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## WISDOM

**I**HAVE spoken unto thee, O man, and told thee by My *Works* and My *Word* that *I am* thy Wisdom. There is none other. I am All-Wisdom. It belongs to Me. When thou dost acknowledge this I can teach thee, for I am the only source. I created thee, and My wisdom alone is sufficient for thy needs.

The darkness of the earth it is that overcometh thee, for the earth hath no light. I am the Light thereof, therefore *must* thou look unto Me.

My light shineth even upon thine earth, but the earth hath no wisdom in itself, but I give unto thee Wisdom in the beginning to light thee home to Me, Wisdom by which to find out who *I am*, who sent thee, and whom *thou art* whom I sent. Unto thee I have given My all, but it can not avail thee until thou givest unto Me the power to *rule* in thy world.

Thou *wilt* have thy way, because I gave thee a free will, but in time thou shalt learn that My Will is joy to thee and wilt gladly unite thy Will to Mine, to find this eternal joy and peace, My Joy and My Peace.

*The Mystics.*



## A Spiritualist's View of Immortality

We may almost see the land of futurity, the home of immortality, the land of invisibility. Beyond this finite existence is another plane of life, fairer, more beautiful, with larger possibilities for progression, with more opportunities for development and capabilities of perfection. This plane of invisibility is peopled with invisible inhabitants—that is, spirits who are, as a rule, invisible to our mortal vision, yet these inhabitants manifest themselves under certain conditions, through certain laws by whose operation we are brought in contact with this world of invisibility, the land of immortality, the world of spirit. The knowledge of these laws constitutes spiritual knowledge and is called the philosophy of Spiritualism, says W. J. Cowen, in the Philosophical Journal.

The study of the laws of spirit communion reveals to us a broad plane of thought over which the mind travels through endless ages of time, coming in contact with newer thoughts at every stage of its progress through endless futurity, for the human entity is not destined to perish upon the threshold of immortality, but shall pass beyond this finite plane of progression to higher planes of existence, where each division of time sees the advancement of the spirit in knowledge of all that pertains to a perfected state of existence.

We are taught, and truthfully, that mortal man must lay aside the flesh, must doff the vestment of mortality and don the garment of immortality, but this truth is not at all times clearly understood, nor its significance realized. We are apt, in too close pursuit of mortal desires, to forget that we must some day lay aside all our possessions of a material nature and enter a condition of existence where only spiritual possessions are considered of value, and where material things have no existence save as they serve to advance the progress of the spirit.

Does spirit exist? The sceptic inquires of the Spiritualists and they refer the investigator to the phenomena of Spiritualism for the evidence which demonstrates immortality. We see, therefore, the importance of phenomena in promulgating the philosophy of Spiritualism, for if the immortality of the soul is a thought only and not a fact, Spiritualism must depend upon theories alone for the basis of its spiritual philosophy. We direct your attention to the phenomena of Spiritualism first, and second, to the philosophy which serves as an exposition of the fact of the spirit's immortality. First came the phenomena through the agency of the Fox family and the medium, Home; later the philosophy through inspired speakers and writers, A. J. Davis, Litchfield, Lyman C. Howe and others. The investigator first comes in contact

with the phenomena; second, with the philosophy. This is true spiritual progression.

We therefore should seek to come in contact with the phenomena of spirit return. These are many and varied, and we will not attempt to classify them, as all who are familiar with the facts of spirit communion have witnessed some phenomena of Spiritualism, such as spirit rappings, table tipping, independent slate-writing, clairvoyance, trance and the different manifestations of inspirational thought. Such phenomena are familiar to all who have formed circles for development, and may be witnessed by any who will form circles for the manifestations of spirit return. To those who are not enabled to visit mediums at a distance we favor the formation of private circles through whose means the spirits can and will manifest themselves to the investigator.

If we become convinced of the truth of spirit return and of the existence of the spirit, we naturally seek to learn of the spirits some knowledge of their life. What are the spirits doing? What is the object of this prolongation of existence? Can we, upon the earth plane, influence our future destiny in any way? Upon the last question we desire to present a few thoughts. What is the destiny of the soul?

As we learn from the communications received through spirit influence, we are impressed with the fact that the spirit is expressive of its own individuality. Thus we encounter spirits of a larger degree of intellectuality, as well as those who are very ignorant. Some spirits describe their present surroundings as a place of harmony, a place of congenial companionship, as an ideal home where all the aspirations of the mortal mind are realized. Upon the other hand, we come in contact with evil spirits, spirits who influence mediums to gratify their physical desires. Thus spirits represent their individuality and demonstrates to us that as the mortal is, so shall the spirit be. We do not change our habits upon entering the spirit embodiment, but carry our individuality with us, so that our present life is a type of the future existence and character of the spirit.

Thus we realize the necessity of shaping and moulding our character while still in the mortal form so that we may be drawn to the higher rather than to the lower planes of spirit existence. Although every spirit shall ultimately rise to the highest plane of soul life, it is better to begin to ascend from the earth plane than to wait until we pass into spirit-life and there seek progression.

As many descriptions of the spirit world are very imaginative and deceptive in character, one of the objects of spirit communion is the correction of the many errors con-

tained in religious or inspired books regarding heaven or the end of the spirit. The division of the spirit world into two distinct localities, one of the abode of the pure spirits, the other the abode of the evil or unsaved spirits, is an error, arising from false conceptions of spiritual existence received through mediums at a time when spiritual knowledge was vague and of an uncertain character. The object of Spiritualism is the correction of these false conceptions of spiritual knowledge and to reveal the true condition of the spirit, or soul, representing those upon the immortal plane of existence. The basis of Spiritualism is the knowledge received through communications from the exalted beings of the immortal world which reveals the true condition of the soul or spirit of man after it leaves the body at the change called death.

Spiritualism, the philosophy of immortality, is the only true knowledge of the spiritual realms of existence. From exalted beings comes the knowledge of futurity, from spirits has come knowledge of the past. Ignorance has given these invisible beings the character of super-mundane, whereas the spirits are real persons whose conceptions are upon the same plane as the denizens of earth. There has never been a visitation from angelic beings, but we have both in the past received and are now receiving visits from our friends upon the shores of immortality. Our spirit friends visit us, not only to greet us and to tell us of their continued existence, but to teach us the lessons conveyed in the spiritual problems of existence.

Deep speculation will easily involve the mind; it leads to confusion and unbelief; but purification of the soul leads to the way of escape.

Truth is eternal; it knows no birth nor death; it has no beginning and no end. Hail the truth O mortals! Let the truth take possession of your souls.

The possession of truth is wealth, and a life of truth is happiness. Establish the truth in your mind, for the truth is the image of the eternal; it portrays the immutable; it reveals the everlasting; the truth gives unto mortals the boon of immortality.

Buddha.

Search for Truth is the noblest occupation of man; its publication a duty.

Madam de Stael.

Truth is the summit of being; justice is the application of it to affairs.—Emerson.

"The Universe is one stupendous Whole, Whose body, Nature is, and God the soul."

Every part and portion of the Universe has its place and use—every atom that has ever existed has filled a part in the great scheme of life. Every pulsation of being, every vibration of force has its mission and its work. All is divinely planned and wisely executed.



## All Is Well With Our Spirit Friends

WALTER DEVOE

Do not call them back from templed hills or sylvan dells in that land of perpetual light where they commune with the Father and drink deeply of the wisdom of the soul. Draw them not away from halls of learning or from a reunited home of peace where they rest from the labors of earth or seek to unfold those latent gifts which have waited just this freedom from care and responsibility to brighten their minds with the joy of unfoldment. Do not desire or pray that they shall return to the deceptive psychic atmosphere of earth with all its memories of suffering but instead bless them with the strength of your soul that they may press forward from realm to realm in the Father's kingdoms of light and love.

Do not bind them by cords of affection. Give them their freedom as God has given them freedom, and have no fear that their loved ones on earth will be forgotten. With each new realization of the eternal Goodness of the Father and with each greater ascent into the depths of Glory they will give to your soul a blessing, overflowing with the joy of heavenly love.

If you think they have not risen above the mortal attractions, still leave them free and speak to their souls the urgent word of freedom and aspiration and they will feel the impulse of your word and press onward toward the star that shines and beckons upward to a higher, holier state.

Do not fear that any mind with any innate goodness or nobility, no matter how much covered by earth's ignorance, will be left in sorrow or pain. Emancipated souls—teachers of light—are waiting eager to extend a helping hand to those who have no friends awaiting their coming willing to speak the word which shall dissolve the memory of physical suffering and give the spirit peace.

Do not fear that your loved ones will be caught in the vortex of any fensid law of Karma and be compelled to enter again the physical form to suffer the full measure of their sins. Praises to Divine Love, through the enlarging powers of emancipated souls the light of truth from the Christ realm of Love has become established in the outer spiritual realms and that ancient Karmic delusion of "emancipation by reincarnation" is being dissolved from the spiritual as well as the physical realm of thought. No longer will spirits be advised to enter into physical birth in order to overcome misdirected tendencies and gross propensities, but instead they will be taught that the Christ asleep in the boat of their nature can be awakened and that He will calm the waves and control the undeveloped forces derived from earthly experiences and compel them all to fulfill His will.

They will be shown the saving truth of Divine compassion, that through Jesus

Christ the Father descended into the world of sorrow and pain and in the might of His divine individuality conquered the age-old psychic laws that held souls in bondage to the tortuous path of progression through reincarnation. The most glorious truth that man or angels have known will be revealed,—that Jesus the Christ—the Father in Form—created a Way through the delusions of mortal ignorance, and through the clouds of occult and psychic deceptions which had veiled the Glory and Freedom of the Spirit of truth, formed an easy and direct path from earth through the spiritual and celestial states direct to the Throne of Grace. He passed through experiences in each earthly and spiritual state that he might know its limitations and through knowledge of the freeing spirit of love and might conquer the delusion of bondage and for all time form a way through which with joy and thanksgiving spirits can travel back to the Father, knowing His Goodness and Peace every step of the way.

When souls enter into the Christ Way they see a glory just ahead and then there comes the great awakening and their hearts cry out in love and joy for they recognize the glorified Form of the Savior drawing them onward and lighting their steps in their upward progression; and then when the soul can bear the sight, His beauty and wisdom and love become more fully revealed and they see that He is the Father—the Presence of the Father—who is the Way, the Truth and the Life of their being and whose Love has enfolded them in all the years and brooded over them with divinest tenderness.

O Master—Father Mine—I see the truth of Thy being and my own being in Thee. I am kneeling in Thy Presence.

I am healed and transformed by Thy gracious Love.

I must be perfect as Thou art perfect for Thy will now works in me for the glory of Thy indwelling Presence.

### HYMN.

Shelter me 'neath the white wings of thy presence,

Enfold me with their tender brooding care,  
There all the music of my soul will wake,  
As I inbreathe the atmosphere of prayer.

Touch me until I feel the glad inflowing  
Of love pulsating from its source divine,  
Then I shall conscious grow of thine indwelling.

And new-created be this heart of mine.

Sing, Sing, my soul, sing—Glory Alleluiah,  
Sing of the love, which maketh whole  
and free,

Sing, I adore thee, Holy One, Jehovah,  
Conscious at last I live and move in thee.

LURA BROWER.

## The Self

Man in attainment apprehends the Self as the causal and eternal Simple that forms and reforms all forms from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, "let a man wisely discern the pure and simply Self within, from the veils united to it, as rice from chaff and straw by winnowing." This is all there is to the highest attainment and eternal bliss—"let a man find the Self who, king-like, is the knower, known and beholder of all Being." Pure Being and full Consciousness come through discernment and realization of the Self. "I am the doer and knower." Glory! "I am the higher Self." Glory! "I am fearless." Glory! "I am illumined." The Self awakens itself, "I have found oneness of the Self in Life and the Supreme Self, and am free." Glory! "I am the stainless Eternal." From the Self are all powers. "Everlasting, pure, free, one, partless, bliss, undivided; real wisdom, beginningless, endless, the Supreme Eternal—I verily am that." All the bewilderments of unwisdom have faded and passed away forever, and the healing essence stills all pain. "I am one with that beginningless and endless One." Glory! "I am the Eternal Knower and the Known." "I have burned up all the fuel of unwisdom." Nothing is but the Eternal. The Eternal is in All, and the All is in the Eternal. "Refined by the fire of Wisdom kindled by right learning, the life, freed from all stain, gleams like pure gold." Know the Self and be eternally freed.

### PEACE, PEACE, BE STILL.

"Master, the tempest is raging!

The billows are tossing high!

The sky is overshadowed with blackness,  
No shelter or help is nigh."

Christ had fallen asleep in the little ship on the turbulent, treacherous waters of Galilee. The apostles and sailors had despair of reaching shore, and, as a last resort, they spoke to Him, and asked Him if He could save their lives. He arose, and calmed the sea by a most majestic and sublime command, "Peace, be still." Christ did not lose His loving attitude, not even toward the angry waters, for His command was a message of love to the waves—"Peace, be still!" and the danger was past.—Dr. Edwards.

A trusting little leaf of green,  
A bold, audacious frost,  
A rendezvous, a kiss or two,  
And youth forever lost.  
Ah, me,  
The bitter, bitter cost!

A flaunting patch of vivid red  
That quivers in the sun,  
A windy gust, a grave of dust—  
The little race is run.  
Ah, me,  
Were that the only one!



IN THE GREAT GOD WE TRUST.

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ADVERTISING RATES UPON APPLICATION.

It is best for the one seeking Spiritual growth to "Enquire not who spoke this or that, but mark what is spoken."

The cause of sorrow is the motion of duality; that we are separate and apart from God, the blessed One in All. "That which exists is One; sages call it variously."

The Spirit saith, thou dost not belong to any religion or any sect, nor to anything but Me; these are only blessed means by which thou dost reach Me, and I do reach thee. Know Me and be happy. Blessed is any religion that leads any Soul to love Me and merge itself in Me. Blessed is any teaching that teaches thee to love All and see Me as the eternal One in All.

What is greater than the eternal consolation of the Spirit? "Blessed are they that enter far into inward things, and endeavor to prepare themselves, more and more, by daily spiritual exercises, for the receiving of heavenly secrets." O, beloved, enter often into the Silence of thine own soul, and hear that which explains the mysteries of life. The Lord thy God shall speak wonderful and blessed words in thee, in the Silence.

Spiritual growth and divine gifts come to him that loves, trusts, prays, serves, and obeys, rather than to a great thinker. Thou shalt gain much in living the pure and simple Christ-life, where thou givest no thought to blessings. Thou shalt greatly lose if thou take thought for any temporal thing. Thou shalt rest sweetly in peace, power, and plenty, if thy mind and will are inactive in craving for peace, power, and plenty. Seek nothing but God; and let all powers of the Spirit come unto thee as God wills. O, how great and blessed is the Mystic Way!

O, how blessed and peaceful it is to think on things spiritual, or, better still, to silently love and keep quiet and passive and let the omniscient Spirit enter thy mind and take full and complete control of it.

For the love of God and your brothers thou oughtest cheerfully to undergo all things. Love those who hate thee. Infinite glory is for the meek, humble, and loving brother, who forgives and forgets all injuries. When one truly loves all, then all will love him, and he will have no enemies. In love and non-resistance is the Ancient Mystic Secret of all power.

Love God, and thou wilt love all, and then thou shalt not need to defend thyself in anything nor to shrink from the terrors of men. The only way to love the great God is to see Him as the blessed One in All. No one hurteth an eternal and universal lover, for such lover liveth in righteousness and exact justice to all; the wild-east beasts and brutes become loving and gentle in the presence of the universal lover (a great Yogi).

Thou art only overcome thyself and thy lower nature and are not to fight or overcome or resist thy brother's nature. O My Son! how insecure and weak thou dost make thy life by not living the Christ teachings of non-resistance. Dispose not thyself, for fighting and resistance, but for great love, great patience, and great peace. Thus saith God, through His Blissful Prophets.

The mystic God-lover hath only the desire of love in his heart, and being non-attached by no desire for worldly things. (Beyond those sufficient for his needs), he has that peace and power that passeth all understanding. There is a perfect and complete saying: "Forsake all and thou shalt find all." Forego strong desires and thou shalt surely find rest, peace, power, and plenty. And this is the only way for you, beloved, to understand all things.

He who lives to become faultless, who strives to be pure and useful, who is calm, patient, and willing is a wise man and a sublime man, and is of much value to the world. Such a man is sane, dignified, well-ordered, and lives a beautiful life here, now, and forever.

The test of loving and serving God is loving and serving one's brothers. We must find all things as our brothers. Pride of race, pride of place, and pride of character has no place in the mind of the universal God-lover who desires to see Universal Brotherhood and Universal Fatherhood and Motherhood. Aversion and prejudice retards spiritual growth; it is contrary to the Christ Spirit.

All that the Mystic Prophets and Sages are doing in this blessed Age of Progress is making a re-statement in simple words of the Ancient Truths; we are putting before you, in modern language of great simplicity, the ancient, the hoary truth. We speak the thoughts of the Ancient Adepts

in the language of the moderns; we speak the thoughts of great philosophers in the language of the multitudes; we speak the thoughts of the Angels in the language of men, so that all may understand and have knowledge and wisdom that comes out of Truth. And blessed is that soul who fellowships with the simple mystic sons of the one great God.

And Silent Love for God and All is the Mystic Path to reach the blessed state. Man in unfolding his psychic nature must commune much with God within his own soul. "Be still and know that I am God." It is in the blessed Silence of the Soul, away from man and the unrest of earth-bound minds, that man attains to spiritual illumination, and comes into oneness with God, the blessed One. This is the Silent Way to the perfect life where we attain to the superconscious state of Christ. "Be still and know that I am God."

When we cease to injure our brothers by our thoughts, deeds, acts and petty prejudices, then, and not until then, may we expect peace and bliss that cometh out of perfect Christ Love. When we treat our brothers, including all the animals with love and justice then may we expect that peace which passeth understanding, and not until then. "All men tremble at punishment, all men fear death; remember that you are like unto them, and do not kill nor cause slaughter."

Man being the crowning expression in the great Circle of life, embodies within him the germ of divinity, and possesses the possibility of the tree of life with its twelve manner of fruit, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations.

In his undeveloped state, before the Spirit has received its birth, he embodies the Tree of good and evil the product of the life of degeneration.

Through the law of transmutation he engraves into this Tree the very essence of Spirit, and "lives forever."

Man is therefore the creator of his own destiny, by following one pathway he is led into misery, by following another he is led into Life Everlasting, and lives here, now and forever consciously with God and in Love, Peace, Power, Bliss and Providence.

One little ray of sunshine  
To gladden in our path,  
Will make the weary journey  
Reduced by more than half.  
A kindly word of welcome,  
A greeting with a smile,  
Will help the weary traveler  
For many a cheerless mile.  
Then you who dwell in sunshine,  
Don't keep it all within,  
That which we have not done before  
"Tis time we should begin.  
There are shut-ins all 'round you,  
Who love the sunlight sweet,  
You have enough and some to spare,  
Just brighten their retreat.



## THE TRUE WAY.

The present marks a distinct epoch in the world's history. Never before have there been so many spiritual teachers and expounders of truth as in our day. In the ages that have passed, the methods that must be employed in order to understand the truth are shrouded in mystery and superstition, but in our age and generation, no one need be misled who earnestly desires spiritual growth and unfoldment.

A spiritual wave is sweeping over our land, and thousands are earnestly questioning, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" We must not be satisfied to place the welfare of our souls in the hands of spiritual advisers and to be led blindly, without developing individuality, by possibly selfish and incompetent teachers, who lay down for us a code of moral beliefs and laws, founded upon a false conception of the purpose of creation and an erroneous idea of the state that exists after physical death. This narrows the intellect and dwarfs the soul.

The false conception of death and the hereafter produced sectarianism, bigoted and cruel in the extreme;—sectarianism that has indelibly marked history with blood that nothing can efface from man's memory but that great effacer, Time. No movement which holds its followers together by threats of eternal punishment can in the end succeed; neither is it possible for its teachers to have any conception of the Way, and having no knowledge thereof, how can they hope to lead their followers into it?

The only way whereby men and women can be held together by fear is to appeal to their lower and baser natures, and as such influence always degrades, these leaders have caused their followers to degenerate spiritually. Instead of leading them toward heaven, they have brought them to the very gates of hell, which is a creation of the basest and lowest in man.

In all ages of the world, there have been grand and noble souls; and had it not been for these few earnest ones, who have always kept active the spirit of true devotion, the false ideas which the church of the middle ages incorporated would have obliterated from our planet the great spiritual truths brought to the world by Jesus. Truth can never die; and after all these years which have elapsed since Christ trod the earth, "despised and rejected of men," it shines forth with renewed brilliancy.

It is claimed that, in our age and day, dogma has broadened and is now more liberal, that all are permitted to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences. This may be true, but we are inclined to question it.

Religion, to be true and last, must be established upon a base as broad as the universe. It must be so liberal and just that it can receive within its fold all classes of men, it must be governed by principles of love and tolerance, justice to all must ever be its watchword, and its leaders must be governed wholly by the mind of God. Man must be free to act; God intended him so

## Message of the Patriarch

To the Great Brotherhood: Across space our thoughts reach thee, radiant with love's potency to aid and vitalize and encourage all who are not endowed with strength to cope with mortal ills. Let us arouse thee; this spark Divine within each soul awaits, Listen! that ye may hear the Master's Voice. Thou wilt then be inspired with heavenly zeal to live and fulfill the Law of thy Being.]

to be, and the movement or church that would bind would disgrace and lower him. No man or class of men have any right whatever to coerce their fellows; and those who try to do so have no conception of the ultimate state of man.

There is only one true Way that will lead man from a mortal, animal existence into the spiritual state. We cannot be forced into it, but must, through the powers of evolution, grow to it.

No great work, no good thing was ever accomplished by worry. No book fit to live was ever written, no noble thought ever evolved, no little home ever made sunny and happy by worry any more than Mozart ever performed rhapsody on a piano with tangled wires. In all the world there's no state so senseless, so useless as worry. Calmness is power and it may be cultivated by saying that whatever comes is best, by cheerfully searching out the lesson, and by minding your own business.

Dost thou grieve and sorrow, blessed soul? It is because thy mind is more or less pervaded by Ignorance, Superstition, Fear-thought and Doubt-thought. Dost thou not know that in the Silence, with thy God within, there are relief and a holy balm for all thy ills? Come, the blessed angels pray thee come, and know the eternal law of Love and be calmed and be permanently cured of all thy griefs and sorrows. With God thou hast the power to rise above all thy griefs and sorrows.

## MESSAGES FROM THE MASTERS.

Practical lessons are the order of the present day, for all the ways of earthly life have some tanglewreeds, but we will not stop by the roadside, we will wend our way up the mountain's winding path until we reach the summit. We are ever seeking happiness. We seldom know when we are most blest; we gather it to our hearts, ere we realize it, it has fled, so we seek again. Every child will have its lessons, sometimes with great sacrifices, which are really blessings in disguise.

Some chemicals do not mix, likewise hu-

man beings do not, yet they are often brought together. If all things were so designed that the seething waters never stirred or the wild winds never waved the branches of the grand old trees and all nature was serene, life would be like stagnant waters. So we must let the tempest rage, and the mighty rivers flow on bearing their messages to all nations.

It is a pleasure to express in written language our interest for the dear ones left on time's shore, to climb up the rugged heights through trials, crosses, and losses.

Every day and hour new possibilities are unfolding for the benefit of us all. Is the finite or temporary existence you are subject to all the forces which are to unfold and develop the Divinity within. You are a living entity, clothed with flesh, and every atom is filled with spirit. Within, and around all is life. There are as many realms of being as there are stars in the firmament of Heaven. Your claim on physical life is as long as the magnetic forces can work harmoniously. When they cease, dissolution takes place. One may remain near us in their earthly dwelling place if they are so willed; some are very much wedded to earthly possessions, and are unwilling to give up, or yield to persuasion. It is well to prepare for these conditions, we are not immediately changed unless we have long contemplated the transition, and have outgrown the attractions of mortal life.

The strands of life are strangely mixed; they will come all right in God's own good time. Keep the soul concentered in divine harmony and it will assist in bringing forth the desired results. Trials pass away, the way we bear them becomes a part of our own life record. Many unlovely phases are presented to test us. Love abideth ever.

Peace is what all desire; but not all care for those things which make for true peace.

My peace is with the humble and meek of heart; thy peace shall be in much patience.

"Behold! I am with you always."



## THE MOULDING POWER OF IDEALS.

By H. Aylmer Harding.

One of the first things an architect does when preparing designs for a house, is to draw out a rough sketch in pencil embodying his idea. Concentration upon this idea and desire for success, conspire to cause this idea and desire to grow until they assume proportions which, when placed upon paper excite admiration and wonder in the eyes of the beholders.

The architect must first of all have a definite thought, then a more perfected idea or ideal, and as he trusts to his power for expression, this ideal grows and expands, and the work beneath his hand prospers until a thing of beauty is evolved.

A lofty cathedral looms up large and stately with its hundred pointed windows, flying buttresses and spire lost amidst the clouds, pointing ceaselessly upward.

The ideal has become manifested in stone. Are ideals practical? All growth is made possible only by idealism. There must be the desire, then the quick conception of need required, of suggested form and then the expression thereof in some way. In the healing of disease, whether by self healing or through the co-operation of another, ideas count and optimism has its part to play, and design must be considered and the object to be attained.

Our conscious mind has the power of imagination in a wonderful degree, i. e., the power of mentally imaging scenes pleasurable or otherwise as we will. Destructive habits, and wrong emotions, such as fear, anxiety, doubt, etc., predispose us to often exercise this imaging power in the worst possible way. We sometimes when in the best of health and prosperity allow the mind to image a scene of poverty or disease or perchance, some impure picture presents itself and rouses our passions to fever heat by gazing thereon. This fact of the power of imagination does not need more than a brief notice, for we are all familiar with the word. What we are less familiar with, is how to control it, so as to continually portray mentally, only the most perfect and beautiful pictures, for to learn how to form and hold these mental pictures, is to realize them in our own selves on all possible planes, spiritually, mentally and physically.

Here we have a person suffering from rheumatism of some years' standing and perhaps chained in bondage to the belief that he is incurable. He may be an orthodox church member but he rejects the imperfectly explained teachings of the Christ methods of living, not finding them easy of comprehension nor "practical" enough. His physician has long ago told him of the unlikelihood of his getting better, and this suggestion of hopelessness of recovery has been accepted by him, and rebellious at first, he has become half resigned to his condition of chronic suffering and unbelief.

The kind attention of tactless associates and accompanying medicine bottles are an unceasing reminder to him of his deplorable condition and outlook, and the weekly visit of the black coated minister, whose assurances of "God's purifying afflictions" are as regular as his visits, do not tend to help or permanently encourage the patient, who images men-

tally the same dreary picture of helpless suffering and Divine retribution for sins of the past long forgotten.

The way to help these kind of people is by first gaining their confidence and establishing some kind of friendly rapport. The loan of some tastefully gotten up booklet along New Thought lines will sometimes stimulate their thinking, and a quiet chat or the writing of a few positive letters will pave the way for further assistance.

In the main, patients are mostly selfish, and think altogether too much about themselves, and if you can engage their attention or transfer it to something apart from themselves, it will always greatly assist their recovery.

Ascertain a patient's aspirations and what he would do with his life if he got his health back, and then proceed to outline some of the beautiful things you see possible in his restored condition. Let the thought of his restored condition rouse him to cherish some ideal of what he would choose to accomplish. Let him then strive to realize that all Power is ever present with him, but that certain conditions favor his redemption of this Power more than others. See to it that he change his diet and habits by easy stages, and teach him the meaning of non-resistance. Then arrange a time mutually convenient, say 9 P. M. nightly, and induce his co-operation towards a relaxed attitude of mind and body; when treating him hold this thought or words to this effect in your mind.

"Mr. X., I recognize in you the image and likeness of God, Our Father. You are free from pain for you are a Spiritual being and have dominance over every lesser part. You can assert your freedom. I charge you by the living Spirit of Jesus Christ that you awaken and manifest POWER in the body. I demand here and now, health full and complete."

This thought message is charged "with Power and Love and a sound mind" and when backed by knowledge of telepathic processes and earnest faith and control over self, changes the rate of vibration in the patient, inducing harmony in place of discord. It is a fact of the highest scientific importance that the Power of Christ is a force to be reckoned with, a force to be used in demonstration of the truth.

A faculty which greatly assists or retards the activity of the imagination is memory. Memory is the power of recalling the picture of events or experiences which have occurred in the past, and since every memory is a connecting link to other memories, it makes a vast difference how it is used. To recall a sad experience, a sorrow, humiliation or period of suffering with disease, is destructive alike to hope, happiness or health. The act of thinking builds or unbuilds the brain cells, consequently the whole body. Repeated acts of wrong thinking, as in unpleasant memories would tear down or atrophy the brain cells, cause secretions of the body to become poisonous, and in every way incapacitate the mind for healthy thinking.

Instruct the patient therefore, to recall only that which is worth keeping. In the meanwhile strive so far as possible to forget the past, ignore the future and live fully in the present.

Realize this however: Facts that have passed are dead, but Spiritual truths towards which they are pointed, live forever. Hence a memory that points again to living changeless truth will ever be an open door into that Heavenly realm where to breathe is peace, and to enjoy is the bliss of knowing.

As time goes on you will see that according to our plane of development is our plane of power. Every plane must and will be regenerated according to our redemption from the selfish or natural understanding and use of the gifts of God. From the natural standpoint we are as children and as Paul says, "see through a glass darkly," so the light that comes through us is colored or darkened by our selfishness or ignorance. Magnetic healing on the natural plane, that is without the Spiritual light thrown upon it, is transient, because as a rule the healer believes the power to be in himself rather than flowing through him, the patient believes also that it is the special and particular gift of the healer, and not that the healer is a channel for Universal Power. This makes it a process of giving and receiving what is resident in one body and may be passed to another body. Relief in a limitation of the Power is manifested as a limitation of its effects. To realize that the Omnipotent, Spiritual and only Power is in one of its phases, manifested as magnetism, is to enlarge the capacity to both give and receive.

Now there is a magnetism about thought projection if the thinking be strong and virile. Where the Sexual Energies have been persistently conserved the instrument of the brain becomes more highly permeated with the nerve currents, rendering it the more perfect recipient for thought in the one case, and the more positive transmitter in the other.

Could we but see clairvoyantly we should know that each little thought molecule fraught with some Christ message of power to some sorrowing child of earth, is luminous, shining, radiant, with a Divine magnetism, and it is this fact which underlies the habit of the earlier painters to portray the heads of saints with a luminous halo or aura of light.

Successful absent treatment is effected by co-operation of patient with operator at a time mutually agreed upon, such co-operation demanding the following conditions.

1. Relaxation at time of treatment.
2. Positive attitude of operator.
3. High motive for regaining health on part of patient and mental picture of health.
4. Vivid ideal of health restored on part of operator.
5. Regularity of treatment.

We are parts of a great whole and while diseased, we cannot play our part to the full. Love alone links us to each other and Love alone demands the perfect development of each part, that perfect harmony may be established "as it is in Heaven." In absent treatment this harmony must be brought about in the individual by the harmonizing influences of right thought charged with constructive vibration, in order that we may be perfect even as our Father in Heaven is perfect.

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I am a very faithful disciple of yours, as no books that I have read on this glorious and life-giving subject, "Life Science," have given me the help, the uplift, the insight into spiritual significance of all things, as have the extracts from your inspired works.

I know that you will be glad to hear that through knowledge of these beautiful Truths, acquired gradually, after years of sorrow, illness and disaster, but through a persistent faith, I have become strong and well, able to speak the saving word of God to others and am now passing from a condition of privation and financial difficulty into comparative ease and affluence.

Sister presented me with a copy of Healing Currents. I am delighted with it for it is practical. I recommended it to Mr. H., who had been laid up for several months with what they termed locomotor ataxia. After treating with different doctors and exhausting their

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I am studying your book "Secret of Concentration" every day and notice a decided strengthening and upliftment such as I never experienced from other writings.

I read your "Thought Forces" to a friend I was trying to interest. When I commenced I was suffering with pleurisy and I was so short-winded it was difficult for me to read aloud. By the time I had read a dozen pages I was feeling much better; by the time I read the booklet through I felt like a new being, pains all gone, voice restored to a normal condition. After finishing the booklet we talked until after midnight. Although we had retired, she in an adjoining room to mine, it did not tire me to talk a particle. My friend noticed the results and became a convert. I have made many in this way. That is why I asked you to send the booklet to Mrs. L., for I know healing currents go with your words. May you enjoy a long and happy life is my desire!

The lessons have helped me to help myself more than anything I have ever had. In fact, it has been through my study of them I have been able to get hold of myself. What the affirmations in the First Lesson were to me I cannot begin to tell. I still take them up every little while. I have had that lesson more than a year. I have overcome habitual sick headaches that have never yielded to anyone's treatments and my nerves—the suffering I had through their depression was something dreadful these last few years but those spells grow lighter all the time. They do not affect my mind as before. My mind is gaining in strength all the while and I am not like the same person, I am so much

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When I know the right lever to use, I have the will power to use it, and I feel I really demonstrated the power of the word then. To me they were real live words, that burned themselves into my brain; and I do not doubt but that little message has wrought just as wonderful results with others if you but knew it.

stronger in every way. It has been years and years since I have had so comfortable a week as I have had this but this is not all they have done for me. Other things are loosening up all around me. Haven't I every reason to bless the lessons and the day that brought me the knowledge of them?

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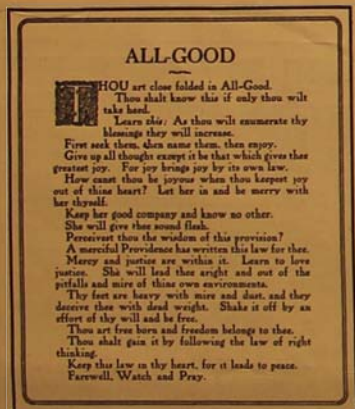
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