly silent, will be but a "still, small voice," and will be overruled by the dominant activities and demands of the sense life and its absorbing attractions for the animal nature.

The animal in man, linked with the inventive intelligence of the human, takes on a subtlety unknown to the brute kingdom, and it was this subtlety of animal desire and the spirit of selfishness that was symbolized in the story of Eden as the "serpent," which "was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made."

Desire rooted in selfishness is the law of the animal nature, and on the strict plane of animal life is a wise provision, and its fruits legitimate in the animal world. This law rules man while he is held in consciousness to the limitations of the sense life, and selfishness, stimulated by desire, becomes the motive which spurs the mind to inventive activities in discovering and providing means for indulgence under the plea of necessity.

The mental activities, thus seemingly impelled by necessity, have developed the soul's powers on the sense plane, until the keenness and inventive genius of the human mind thus evolved have in turn modified and refined the animal expression and have given us the higher levels of civilized life, which have characterized all advanced nations of different ages.

Until the spiritual life, whose law is altruism, is fully awakened and enthroned in the individual and social consciousness and will, this law of selfishness and the subtlety of the serpent will dominate humanity.

The so-called wisdom of the serpent is the awakened sharpness of perception, which sees its opportunity, and the alert activity that improves it. When the Master said, "Be ye, therefore, wise as serpents, and harmless as doves," He counseled the control and direc-

tion of this quickness to perceive and alertness to act, by the spirit of altruism in loving service to others, instead of by the spirit of selfishness to the ends of personal aggrandizement.

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It was this subtlety of serpent wisdom that constituted the tempter and temptation of the Master, after His illumination at Jordan, when "the heavens were opened unto Him, and the Spirit descended and abode upon Him." It was the attempt of selfishness, in the personal ego of the natural man, to subvert the illumination and gifts of the Spirit to the ends of personal ambition and exaltation. The tempter could fortify his claims by Scripture authority ingeniously applied; the higher nature of the Master could give it a true rendering and just application.

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This temptation comes to every spiritually awakened soul, and must be met and mastered in every stage of evolving spiritual life, from the first seeking under the recognition of its imperative demands up to complete illumination and final victory. This is what the Apostle calls "the good fight of faith."

Many, after a clear vision of the Spirit, fall, even here, under this subtlety of selfishness, the self-deception of serpent wisdom. This is illustrated in the insane desire for leadership and personal distinction so rife in the present day, awakened life, and in holding forth the most extravagant promises in cunningly devised and flattering appeals to the cupidity and selfish ambitions of the natural man. It is the same spirit which, in the Master, sought to subvert His great powers of illumination and mastery to personal ends. "All these things will I give Thee if Thou wilt fall down and worship me."

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The inspiration of heaven comes to emancipate the personal life from the dominance of the sense nature and its law of self, rooted in the animal, by bringing to activity and enthronement the spiritual nature and its law of altruism and holiness of life.

Inspiration and spiritual enlightenment, through it, is, however, a matter of degrees, ending in complete illumination. This, when realized, gives the deific consciousness and complete power of achievement and mastery of being. We attain by the help of inspiration, and this help of inspiration is an absolute necessity to spiritual unfoldment. But when complete illumination or divine anointing is reached, the desire and need of attainment ends in realization; then divine achievement, in the full consciousness of power to achieve, begins.

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The realization of divine sonship is consciousness with the Father in His nature and possessions. "All things which the Father hath are Mine," said the Christ. Henceforth He was a co-worker with the Father in achievement and the dispensing of blessing. "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." In this consciousness there can be neither desire nor need for acquisition or attainment. These

have found their fruition in realization and permanent possession. From the hour of conscious possession, the spring and motive of all activity can only be the desire and inspiration to give and achieve; to give, not from hope of reward, but from love and desire to bless for its own sake. The motive or purpose of the Father will be the motive and inspiration also of the son who has become consciously one in Spirit and purpose with the Father.

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In reaching this condition we receive help or power to unfold and attain, step by step, fuller spiritual conditions and higher states of consciousness and mental action; and these steps in spiritual evolution and attainment are, of course, advancing degrees of realization or achievement in self-mastery, steps toward the final complete illumination which gives the deific consciousness and absolute mastery. Nevertheless, this absolute power of mastery over external conditions can not become a permanent possession, until the regeneration or spiritual transformation of all the organic conditions of the personal life is effected.

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The object of spiritual inspiration is to help man to this, after which he assumes a changed attitude toward all things external to himself. He does not thereby change his relations to the world, but his attitude under these relations. Where he was before subject to external conditions, he now becomes master and molds them to his own purpose. This life of mastery and perfection—so completely realized and demonstrated by the Master—was thus by Him made a demonstrated possibility for all mankind, and, as He assures us, is yet to be brought to fruition in universal experience on earth. This, essentially, has been foreseen and promised by all the world's great spiritual seers and prophets.

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