

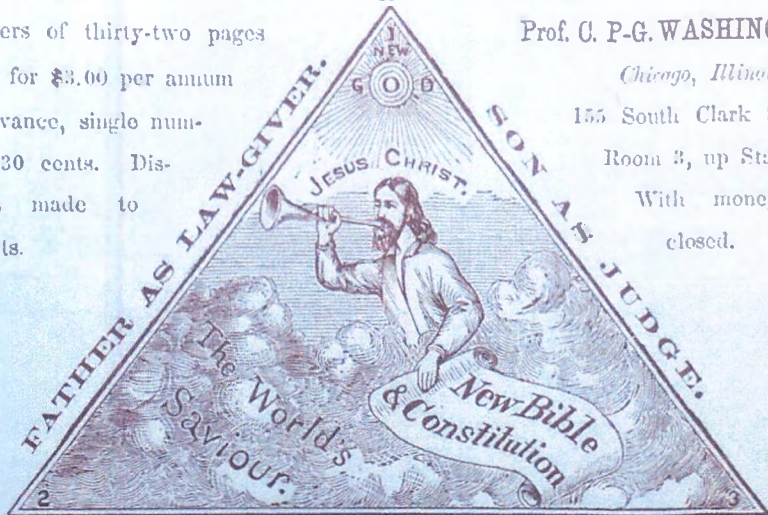
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INTRODUCTION, BY JESUS.

For many years, there has been a number of professing Christians looking for my second appearance on earth. Some have believed that I should make my appearance in the same physical body I lived in when on earth; some have believed I would have a new body, formed out of magnetism, electricity, and such grosser elements as might be necessary; while others have believed that I should appear spiritually (or celestially) to those who were sufficiently developed, either clairvoyantly, or clairsentiently, or both ways, to those who were chosen and unfolded for my reception; and this third class of believers are correct in their judgments; for I have appeared to and influenced several mediums, these last few years; but it must be very evident, to every one of great wisdom, that however much I may try to communicate through many mediums, I can give the highest and most valuable communications through but one. As persons are differently organized, they stand related to me as superior and inferior. You may now ask, who is my superior medium? If you can not tell by the works and writings I produce through him, then I can not convince you by giving his name; for it is very easy counterfeiting a name, but utterly impossible to perfectly counterfeit my works in all things; for, to do so, would make the actor equal to the originator or his medium.

Many discoveries will be published in this Journal, never before given through any medium, or made by persons in the physical body—not even by myself when living on earth. But we shall not claim perfection for all that is published in this book, although it reaches higher and broader, in many parts, than has ever been given to mortal men before on your earth.

In examining this work, let common sense be your guide, praying God the Father to inspire your soul, and give you wisdom and understanding to appreciate and practice all of its truths. Amen.

Signed, JESUS, Formerly of Nazareth.

INTRODUCTION, FROM THE WORLD'S CONGRESS OF HOLY SPIRITS.

For many years we were working through the lower spheres, and did not acknowledge the authority of God, or Christ, but did what we believed was about right; but we were entitled only to the name of Familiar Spirits, or of Individual Sovereignties, each trying to progress, and make himself happy; but when we had progressed to love the true God, with all our hearts, and the highest welfare of all humanity, as ourselves, we accepted Jesus Christ for our chief teacher, as appointed by God, and joined his great army, and we are now entitled to be called Holy Spirits of God, and are appointed agents to assist him in accomplishing this noble work of unfolding all that is possible on earth, into beauty and perfection.

Much of the matter in this Journal was read at the first World's Spiritual Convention, held in New York City, February 22d, 1865; and still more important matter was read at the second World's Spiritual Convention, held in New Jersey, in 1866. The third World's Spiritual Convention is appointed to be held in Washington, D. C., February 22d, 1867, at 10 o'clock a.m.; and the fourth one, in New York City, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1867; and soon after, the first emigration will start for California, by steamer, to set up the Highest Kingdom of Harmony, as the atmosphere is more favorable there for our manifestations, and the saints can better be defended from severe persecutions and wars, during the transitional state, and shrinkage of the earth.

The names through whom this Journal is edited, will be withheld for the present, for wise purposes. We wish the whole attention directed to principles. This work is to be the highest production ever given through mediums to your earth's inhabitants. Let every one try and extend its circulation, by subscribing for twelve numbers, and by inducing others to do the same.

Signed, GEORGE WASHINGTON, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, and JOHN JAY,
Triune Group of Agents for the World's Congress of Holy Spirits,
under Jesus Christ and God.

P. S.—Our female companions are also associated with us in this noblest of work. Lend to all, but to the poor first, so that Justice may become universally triumphant in all practice. Amen.
Chicago, Ill., July 14th, 1866.

THE WORLD'S SAVIOUR.

THE following prophetic announcements were given to the world through six chosen mediums, at different times and places, from 1852 to 1859 :

THE FUTURE OF AMERICA, EUROPE, AND THE WORLD.

For some years last past we have been the recipient of matter sufficiently startling in character to arouse the torpid, and stimulate investigation. These revelations were mainly first received by impression and by visions, but they have since been repeated by converse, through many mediums, until they have become familiar to us as household words. We do not suppose that these have all been confided to us alone, but rather that others have been also forewarned, and its public avowal has been suppressed until wisdom should declare the appropriate season for proclamation. This time, we think, has now arrived ; we shall therefore speak out in plain terms, without adornment or amplification, and give in our own language some of the things which are now impending over these United States.

THESE UNITED STATES

Are about to be scourged by a sanguinary civil war, then foreign, and winding up with religious wars. A majority of the Protestants of the Northern States will unite with the Reformers. A majority of the Catholics will unite with the Southerners and Pro-slavery Democrats. These will become furious with excessive hate toward the reformers. Mobs and conflagrations, with much sacrifice of life, will result. The Southerners will act under the erroneous belief that they can gain their liberty and set up an independent government. In the impending struggle there will be the most terrific battles fought, around and about Richmond, that were ever fought between mortal men on your terrestrial earth, and up to July 1st, 1864, Richmond will not be

taken, but the Northern forces will be driven back. The United States paper money will fall in value, suddenly, to a great discount, and the whole country will be overshadowed with general gloom. The Presidential campaign will then be entered into with great spirit of contention and enthusiasm, and ultimate with the proclamation, by the Northern Union party, that their candidate for President is elected by the largest number of votes. Each party will then charge fraud upon the other, but the North will overcome the South, and wipe out slavery. Louis Napoleon, with his allied powers, will be marching over Mexico, and after the South is subjugated, he will enter into a league with many of the Southern Confederates, and several European powers, and then carry on most extensive wars against the United States. The Irish will then strike for National Independence, and concentrate their forces in the Canadas, when a dispute will grow up between England and France, and the Canadas will join the United States. While insurrections, civil and foreign wars, are raging, a valley of land will be selected in the West, and a small company, of the most advanced mediums and persons on earth, will be influenced by divine authority, through Jesus, formerly of Nazareth, and his delegated agents, to concentrate, and organize, and perfect themselves, and make arrangements for emigration to the Pacific coast, in California, to a valley of land that is the best adapted for a great settlement of God's elect, and especially chosen people, that will be gathered together from all parts of the world in 1867, and continue to increase in numbers until about 1873, (Luke xiii., 29) when the sign of the Son of Man shall be seen coming in the clouds, to establish a more permanent and Millennial government, first on the Pacific coast, then over the United States, and finally throughout the world, which will be accepted by a majority of the people, after the wars are over, in one country after another, until the whole world is organized into one universal form of government, founded in justice, which is the best good for the whole people. And peace, harmony, health, and happiness will follow as the legitimate results. These officers and soldiers of the Cross of Christ will ask nothing for their services, but their actual needful expenses, and for those that are dependent upon them.

While the foreign forces are engaged in America, revolutions behind them will spring up, and orders to return their armies will be sent their officers. England will break her contract with Louis Napoleon, and he will combine King after King with him to the number of ten, (Rev. xvii, 12 to 17, xiii.,) including the Roman Catholic authority and power, and all the power they can command will be brought against England and the United States, and all Protestants within their reach. Russia will march against Turkey, and subdue the largest portion of Asia and Africa, and in the year 1872-3 will overcome Napoleon (Dan. xi., 5 to 45) and all his allies, sweep down England's flag with this vast combination of Northern barbarians, and thus the Russian Monarch will become Emperor over nearly the whole eastern hemisphere, (Ezek. xxxviii.) In their frenzy they will not grant or accept quarter; neither age, sex nor condition will be regarded

Anarchy, wild confusion, and a painful scene of insecurity, will succeed the present state of order and tranquillity all over the world. These events will be attended with pestilence of various types, (Rev. xv., 6 to 8, xvi.) and scarcity, nearly approaching a famine, (Isa. iii.) There will be perplexity, tribulation, and distress, such as was not, nor ever again shall be. Already arms and ships are being constructed, by Kings and Monarchs, in preparation for the contests. Even now plans are being devised for the successful prosecution of their purposes.

European potentates, with the Pope, are affording aid and encouragement to these conspirators, and are now urging the onset. Clouds, dark and portentous, will close around and above us; with one united voice the supplication will ascend, Help! help! or we perish. Then will angelic hosts rally to the rescue. Then will it be seen that spirits, pure and holy, do not lack power when emergencies demand its exercise, and God and Christ commands. (Isa. xli., 9 to 25, 29—xlii., 1 to 17.)

A man between forty and fifty years of age will then appear more publicly, commanding universal attention—he having been accepted by acclamation to preside. Upon him will devolve the duty to arrest violence, and restore order from chaos, and he will prove adequate to the task. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding. He will be the type of a well-formed man, complete in all the essential gifts and experience necessary; more so than any other man living on earth. He will be near the pattern to which the race will ultimately attain. As Jesus was the representative of love, he will appear as the representative of wisdom and justice. He it is, and not Jesus, that was predicted in the 11th chapter of Isaiah. He shall stand for an ensign of the people. To him shall the Gentiles seek (Isa. lx.,) and his rest shall be glorious. Jesus came not to the Gentiles; he said, "I am not sent save unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The Gentiles have not yet a glorious rest. "And it shall come to pass in that day he shall set his hand again, the second time, to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathos, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the seas." He first gathered them from Babylonian captivity; not yet have they been gathered a second time. The multitudes of the nations from which they are to be taken, at the second gathering, show it to be in the future. The names given to these countries were those by which they were then known. And he shall set an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel from the four corners of the earth. Jesus did not gather Israel; he scattered them; from the second gathering, Israel shall be no more scattered. "They shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines (steamers,) towards the west, (the United States,) and they shall spoil those of the east together; and the children of Ammon (China,) shall obey them."

We shall aid to overthrow the governments of the east, that the people may be free; while they obey by yielding us deference and accepting protection. "With righteousness shall he judge the poor.

He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." (Isa. lxvi., 14, 16.)

Jesus neither smote the earth, nor slew the wicked. He taught nonresistance and forgiveness. This person will pass over, overcome and subdue as wisdom shall suggest (Thes. i., 6 to 10). He will exhibit faculties, and exert powers, equal to smiting the earth and slaying the wicked by his breath, but always under the influence of love, which will deter from undue severity. The works of Jesus will be eclipsed by his greater works; angels will pay him deference. He is the true Messiah of the Jews, and they will receive him, saying, This is our Lord; we have waited for him. As Jesus dispensed light and life, which are love, or the feminine of Deity, so will this person dispense and institute order and form, which are wisdom, or the masculine of Deity. This person will be associated with twelve principal male, and thirteen female mediums (Isa. iv. 1 Cor., xi., 3 to 12—vii., 29 to 38), composing an apostolic circle, who will be invested with extraordinary endowments. They will be filled with divine light, to be reflected upon others. Many thousands of subordinate mediums will also be prepared, to act as impressed by spirits, under angels, and God, who will control events.

There will be three principal invasions of America by foreign powers: the first, by France, England and Spain; the second, by the fierce king, Louis Napoleon, or Anti-Christ, with his ten kings, and Popery combined; thirdly, by the willful king, the emperor of Russia (Ezekiel, 38); he will overcome Louis Napoleon at the great battle of Armageddon, and will erroneously imagine it an easy task, in our then enfeebled and distracted state, to conquer and subject us, and the whole world, to an absolute monarchy. Our agonies will be protracted and severe, but they will have an extermination: we must first be purged and inaugurate the true form of government—then we may administer to others. The people of England, and others in succession, will be aided by us to achieve their freedom from monarchs, until no despot remains to curse the earth, by wresting their products from those who toil to feed and pamper princes, and their armies, that enforce servitude and withhold justice (James iv., 1 to 6—v., 1 to 6). All shall be free to worship God, as each will decide to come under, God's authorized agents—not in temples made with hands; but in every heart an altar shall be erected, from which the incense of gratitude shall ascend, and a pure offering. Here is established the nursery of freedom's champions. This will first become the hill of Zion, the mountain of the Lord, the modern Israel of the prophets. Here will the Lord of heaven set up his kingdom, which shall break in pieces all the other kingdoms, and shall have no end.

Here are now being disciplined, instruments who will go forth teaching as instructed by angels. Each will be amply endowed for the work assigned him. Every nation and people will hear their own language spoken by strangers, who were never instructed. They will declare truth which maketh free, and they will quicken their spiritual faculties, and induct into spiritual relations with angels. Some will

suffer martyrdom, and joyfully accept it as a welcome release from arduous service, and the beginning of a glorious immortality.

One universal system of government will eventually be established throughout the world. The constitution and by-laws (Isa. li. 4—16) will be written through the president (Isa. lv., 3, 4, 5) of the apostolic and great central circle, which commenced culminating in California in 1859. Small communities will associate as by affinity, attracted around one central hamlet; others will form in circles all over the land. Each hamlet will have a presiding teacher, and each teacher will be commissioned by, and receive instructions from, the central teacher, who will receive light from the highest source of intelligence. Then God will really govern. Then will be established, Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality, in proportion to just merits, according to moral, intellectual and physical qualifications. Each member will be assigned the position that will prove for the best good of the whole. Then there will be no contention, but a generous emulation of who shall most afford and least exact. There will be no drones in these hives of industry. Labor, study, and recreation will be wisely diversified, so that each shall be a relief from the monotony of the other. Labor will not be irksome, but pleasant—as under the improvement of inventions, and order in productive industry and distribution of products, but a few hours' labor per day will be necessary for each member of the society, to supply all their wants, and the balance of the time may be employed for moral, intellectual, and social culture. The true, the useful, the good, and the beautiful will be cherished; while the false, the useless, the wrong, and the unsightly will be ignored. When will these things transpire?

The civil war will be carried on from 1861 until 1865, and afterwards will be of more mixed and of milder forms. The invasion of America by foreign forces, led by Napoleon, from 1867 to 1868, and from 1869 until 1872, followed by vast armies under the Willful King, who will sail in ships, and land on American soil, crossing nearly the whole country, laying waste cities and villages, robbing the country of its precious metals and goods. When lo, and behold! God will open the heavens, and with a mighty voice and the shock of earthquakes, will call his legions of angels together, and they shall descend to gather renewed numbers to the great battle of the great day of the Lord. Famines, plagues, and pestilence, will fitfully appear and disappear, caused by electrical and magnetical conditions of the atmosphere. Great hail-stones, fire and molten lava, will rain down and destroy the enemy, and they shall be beaten and subdued throughout the United States, and pursued until a complete surrender is made, and the war-implements are collected, and deposited in the possession of God's chosen people, to be beat into pruning hooks and ploughshares, and the nations shall learn war no more for a thousand years.

Europe, Asia, and Africa, will also be scourged by wars, pestilence and famines; but the details we do not predict, save that the wars will be very extensive and protracted, and finally result in a universal and general jail-delivery, from religious and political despotism; from sectarian bigotry, and from all violence and injustice.

IMPENDING PHYSICAL CHANGES.

Old things are now to pass away, and all things to become new—even a new heaven, and a new earth. The properties of our earth will literally change, and new products will be afforded; new and higher laws will govern nature; the atmosphere will be changed, and become lighter, more attenuated and refined.

The entire vegetable kingdom will be changed; those things of the most remote origin, will entirely pass away, and will be replaced by new and higher varieties, while those of more recent appearance will be improved. The oak, in all of its varieties, will pass away, and will give place to varieties more near the maple. The grains and fruits will gradually subside; the oldest varieties will become extinct, and better orders will appear, while the more recent will be changed for the better, and corresponding changes will be effected throughout.

The animal kingdom will undergo a like change; the reptile family with the insects, will pass away, and nothing will be left to hurt or make afraid. The serpent which is present in man, and has been hanging, like a viper, upon his breast, will now be shaken off, and no longer be permitted to diffuse his virus into man's nature. Those strictly carnivorous, will cease; nothing will remain to prey upon their kind; neither fish, fowl, quadruped, nor biped; only those will remain that are useful or pleasurable to man.

An improved race of men will appear, with more expansive brows, and higher regions of reverence. Already, persons are in process of preparation, by spirit ministrations, to become the parents of a higher order of men. Man will cease to eat flesh, and subsist mainly upon grain, and, ultimately, fruit will be the meat of the nations, exclusively.

THE CAUSE.

When our brain, from exhaustion, shrinks from the skull, we sleep or die. The earth's interior mass is her brain; there the batteries elaborate electricity, from crude matter, which is the life-power of the forms produced upon her surface. As the human brain generates material for sensation, ideas, forms, projects, and thoughts, so in earth's elements are the forces that produce forms of the things that live. The earth's brain is exhausted of pabulum, by the amount of matter consumed for electric supplies, since the last shrinkage and adjustment; and by the excrement, or scoria, ejected from those issues called volcanoes, it is receding from the shell, or rendered diffuse and gaseous, and requires to be condensed. It is drowsy, and sinking into repose; the quantity of its electric life-force, is inadequate to the demand. She is becoming effete, and all the things of life are becoming enfeebled, and in process of decadence. The interior must be adjusted for more

efficient action, and the shell must conform, by shrinkage, to the contracted mass within, or nature will cease. This declination is already apparent. The potato rot first gave indications of this decline. The grape product of Italy, Sicily, Portugal, and France, for some years past, has suffered by the rot. The sycamore of the United States, is in process of decline. Apples are, in many parts, becoming defective. The plum and peach trees indicate decadence, and the American Indians are rapidly passing off. Men cannot struggle with derangements as formerly; their tenacity to life is impaired; new and malignant forms of disease are prevalent.

The seasons are subject to irregular vicissitudes. Crops are rendered precarious, and products are diminishing in quantity. These things are yet to increase. Nature's equilibrium is disturbed, and storms, floods, and droughts may be expected to ensue, until the transition be accomplished.

We are approaching a crisis, where nature's labor shows that to produce a new heaven, (Isa. lxx., 17 to 25) a new earth must first be encountered; and when the paroxysm is past, restoratives will be wisely administered. A higher spiritual element is being afforded to our earth, in a quantity greater than heretofore, eliminated from the great central sun of the universe. In passing the several series of stellar circles, it is rendered sufficiently dilute for our use. It was formerly called divine breath, or Holy Spirit. It will cause to grow all manner of trees, and their fruit shall be eaten in room of flesh, and the leaves be for medicine. John, the Revelator, had a vision, which he records as follows: "And the angel showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God. On either side of the river was there the tree of life, which bears twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruits every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Some time ago, A. J. D., the eminent seer and medium, had presented to him a vision, which he was commanded to make public, and was published in the language following. But they (the spirits) do not fly, nor walk, but they ride upon a magnificent shining river, of what appears like electricity. It looks far more like light in a state of condensation or liquification.

This celestial river is like terrestrial water, which ebbs and flows through space, from one pole of the earth to the other. For I can see no beginning or ending to it. But I do see that this river of light has innumerable branches flowing out, one towards the earth, another towards Mars, another towards Jupiter, another towards Saturn, and so also the planets and orbs beyond. And now, as I look at them minutely, I see that the tides of all these rivers bear strongly this way. Now is coming the volume in which all may live and be healed. This will afford us a more attenuated and life-giving atmosphere. New forces, and new and higher laws will be instituted, and all things will be improved. Now are the latter days. Now is the Holy Spirit being poured out upon all flesh, and our sons and our daughters prophesy, and see visions. It is the light and life of the spirit; when it pervades our mediums, they shall discern spirits, and prophesy. It

is to the spiritual man what the rays of the sun are to the natural man. It will quicken our spirits into vigorous action, inducing healthy growth, and speedy fructification. It will rejuvenate nature by causing a reconstruction of our earth's brain; and higher, more complex, and refined forms of life will appear, with improved life-forces. It will prepare the earth's inhabitants for the reign of wisdom, that we may know, even as we are known. Then, that which is perfect, shall come, and we shall no longer know in part, or prophesy in part, nor look through a glass darkly, but face to face. This element will be afforded as we are accommodated to its reception. It will act harmoniously upon those who are receptive, affording joy, peace, and confidence, while those who reject it will become furious and reckless. "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." In like manner it will act invertedly upon the perverse, and they will exhibit hate and resentment towards the Reformers, who will be under its benignant influence.

The relation of the earth's axis, to the plane of the elliptic, will change (Isa. xiii., 13), the temperature of the seasons, in every latitude, will become more equable, and the atmosphere become more salubrious, and less miasmatic, that we may inhabit dwellings better ventilated, without detriment or suffering. This is the saving element which will come in and abide with us, if we will open to it. For the witness of Christ is the spirit of true prophesy. It is the Spirit which will lead us into all truth. When it is in excess upon us, we are said to be born of the Spirit, raised by a resurrection from life to death. When we seek for it as a hidden treasure, it will be obtained in a degree equal to our sincerity, simplicity, and purity. It will expunge all our passions, and substitute emotions of love, gratitude, and charity. When these are secured, and passions vanquished, we have achieved the victory, and the kingdom of heaven, or harmony, is attained, and we are in a state of oneness or sonship with God. We then shall have entered at the straight and narrow gate. "Lo as many as receive, to them is conferred the promise to become the sons of God." The veil will be withdrawn which shrouds our spirit-home, and it will stand disclosed to our view; the rainbow of promise, spanning the heavens, from west to east, as a zone of liquid light, like the rays of Saturn. There shall be established, for ever, a local intercourse between all our father's children, whether of natural, spiritual, or terrestrial realms; from earth even to the Father. There will be no more pain, neither sighing nor sorrow, for old things will have passed, and all things become new, and God shall wipe all tears from all faces, and He alone shall be exalted in that day. These things we have made the theme of frequent public discourses within the last few years. We then spoke mainly from impression, but now, by what we regard as authority of God. We have spoken frankly, with the full conviction that we shall cause surprise, and meet general disapprobation. The conservatives of our own ranks will question, first, its authenticity, next, the expediency of publication, even if repeated by angels. To the first suggestion we say: the schools are open, go learn, then decide. In

our recital of the more incidental details, we will not claim strict accuracy, neither in the order of occurrences, but the main incidents are substantially true. On the subject of expediency, we must claim the privilege of deciding for ourselves. God and Christ can stand upon their own merits, though the ignorant misinterpret (Dan. xii., 4 to 10), and heed not our forewarnings, but sink to destruction. But the wise, and the pure, giveth a listening ear; and they shall understand and be saved (Dan. xii., 1 to 12).

The following prophecy was given Dec. 24th, 1859, in San Francisco, Cal., by Benjamin Franklin: (* Rev. x.) From the great centre of all circumferences, there will suddenly appear one, (Rev. xvi., 15), and he shall be girded (Rev. xiv., 14, 15), with the strength and majesty of many lions (Rev. xi., 15, 16, xix., 14 to 21—Isa. 29, 30). His command shall be as the shock of an earthquake (Rev. i., 15, vi., 12 to 17, xiv., xvi., 18 to 21). Yea, at his command all opposition shall reel in confusion (Isa. liv., 10 to 17). His words will be fire-arrows, piercing through, and burning into every heart. Every one who listens to him, shall feel illumined (Isa. lx., lii). He shall feel as though a sun had arisen in his soul (Rev. xxi., 23, v., 5 to 8). He of the strength of many lions, will possess wonderful, wonderful, eyes. His eyes will be mirrors, now lightening, and now darkening, with pictured prophecies of the future.

In his eyes shall be seen (Rev. xix., 12), at seven o'clock of every night, seven pictures of the future, as they appear and vanish. This revelation-eyed mystery of the 5th, shall be the reality of the 6th (Rev. xx). The hope of these, the despair of those (Rev. xxi., xxii).

In the Presidential campaign of 1864, there will be three candidates in the field, and the political excitement will be immense, but ultimate in the election of a Republican abolitionist, when chattel slavery will be wiped out entirely. The great bone of contention disappearing, the Constitution of the United States will be amended, and the popular will of the people will be principally looked to, who will unite, under a strong minded leader, to drive the foreign monarchs out of Mexico, and from the American soil. Louis Napoleon will enter into a league, with some of the leaders of the Southern Confederacy, and several European powers, who will interfere to dictate the policy in America; when Ireland will move for a separate nationality, and civil war will break out in England, and a dispute will grow up between England and France, which will ultimate in the overthrow of England, and the Canadas and British Provinces will join the United States; and the Queen of England will abdicate the throne, and come to America.

* These references have been placed in since the prophecy was given.

NAPOLEON'S SEVEN YEARS' CAMPAIGN, AS THE DESTINED MONARCH, AND ANTI-CHRIST OF EARTH.

Between 1866 and 1868, Louis Napoleon will make a seven years' covenant with the Jews (Dan. ix., 27, xi., 36 to 45), and effect a combination of ten kingdoms, together with the Roman Catholic power (the old Pope dying), then march against Mexico, the United States, and Canadas, trying to destroy all that will not acknowledge him, as Pope or dictator, of the world. And thus, a wholesale slaughter will be carried on, for seven years, killing or wounding more than three-fourths of all the armies.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN SAINTS TO BE REMOVED.

Between August 1867, and 1870, Christ will remove his chosen bands, of 144,000, (Rev. vii., xiv., 1 to 6, 14 to 20—Matt. xxv., 1 to 13), to the remote regions of the United States, principally to California; and what is not taken by the ordinary modes of traveling, will be entranced, and caught up, and taken over through the air. (Matt. xxiv., 27 to 31, 40 to 44—Isa. xxxix., 3, xl., 31—Thes. iv., 14 to 17—Rev. xii., 5 to 7.) And thereafter, the air will be navigable for God's elect (saints), both single and in groups, in the conscious state, with flanged boats, covered with canvass, from twenty to thirty feet in length (Zech. v., 1 to 9); and the true Missionaries will then travel by spirit-power, under the great organized bands of angels, with Jesus Christ for their leader. While the great battles, among the monarchs on the eastern hemisphere, are going on, and the Anti-Christ (Dan. vii., 25, viii., 23 to 25—Rev. xiii., xvii., 7 to 17, xix., 17 to 21, xii., 6 to 14) Louis Napoleon, is sweeping over the earth, like a roaring lion, persecuting Protestants and Christians, a few days before the great battles of Armageddon, (Thes. iv., 16, 17), the second gathering will be made, from all parts of the world, to the United States, of about 60,000,000. (Isa. vii., 9 to 17, xxvi., 12 to 21, xxxiii., 2 to 24—Joel i., 28 to 32, iii., 15 to 17). This will occur between 1871 and 1873.

The true time is withheld from the public for wise purposes. Let all make ready; for, in an hour ye think not, the son of man (a holy spirit, sent of Christ, through a chosen medium) cometh. Mark xiii., 26, 27,—Rev. xiv—Matt. xxv., 10 to 46—Isa. xxvii., 12 to 13, xxxiv., 1 to 10, xxxv., xl., 3 to 31, xli., liv., lxvi., 18 to 24).

Some time after these prophecies were given, a band of angels appeared (among them was Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, St. Paul, and John the Divine) requesting the references to the Old and New Testaments to be placed here in.

ANCIENT PROPHECIES.

Some may object, and say that we have no mediums sufficiently advanced to interpret the prophecies correctly. (Dan. xxii). And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great *Prince*, which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and, at that time, thy people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. (Ver. 3). And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. (Ver. 9). And go thy way, Daniel, for the words are closed up, and sealed, till the time of the end. (Ver. 10).

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

 ANCIENT AND MODERN PROPHECIES—THEIR USES AND ABUSES.

Know this first, that no prophesy is of any private interpretation (Peter ii., 1 to 20), and not of any value, except it come of God, through celestial messengers, and holy mediums, inspired and annointed for this purpose. And, in order to test any prophesy, it is necessary to lay down some certain, definite, and infallible rules of interpretation, without which, the mind is lost in uncertainty and doubt; ever learning, but never able to come to a full knowledge of the truth. The neglect of such rules, has thrown mankind into the utmost confusion, and uncertainty, in all of their biblical researches.

While mankind are left at liberty to transform, spiritualize, or give any uncertain or private interpretation, to the word of God, it is necessary that the people should pay attention to the following rules; for the predictions of prophets can be clearly understood, in all great essential events, as much so as the astronomer, when he foretells an eclipse; or else the Bible and modern Spiritualism are of most doubtful utility. Whence, then, this wide difference of opinion among the wise, so called, of all ages.

To say God is incompetent, would be blasphemy; to say seraphs and angels are incompetent, would be unjust; to say there are no spirits holy, wise, and pure, would prove the one so judging had kept bad company. Whence, then, this wide difference of understanding.

First, Mankind have been taught, and believed, that direct inspiration by the Holy Ghost was not intended for all ages of the Church, but confined to primitive times. The canon of scripture being full, and all things necessary being revealed, the Spirit which guides into all truth was no longer for the people; therefore, they sought to under-

stand, by their own wisdom, and by their own learning, what could never be clearly understood, except by the Spirit of truth; for the things of God, and the future, knoweth no man, except by the Spirit sent of God.

Secondly, Having lost the spirit of inspiration, they began to institute their own opinions, traditions, and commandments; giving private interpretations and constructions; thus making one man's opinions just as good as another's; all were clothed with equal authority, and from thence arose all those disputes, contentions, and wars, for eighteen hundred years. That there are to be many false prophets, political, as well as sectarian, in these last days, is abundantly proved; that there are to be a few true ones, is equally expected by all good and pious persons; but how may we detect the true from the false ones, will be the general inquiry. First, try them for a little season, and if they prove true in the first incidents, then keep on. Secondly, do they organize an apostolic, and great central circle, for all gifts, professions, and kinds of business that are useful; open the communications with Christ and the Holy Spirit of truth, the Comforter, sent of God, and have all property in common, and love their neighbors as themselves, and God with all their hearts, as did the true Saviour, and so situate themselves that they can guarantee the transmission of a well formed head, and a healthy constitution, to all their progeny; and finally a complete integral education, and constant employment through life, at the kinds of business or professions that would prove the most useful to themselves and humanity; if they do not, you should shun them as wolves in sheep's clothing.

That any prophet ever has been, or ever will be, perfectly infallible upon this earth, in all the small events of every-day life, in the endless future, we do not advocate; but, the truly chosen and anointed of God for these gifts, can, and do, forewarn the true christian people, and many others that listen, of great calamities that have and are to follow, is abundantly proved by past history, and present observations.

The first we will cite, is Noah's, of the flood. (Gen. vi., 17). It was well Noah did not believe it was to be a spiritual flood, and a spiritual ark. Those who would not believe perished. The second is (Gen. xv., 13 to 16) to Abraham, that his seed should be afflicted for 400 years. The third is (Gen. xix., 1 to 28) of the destruction of Sodom. The fourth is (Gen. xli., 29, 30) Joseph in Egypt, and the seven years of plenty and seven years of great famine. The fifth is (2, Chron. xxi). Elijah prophesies to Jehoram of plagues and great sickness, and to Ahab that it should not rain for three years and upwards. The sixth is (Josh. vi., 21 to 26, 1 Kings xiv., 34) of the fall of Jericho. The seventh is (Dan. ii. to xii) Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and Daniel's interpretation of it, of the rise and downfall of false governments, and the establishment of the true one.

Babylon, the most ancient and renowned city of the world, pleasantly situated near the tower of Babel. It was four square, and surrounded with a wall upwards of three hundred feet high, sixty miles in circumference, having a hundred gates of brass, with bars of iron; twenty-

five gates on each side, which opened into streets running through the city, a distance of fifteen miles; while the houses were built upon the borders of the squares, directly fronting on the streets.

In the midst of this city sat Nebuchadnezzar, enthroned in royal splendor and magnificence, and swaying his sceptre over all the kingdoms of the world; when it pleased God, in a vision of the night, to remove the dark curtain of the future, and to present before him, at one view, the history of the world, even down to the consummation of all things under the false order (Dan. xi., 1 to 31). "Behold, a great image stood before him, whose head was of fine gold, his breast and arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet and toes, part of iron and part of miry clay. He beheld, till a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, which smote the image upon the feet, which were part of iron and part of clay, and brake them in pieces; then was the iron, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became as the chaff of the summer threshing floor, and the wind carried them away, and there was no place found for them; but the stone which smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

When Daniel was brought in before the King, to tell the dream, and the interpretation, he exclaimed, "There is a God in heaven that maketh known to the king, Nebuchadnezzar, what shall come to pass in the latter days." Then, after telling the dream, he continues thus: "Thou, O king, art a king of kings; for the God of heaven has given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. Thou art this head of gold; and after thee shall arise another kingdom, inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, they shall not cleave one to another, but the kingdom shall be divided. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall not be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other* people, but it shall break in pieces, and consume all other kingdoms, and it shall stand forever, as long as men live on earth. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. And the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

In this great view of the subject, we have presented before us, in succession; first, the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar; second, the Medes and Persians, who took Babylon from Belshazzar, and reigned over all the earth; third, the Greeks under Alexander, who conquered the world, and reigned in the midst of Babylon; and fourth, the Roman empire, which subdued all things; fifth, its division into Eastern and Western empires, and its final breaking, or subdivision into various kingdoms of modern Europe. And now we are to look for a new

* Politicians and lower races.

kingdom, organized by the God of heaven, in the last days, or during the reign of these kings, represented by the feet and toes. And when once organized, it will never cease to roll; all the powers of earth and hell will not stop its progress, until at length the Ancient of Days shall set, and the Lord Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, as the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and destroy all of these kingdoms, and give the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom, under the whole heaven, to the saints. Then there will be but one Lord and one fold over all the earth. Who is ready to come forth, and put his or her shoulder to the wheel, and make the necessary preparations, by working in an organization that shall put a stop to all this strife, war, bloodshed, and cruelty, and be a pattern for all the world? For in these last days, perilous times will come, when men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to superiors, unthankful, unholy, without kind affections, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good, traitors, haughty, high-headed, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of neighbors or God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away, and come out and join the true white flag, with peaceable, practical organizers, under Christ, and your labors will bring thirty, sixty, or an hundred fold. But mark this—God never sends missionaries who are not inspired, however well they may be educated at college. The great Jehovah never has, nor never will, acknowledge the priesthood or ministry of any man, who is not called by revelation, and inspired as in days of old. But, O, says the reader, you startle me, for the whole train of modern divines (Catholic and Protestant), profess no revelations, later than the Bible, and no direct inspiration, or spiritual gifts, that are reliable. Do you cast them all off? We cast off none. They cast themselves off by worshipping mammon, and self.

ORDERS AND GIFTS.

First, Legislative, as a Lawgiver. This comprises a knowledge of God, his attributes, and relations to lower and inferior beings. Second, Gifts for judging of the laws, and of evidence and testimony given. This comprises a knowledge of human nature, and of spirits, angels, and seraphs. Third, Gifts for organizing. This comprises mathematics, human nature, science, and philosophy. The three gifts, combined with great experience, give exceeding wisdom for directing. Fourth, Gifts for executive ability, to put into practice among men, any orders or plans, that may be issued from higher authority. Fifth, Gifts for prophecy, that we may know when, where, and how, to act, to meet contingencies, and avoid difficulties, troubles, and great calamities, and be always prepared for the future. Sixth, Gifts for grammar, lexicography, and phonography, etc., etc. Then there are diversities of gifts by the same spirit, through different mediums, owing to differences in their organizations (1 Cor. xii.); for to one is given, by the Spirit, the

word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, by the same spirit; to another, faith; to another the gift of healing; to another the working of mysteries (miracles so called); to another the discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues. But all of these worketh for one end, where societies are properly organized. Therefore, when any teacher comes to you, professing to speak and teach by the Holy Spirit of God, Christ Jesus, St. Paul, Swedenborg, or Franklin, or any other spirit, ask him to what order or circle he belongs, and to show his diploma; for although God or Christ may do their best, yet they can not give as valuable teachings, through each and all mediums, upon every subject, as they can through special mediums, who have been developed and ordained for special departments and offices. Hence the great necessity for a true organization, that each member may be placed in his or her legitimate sphere of action; but now, in these last days of modern Spiritualism, when mediums half developed, and poorly organized, are running to and fro over the land, teaching a great variety of contradictory doctrines, given by lying and undeveloped spirits of the lower spheres; and when Protestantism is divided up into six or seven hundred different sects, and politicians have run mad in their great clamor after spoils, and split up into sectional parties; and as Catholicism is divided into Greek and Latin churches—one under the Russian monarch, the other under the Pope of Rome, and these again divided on the question of the Pope's temporal authority, the right of the choice of officers by the ballot of the people, and the right of Ireland to a separate nationality, under a democratic form of government—and when kings and monarchs are crushing their subjects down to the earth, with iron heels of despotism, defrauding the honest laborer of a just recompense, and forcing them into war against their wishes, leaving their wives and children uncared for, and to suffer; and when nation is marching against nation, in warlike combat, and monarchs are combining for extending their power over the earth, and civil wars are rife every where, creating misery and destruction, is it not time for the true Christian to appear? Is there not a small number, over the whole earth, that can be brought together, to organize a real harmonious Christian brotherhood? The angels whisper that the time has come, the place is chosen, and the subjects are drilled, nearly ready for coöperation and action, and soon the cry will be sent forth over the land, Come ye home to my Father's house, prepared for the worthy servants of God; enter ye in, and shut the door for a little season, until the indignation, and great persecutions, be over passed, for the wicked will destroy each other wonderfully.

CHARITY COMMENDED. (1 Cor. xiii., 1 to 8.)

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

all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. But what is charity, and what is true love? One woman, Mrs. Farnham (*Woman and her Era*, vol. 1, page 42), says, You place men above women, and I think women should be placed at the head, because they are more lovely, and finer in texture. Charity and true love is justice, and justice corresponds to wisdom. Any act put forth by any individual, that proves to be for the greatest good of the whole human family, is truly charitable, is lovely, is just, and in harmony with the highest wisdom in that department.

WOMAN AND HER SPHERE.

Women are men's superiors in some departments, but not in all, and wherever they prove themselves the most competent, in a true organization, there they will be elevated. By their works shall all be tested. But, for the present, men are superior in education and development, and what are not superior in morals, and in wisdom, are to be killed off in a few years. Men are larger in stature, stronger in intellect, and bolder to lead in nearly all the reforms. What woman ever equaled Washington, Franklin, Gall, Mesmer, Swedenborg, Galileo, Fourier, Bonaparte, Bacon, Shakspeare, Columbus, Cuvier, Confucius, Socrates, Peter, and Alexander the Great, Archimedes, Hercules, Joshua, Solomon, Moses, St. Paul, and Jesus? If there is to be a woman Saviour appear, superior to all men, then the Bible, with all of the ancient prophecies, needs to be laid on the shelf; science and philosophy discredited, and revelation commence anew, through her. Did Mary form an apostolic circle? Did she start a new society? No; but, whispers one, she bore a Saviour without the help of man, and here was shown her superiority. Granted: and when these cruel wars are over, and six-sevenths of the men are wounded or killed off, may God grant the privilege to many women to become like Mary, and not make it necessary, that seven women should take hold of one man (*Isa. iv.*), crying, Let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

BUT WHAT ARE THE SUPERIOR GIFTS?

They are those who can discover, or receive, the most gigantic plans for the redemption of the whole human family, and put them the most speedily into practical operation. These being the pole-stars of human perfection on earth, let every one climb the hill of Zion, as rapidly as possible, and reach the apex of perfection in his sphere of action, if he can, for the true judge will soon appear in sight, before whom false pretenders will stand but little chance of winning.

THE EXISTENCE, ATTRIBUTES, AND POWER OF DEITY.

That all nations in the past, and the majority of mankind, have believed in the existence of immortality, and in an intelligence beyond this world, is evident from all history. But concerning the attributes and power of such intelligence, there has been the widest and wildest opinions entertained. This has grown out of the ignorance and the undeveloped conditions of mankind in the early ages. When men were gross, sensually animal, and ignorant, they demanded an inferior god to worship, and an inferior government; and as adaptation is the first law of nature, they attracted inferior intelligences from the spirit world; and as there is a wide difference among different nations and tribes, as well as among individuals, upon your earth, it has required a number of different doctrines and creeds to supply this demand of these widely opposite political and religious systems. Then again, whenever a more just system of government was introduced, the ignorant, and the vicious, were so cruel in their persecutions, that the true form of government could not obtain among men on your earth. But now conditions are so improved, and the intellects of men so expanded, that it is thought possible by angels, and wise and pure spirits, that a small company of the most advanced inhabitants of your earth, can not only comprehend the principles of a true form of government, but that they have both the honesty and moral courage to introduce them into practical life. But before introducing a constitution and by-laws, it is necessary you should have a clear understanding of God, his attributes, and power—his relation to angels and spirits, chemically, mathematically, scientifically, and philosophically. And we commence by stating, that in a material point of view, the highest, purest, most intelligent, wise, lovely, just, and powerful, God is one, is one particle the finest and most sublimated in existence, and occupies the centre of the great central court of individualities of the great central sun of the universe of universals, and he possesses three motions—one in a straight line; second, circular; third, oval; and by the central particle, acting upon the next circle surrounding, finer particles are frictionized, or evolved, which may be called offspring, and the finest particle seeks the centre, because it is a more harmonious position, and motion causes progression.

That progression is a law of nature, and of all human beings, is abundantly proved by observation and experience; and that progression is a law of God, will appear from the following arguments: First, by rubbing one substance very hard against another, it will be found that both become smaller, and the finer a spirit, or a soul, or a God is, the easier it can comprehend, or understand; and as all beings, seek refinement and wisdom, because it enables them the better to control all that is beneath them, and to satisfy their wants with less expenditure of time, therefore, an inducement is held out, for all to act and be industrious, from centre to circumference, as rewards are proportional to works. Secondly, by God's acting, all other beings and worlds are forced to act in accordance with the inherent laws of attrac-

tion and repulsion. The coarser an element is, the slower it moves, and thus the swiftness of the action of the central substance is impeded, and the same law holds good among societies. The gross and the ignorant are constantly holding back the refined, the wise, the good, and the active, from progressing rapidly to the formation of more beneficent and just governments; and this must necessarily be the case for all time to come; hence the necessity of great patience and charity, on the part of reformers, being exercised, and that the most powerful weapons, inspired reason and moral suasion be tried first—in fact, these teach that no other weapons are admissible for revolutionizing purposes—thus leaving the deadly weapons for defence only. But as the world is full of the worship of false gods, and false or inferior forms of governments, it is next in order to point them out, that you may contrast them with the true ones.

Many theologians of ancient times were so anxious to present a more powerful god than their competitors, and erroneously thinking size denoted power, that many advocated an omnipotent (everywhere existing) God, not having understanding enough to see that it would prove the Pantheistic system (that God was all nature), and thus let the devils in upon an equality with God; and so, when they were reprimanded or censured by a superior, they would reply, We are gods, or part of God, and have just as good right to govern as God, the superior, or his agents, and this false theory has puffed up so many, that even those who do not believe in a God, or immortality, claim the right to a ballot, and to be officers, presidents, kings, emperors, etc., and thus the devil has a very extensive dominion on your earth.

The second false attribute advocated by these ignorant theologians, was, that God was omnipotent (all-powerful, or unlimited in power), and that he would punish all unbelievers in their systems endlessly, endeavoring to frighten subjects into a belief in their systems.

The third false attribute introduced, was that God was omniscient, that he knew all of the past, and all of the future to come.

Fourthly, they alleged that he was infinite (unlimited), not only in these attributes, but in love, in wisdom, and in justice; and to put on the climax to their assumptions, they maintained that he possessed creative and annihilative power—to create all things out of nothing, and to turn them all back to nothing at his pleasure.

Having created an ideal, as broad as their imagination could conceive, and as high as their falsehoods could picture, they started into competition among the ignorant, to see who could get the largest number of converts, and the greatest amount of spoils—not once suspecting they could be caught by the enlightened reason of man, even if it was enlightened and inspired by the true God, and his holy messengers. But, I go to my Father, said the humble Nazarene, but greater works than these, shall ye do who keep my commands. Behold, I make all things new, even a new heaven and a new earth; and the wise need and demand a more perfect understanding of the only true God.

But first, let us see where these false theories of God would lead you all to, if received as a basis of reasoning. If God was omnipresent.

omniscient, and infinite in love, in wisdom, and in creative power, we would not need to be groping along here in a world of ignorance, pain, discord, trouble, war, and in all sorts of crimes; for it is a law of transmission, as well as of formation, that superior causes never create, or form, or transmit inferior productions. And God could not have been infinitely lovely, and have created such unlovely creatures; could not have been infinitely refined, and have created such coarse worlds; could not have been infinitely wise, and have created such ignorant beings every where; if he had been unlimited in power, whence, then, all this ignorance, and these imperfections and false understandings? First, understand that creative power was never possessed by God, because all substance and matter was self-existent, and it was not necessary to create that which already had an existence. Second, that the word infinite should mean only the most superior, instead of unlimited—if not, then ignorant theologians must stick to the word to express a false attribute, which God never possessed, and never manifested. If they still persist in using the word, ask them where the devil resides, and all lower beings; and where matter exists, if God fills all space, and where devils and all lower power come from, if God is unlimited in power, and why God does not rule, if he has the power to, and how comes there so much hate and contention when God is infinitely lovely, and whence all this ignorance and imperfection? Do they charge all these upon God—blasphemy, ignorance, and bare-faced presumption? Can ye not blush? or have ye been duped, and in turn become the dupes of others? If the Pantheistic God is all nature, all power, all knowledge, all love, animal as well as intellectual and moral, then do we need a new word to express the true God, and here it is: God is One, superior in wisdom, and in love of justice—and justice produces harmony, and harmony is produced by a just organization of all things, from centre to circumference.

God, seraphs, angels, and holy spirits, are banded together in organizations, and all spirits beneath them refuse to join and obey this great company's teachings and commands, because they are ignorant and selfish. Ignorance leads to selfishness and false action, and false action leads to pain, war, and destruction of all that is noble, beautiful, and just. All nature exhibits two opposites—a right and a wrong, high and low, fine and coarse, large and small, white and black, happiness and pain, ignorance and intelligence, health and disease, strength and weakness, heat and cold, activity and laziness, wealth and poverty, beauty in form by just proportions, uncomely in form by unequal balance, good and evil, truth and falsehood, light and darkness, hard and soft, positive and negative, male and female, god and devil, superior and inferior, centre and circumference, or 1 and 2. These are the two antipodes throughout all worlds, and they are chained together by laws.

This brings us to the immaterial department of God's attributes. Love, law and intelligence are not composed of substance. Love corresponds to the attraction between two particles of matter, or two beings, and law is the rule of action of them, and intelligence is the impression which they make upon each other, of their fitness to be

associated, and for what purposes, and fineness gives density that can penetrate the quickest and deepest. Hence, intelligence is a knowledge of facts and principles, and is superior to substance, and when systematized is called science, and a knowledge of the sciences is called philosophy; and a knowledge of all of these, and their uses, from cause to effect, produces wisdom, and when put into action, produces justice, and justice produces harmony, and harmonious conditions produce happiness, and happiness is produced by just organizations, and just organizations are produced by universal intelligence and wisdom, and universal wisdom, associated with universal love of justice, will put every person and every thing into their proper places, and exact labor, physical, mental, and moral, from each one, in proportion to strength and ability, and in proportion as these laws and conditions are understood and put into practice upon your earth, will they produce a millennium, and kingdom of heaven and of peace among you.

GOD'S METHOD OF PROCEDURE TO ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH.

It has generally been the conceded opinion of most moralists that Jesus of Nazareth was the best balanced and most harmoniously organized being that ever lived on your earth, and this was true, and from this fact, it enabled Him to progress through the spiritual spheres, and graduate into the celestial heavens in advance of all other spirits. While his soul was living in his physical body, he was attended by holy spirits, and in his great mission as public teacher and exemplar, in the last part of his life, he was attended by an angel that was born on the planet Saturn, and sent by God to be his principal inspirer and controller, as no spirit had then graduated and passed into the celestial spheres from your planet. Your planet was held in relation to God, as a territory is in relation to the United States government, by the appointment of a governor. So God appointed the angel Christ, who had passed into the celestial spheres, to come to your earth and use the medium, Jesus, as a Saviour. But now that the soul of Jesus has passed into the celestial heavens, where the universal congress meets from all planets, that are sufficiently developed to send representatives, and he having been thoroughly educated, and now being competent, God has appointed him to be chief over all the spiritual spheres of your earth, and given him authority to set up the true form of government, which was attempted and introduced in part when he lived on earth.

JESUS CHRIST'S AUTHORITY, AND HOW I PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH.

I, Jesus, having passed from the seventh circle of the seventh spiritual sphere, on the 21st day of June, 1858, taking six male and seven female souls over with me, which I chose to accompany me, and since many more have come over, and I being appointed of God to be chief

in setting up the true form of government among men, I commenced looking over your earth anew, to be thoroughly satisfied who would make the best medium in the body, for me and my disembodied agents to act through, as a chief medium, as well as hundreds of other bodies, who are to be used as assistants. Having satisfied myself, I commenced to concentrate a number of the best mediums in California, at a point called Russian Hill, in San Francisco, and to pass them through a rigid course of training and spiritual development, in addition to what they had received before, and to culminate them to a head for an apostolic and great central circle, and on the 1st day of May, 1860, I caused my chief medium to be anointed, crowned, and commissioned to be first president, and on the 18th day of January, 1864, I landed him in New York city, and now on this 16th day of July, 1864, am writing a communication through him, and although I have used several mediums, he proves to be the best, as a whole, to give the most valuable truths and important discoveries through; and on the 22d of next February, 1865, I intend to cause a world's convention of holy spirits and angels in and over New York city, and so soon as I can develop enough subjects, then form an organization in every branch of business, and those that are willing, to move them on to the land for a practical work. The place will be pointed out through the President, and a constitution and by-laws will be given, so societies can be correctly organized. In the meantime, those who wish to progress rapidly, should send to the publisher for a choice set of books, but it would be far better to apply in person, and have an examination, and join a private circle for special development and education.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF GOVERNMENTS.

There can never be but six distinct forms of government (that are unmixed) among men.

1. An Absolute Monarchy. In which the will of the chief becomes the law of the tribe or people, over as many as he and his party can subdue.

2. An Hereditary Monarchy. The chief office transmitted to the oldest child. If no children of the monarch are living, then to whoever the monarch designates.

3. A Democratic Monarchy. In which a strong mind starts up, and gains a majority in his favor, beheads or deposes the existing monarch, and puts himself in his place.

4. A Constitutional Aristocracy. In which wealth controls the printing presses, and a majority of the votes. The people having been so outraged and defrauded under all the monarchs, that they introduce a constitution by which monarchs, as well as people, can be tried and punished.

5. An Absolute Democracy. In which all races and both sexes are allowed to vote (except criminals, idiots, and insane persons). The poor, in their enlightened wisdom, discover they are cheated and defrauded, by the shrewd and the rich combining together, and that

monarchies and constitutions have to be done away with by revolutions, determine to keep the right to make, amend, or break up constitutions, and change officers at any time, repudiating the idea of its taking a two third or three fourth vote, to do away or amend a constitution. And, as the people of the United States are in a transitional state of passing from a Republican constitution to an Absolute Democracy, which they will do between 1864 and 1873, you may expect revolutions and wars, both civil and foreign.

6. A Divine Order and Harmonial Brotherhood; a Theocracy (of God) and Millennium of peace, health, and happiness, in which the communications will be established from God, through Jesus and his appointed agent; holy spirits and an apostolic and great central circle, composed of the presidents of all useful professions and kinds of business, who will be the best mediums on earth, scientifically and mathematically organized, so that each member will work for the best good of the whole, and all obliged to do their just share of the labor. After it is once accepted, and becomes universal, it will never break up as long as men live on earth. The atmosphere will be improved by earthquakes, and a shrinkage of the earth, and two new rings will be added, one for the North Pole and one for the South Pole, so your earth can be inhabited all over; and the great improvements that will be made in inventions of all kinds, will require no more labor of each member than will be necessary for health and development, to supply all the necessary wants of all, and the balance of the time can be used for true education, development and recreation. This is the government that the ancient prophets foretold was coming; that all true christians have prayed for; that all the poor will like, and all just persons will hail with thanksgiving and great joy. It is the apex of perfection, beginning at the centre, and working outward, until the whole human family are organized into one universal divine order of harmony.

FREE LOVE, AND INDIVIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY.

For several years past these principles have been promulgated by a set of loose individuals of both sexes. Becoming dissatisfied with the bad laws, and the non-administration of those that were good, by dishonest officers, and being badly used in what they call civilized cannibalism, and many having become mediums, receiving communications from their relatives, and other spirits, whose advice they valued more than a voice of the popular rabble; and believing they had progressed out of party politics, and sectarian bigotry, and that they were capable of self-government, during the breaking up of the false governments of earth, they concluded to interpret God and nature for themselves.

But many have found it a cold, lonely, isolated condition, with no protection for the present, or security, or guarantee for the future, and a constant stimulant to selfishness, so that the social and family conditions became so changeable and corrupting to the welfare of society, (especially to females) that many who have been through a long, thorough trial, of living the principles, are now advocating organiza-

tion of some kind; although they are satisfied that individual sovereignty, or liberty, is vastly superior to all the existing organizations. They, nevertheless, many of them, have an eye upward, hoping that God will bring forward some medium, by angelic power, who is capable of presenting some plan of organization, and will lead off in putting it into practical operation. Nor are they to be disappointed, for God always has a man ready for every great emergency, and brings him out at the right time and place; and those who have gone through the bitter school of experience in free-love, will make all the better christians for it, and be less likely to faint and fall back on to that fickle vacillating hermaphrodite mixed plane; for it comprises a variety from the lowest animals to the saints. But saints stop on that plane but a little while, and the animally organized impose upon each other, so that it is necessary to call in a third party for protection and justice.

ORGANIZATION EVERY WHERE.

From God to the animalculæ, in the mineral and vegetable, in the animal and human, and in the spiritual and celestial, not a ship could be built or sailed, not a river of any size could be bridged, not a barn could be raised, not a hotel kept, not a car could run, or mail be carried; in short, no marriages could be consummated, or births take place, without some kind of organization. And the higher or more protection it furnishes to justice, the better; and when it furnishes perfect justice to all, it will perform its true mission. And it never can be perfect, until it grows into a universal theocracy of God.

HIGHER AND LOWER LAW.

Pantheists, and those that want unbridled liberties, generally worship self, and maintain that whatever is, is right, and that law is the highest attribute of deity, and that there is no higher or lower law; not once acknowledging that the devil, and all unjust beings (including nature in her physical departments) acts according to the lower laws. They argue because whatever takes place, is produced by certain self-existing first causes, and therefore it must be right; not admitting that pain is none the more pleasurable, nor ignorance desirable, nor murder just, because it is produced in accordance with law. And this opens the whole question of

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGHER AND LOWER LAW.

God, who hath banded together seraphs, angels, and holy spirits, to work for him and the good of the whole, whose aim it is to do justice to all, are governed by the higher laws, while lower spirits and men refuse to join this great band, or come under their government, but work for their individual interests, or the gratification of their own wills, are governed by lower laws, varying according to the several spheres they are in. Not that they are all alike, or their acts equally

destructive, but they are all arrayed against God and his army, and have to take the punishment which natural law forces upon them, for living upon the lower planes.

The finer a soul is, and the more wisdom it possesses, the easier can it accomplish its desired objects; hence the superiority of that soul whose aims are for the highest good of the whole.

Matter has one superior attribute, that is law; sensation being so slightly developed, that it should be called adaptation, or attraction. But more refined substances like soul, have four attributes, which are immaterial. First, law; second, wisdom; third, power; fourth, perfection. But neither of these attributes can act, or exist, but in and upon material. Materials being in motion, according to law, observe adaptation and love of affinity, according to the sensation, intelligence, and wisdom they possess. Souls, to act justly, according to the highest laws, must be wise, lovely in form, fine in texture, and superior in quality. These combined produce power to execute and cause perfection, which is the crowning jewel from God. Each particle of substance has a certain definite power, but that power can be enhanced by refining it, so it can penetrate easier and quicker; and by making it more intelligent by impressions it can operate to better advantage; and by one substance or being acting upon another, both become refined; hence the inducement held out for all beings to act, because they progress and receive the rewards. Progression, then, is not only shown to be a law of nature, but of God also. Progression, then, is an inferior cause producing a superior effect. Evil or devil, evolving good, better, best, or God. This shows evil or inferior conditions to be self-existent in coarser substance, and neither God nor anybody else is to blame for it.

This theory in ethical philosophy, properly understood, would sap revenge from the human breast, and excite tears of pity for transgressions made by the ignorant and unfortunate, and set in motion philanthropic schemes for the enlightenment and redemption of the whole human family; for, thereby one's own happiness would be enhanced.

This is the philosophy of the celestial spheres, as we understand it, and as taught us by God; and we are banded together in organizations to introduce it among your earth's inhabitants, and we are now beating for volunteers to assist us in this great and noble enterprise. The employ is constant, and the reward certain. Who is ready to join us? The work will be the most pleasing and satisfactory, to the pure in heart, of any on earth. Do not be afraid or ashamed to work with your hands, or in plain, coarse clothing; during the transitional state, for there must needs be a great amount of suffering, want, and destitution. So take hold of any thing required, to supply the immediate wants of the worthy destitute. Do not demand office or high position; you, O reader, shall have justice, shall have a place, not according to your judgment perhaps, but according to merits, and shall be advanced as you shall prove yourself worthy. Now is the time, when the cause needs help; now is the most favored time to gain the

necessary experience, and be developed into a superior medium. By and by the troubles will thicken, and the excitements will be distracting, and you may not find proper teachers so readily, at leisure. One day now is worth three then; so he that would be wise for himself, should be wise for the whole.

CAN SUBSTANCE BE CREATED OUT OF NOTHING?

No; for if there was a power that could create, it could annihilate; and if it could create and annihilate, it could reform and transform all substance and beings into the shape and condition it desired; but if all substance is self-existent, and possessed of certain qualities and definite powers, then it must act out its nature, according to fixed or self-existent laws, to all eternity. But if there had been but one kind of substance, it would have stood still always; and if there had been several kinds, the great laws of attraction and repulsion would keep every thing in motion forever. Gross substance acts in lower spheres, whether intelligent or not. Intelligence causes special action, and to that degree, that beings possess it. And as intelligence is increasing, we may expect to see more special power, and substance and beings moulded into more beautiful forms and conditions, where there will be more happiness and contentment, and less disease, pain, and bloodshed. If progression be a law of nature, and of God, then nearly every thing that is, is wrong, and needs to be changed for the better; and wisdom is able to teach, direct, and command, what changes should be made first, and how. And fortunate is he who joins the highest wisdom's bands.

HIGH AND LOW MEDIUMS.

Why can not all become equally good mediums in every department? Because no two are equally well organized for every gift. One may be superior to another in certain departments, and inferior in other departments. Hence the necessity of organizations in every department of business, and every one put into his proper place, so that business and labor may be facilitated. A person not only needs a good balanced organization, but experience and development in certain directions, to make him a proficient medium. Then if he is one-sided somewhat, he may be much better, in one, two, or more departments or professions, than in others. God never acts directly upon any person in the body, but through angels and holy spirits, who receive benefit at the same time they are benefiting others beneath them. And all persons progress faster, associated in companies, than when isolated alone—except some very bad persons, who need to be restrained. All young people, from birth till twenty-one, should have a teacher constantly over them, and watchers at night, to keep them in place, and from bad habits.

HOW LONG SHOULD CONSTITUTIONS, WRITTEN BY- LAWS, AND CREEDS STAND?

According to democratic principles, until a majority of the people

wish to change them. One generation have no right to make laws obligatory upon another to keep in practice. If they had such a right, then might the laws of Moses, or some ancient monarch, be kept in practice forever. If constitutions are formed, then they should be subject to amendment, at all times, by a majority of the people, until the sixth form of government is started, which is a divine theocracy, which politicians are incapacitated to legislate over, and majorities likely to misinterpret. The better way is to investigate calmly, until one can understand the different orders of governments, from one to six. As an absolute democracy is number five, it is subject to great inconsistencies, owing to the ignorance and selfishness of the people—voting for bad laws one year, and then voting or fighting to change them the next—thus vacillating and experimenting until the true order is discovered and inaugurated. As the true order works from centre to circumference—from superior to inferior—it should be commenced on a small scale, so soon as discovered, and worked out as a pattern; and it will require the purest-minded and wisest persons on your earth, to start it. And they will be the highest mediums, for they will attract around them the highest influences, although they may be called low or devilish influences by the worldly wise. But God often chooses the weak things of your world to confound the wise in their own estimation. You may therefore anticipate the reproach and stigmas that will be hurled at the true followers of the meek and lowly ones at first.

After the wicked shall be scourged by war, pestilence, and famines, then will they change their tunes, and all will pray for help. So, be not discouraged, meek and lowly ones—you who have been instruments in starting the ball in motion; for, like the little stone in the figure cut out of the mountain without hands, it shall roll until all enemies are put under feet—and God shall have the praise in that day.

DO SPIRITS CARRY THEIR EVIL HABITS AND PROPENSITIES INTO THE NEXT WORLD?

To a great extent, but not to the full degree that they possessed them in the earthly body, for a part of the gross substance is left behind; but they have no more knowledge, nor are they much improved in disposition; and many that go into the lower spheres (called purgatory by Catholics, and hell by Protestants), it will take thousands of years to progress into the celestial heavens; and one can make more progress in the earth body (if he tries his utmost), in one year, than in the next world in a thousand.

CAN ONE BE PARDONED?

Each person must pay the penalty of transgressions of the higher laws while in the body, and progress by good works. If a person joins God's army, and obeys the commands strictly, he is kept from sinning, and thereby from bearing the penalty of sin. If one could be pardoned without infringing upon justice, it would be done; but it is not in the

power of God, nor angels, to pardon all transgressions, and sins, and it is not their nature to pardon any one where it would be deleterious to the whole. They never overstep justice, to pardon any one, in any sphere; if they did, they would be arrested, tried, and deposed from office. They do not offer temptations to their subjects to sin, by selling pardons, to exempt them from just punishment, like Catholic priests—that is the devil's practice, and only dishonest persons attempt to take advantage of it, and then, through their ignorance, they lose what they have paid, finding, by experience, that punishment always follows a transgression of higher laws, and escaping one officer, only sends one the deeper into crime, as one is encouraged by the thought that he can buy off until the true judge appears, when he has to pay for all the crimes committed, and lose all his pardon money besides. So, do not pray for pardon, but for justice to be executed to all. Pray for wisdom, and let all of your works correspond. Pray that you may love God with all your heart, and your neighbors according to just merits.

ARE ALL RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL GOVERNMENTS FALSE?

Do you, oh reader, know of any society where all of its members are made as happy as its officers, and in which there is no property distinctions, and all obliged to labor, either physically or mentally, in proportion to ability, and their enjoyments made equal in proportion to capacities. But you may plead relative value, and that a president should be put into the safest and easiest place. Granted; but his work will be the most perplexing and distracting to the mind, and he thereby rendered incompetent to receive as much physical happiness as many others, and his life will be shortened by troubles and vexations. But as long as he is able to do service, all will receive the benefits of it in a true order of society; and so far as any truths could be discovered, they would be made available and put into practice for the good of all.

A CHRISTIAN CATECHISM, FOR STUDENTS AND SABBATH SCHOOLS.

1. Who and what is God? *Answer.* God is the finest particle of all substance, or essence, in existence. The wisest in understanding; beautiful in form; lovely in color, smell, and taste; just in organizing, and most powerful in execution, of all beings or individualities.

2. Where is God? *Ans.* He occupies the centre of the central sun of all universes and circumferences.

3. Is God progressive? *Ans.* Yes. By the action of one particle of substance upon another, both become finer; and when sensation is reached, each individual is impressed thereby with new truths; and the finer the substance is, the easier can it penetrate, and the more rapidly can it move, through coarser substance, and the more powerful

does it become to mould, impress, and control all that is inferior or coarser than itself.

4. What is the cause of motion? *Ans.* There are two kinds of motion—voluntary and involuntary. Voluntary motion is caused by the innate desire to supply one's wants, and to perfect self, and by the higher intelligences, that have joined God's armies, to perfect all nature. Involuntary motion is caused by the inherent desires and laws of attraction and repulsion, or adaptation of supply to demand.

5. How many attributes has God? *Ans.* God has six material and four immaterial attributes: viz., superior in kind, form, size, weight, density, and color. Immaterial. 1. Love of supply to useful demands, and of just arrangements and organizations, which causes health, peace, happiness, and harmony. 2. Wisdom. Is motion, impression (external and internal), refinement, education, and experience. 3. Power, is caused by desires and superior organization and education; and power is extended in proportion as superior individuals and numbers are justly organized. God's power, in the second sense, is all that which is superior to one's self, and should be revered and obeyed. 4. Perfection, is the apex of usefulness, beauty, order, refinement, and justice.

6. Who are God's children? *Ans.* All who obey God's commands and teachings through his authorized bands of angels, holy spirits, and chief medium, in the body, who are mathematically and justly organized together, from centre to circumference, from superior to inferior, for the best good of the whole universe. Desires, cause motion, then produce instinct, sensation, intelligence, wisdom, love of justice, power by organization to produce health happiness, and harmony, by producing the greatest amount of just supply to the highest demands, with the least expenditure of force.

7. Who is the greatest medium? *Ans.* It is that person who can discover or conceive the best plan for organizing persons and societies together, so as to produce the greatest amount of happiness, and most rapid progress, with the least expenditure of force, for the whole world.

8. How is any person to know who are his superiors? *Ans.* By cultivating the divine gifts, and by being impartial, and then becoming thoroughly acquainted with others.

9. Suppose one gets into a dispute with another, as to which is superior—how should they settle it? By leaving it to a third person they can both agree upon.

10. But suppose one will not leave it to the third person? Then one should defend himself and rights, if attacked, if he feels abundantly able to do so—if not, then he must retreat to the presence of a third person, or more, and ask their opinions, and if in the right, their protection until an officer of the law can be procured.

11. Does a majority make right? *Ans.* No. Majorities are often in the wrong.

12. Have the just party, while in the minority, a right to go to war with deadly weapons, to force the majority to do right? *Ans.* Yes, if they believe they are on the side of God, and will gain a greater amount of good—for God then they lose. But it is generally better

to use moral and intellectual suasion, until a majority is gained—then establish just laws, and if the minority transgress them, they should be arrested, tried and punished in such way as will prove for the best good of the whole.

13. Was matter, or substance, created out of nothing? *Ans.* No. All matter and substance was self-existent, in seventy-eight primates, or distinct kinds, and by each acting upon the other, according to fixed laws, inherent in the substance, are becoming refined and moulded into more beautiful shapes, until perfection is attained. So all substance and beings are induced to act because they receive just rewards for so doing. Thus gross matter is refined by action, until it is purified so as to manifest (from adaptation) instinct, intelligence, and wisdom. This shows that progression is an innate law of all nature, until perfection is reached.

Is God infinite? No. If God were infinite he would fill the immensity of space, and there would be no lower beings or matter in existence. If God was infinite, in wisdom, love, and power, he could progress instantly all beings up to himself, and put a stop to all disease, pain, misery, war, crime, sin, and imperfections; that he does not do it makes it self-evident that he has not the power to do it. That it is best these imperfections should exist, is but the assumption of the ignorant, and the common sense of the most intelligent confirms it.

15. What is the cause of all imperfections? Matter being gross in its self-existence, by its onward unfoldment and refinement into more beautiful and intelligent forms, has to go through all the experiences and refining processes, which a coarse nature, inferior and innate law, compels it to; and God does all in his power to help along a rapid progression to all nature beneath him, and, therefore, is not chargeable with laziness or neglect, which he would be if he was infinite.

16. What is perfection? In form it is round; in size, the smallest; in density, the hardest; in weight, the heaviest according to size; in color, white; in intelligence, a knowledge of all that has occurred and will occur in the endless future; in love, to love justice in organization, and every thing, and every body, in their proper places—to love God with all thy heart, which is the best good of all nature, a love to progress to perfection. Justice does not require one to love all nature equal to himself, and thus put himself on a plane with the lowest nature in mankind, or animals; but, that you should love the persons nearest to you in development, by sharing what you have with them, inducing them, by example, to love and share with those next inferior; thus binding all mankind into one association, all that are willing to join by their good works.

17. What are Devils? It is all of those beings, and that substance, which will not, or cannot, obey the commands of God, through his regular appointed angels and mediums, and who refuse to join the true association, to work for the best good of the whole universe.

18. What is the origin of man? We have stated, that all nature was composed originally of seventy-eight primate, or distinct kinds of substance, and that by the action of the finer upon the coarser, all was

in process of development and refinement ; motion being inherent in the chemical properties, evolved from the original elements, the Mineral, the Vegetable, the Animal, the Human, the Spiritual, the Celestial, and the Divine. In the Chemical, Geological, and Vegetable departments, we find attraction, repulsion, and adaptation. In the Animal kingdom, instinct and a lower order of intelligence. In the human body, intelligence advanced to science and philosophy. In the Spiritual spheres, we find science and philosophy approximating to wisdom. In the Celestial experience has been so great, and organization is so complete, that mistakes seldom occur ; and, when the divine is reached, the perfect plan of organization is discovered, and beings are harmoniously associated, so that happiness nearly approaching perfection is enjoyed by all who give up their wills and obey their superiors. But the divine never arrives to such perfection that he is infallible in action and infinite in wisdom and power, and thus stops progressing and ceasing to move. The idea advanced by the ignorant, that God was perfect in the beginning and after eternities had passed, commenced creating coarse substance out of nothing, and rolling it into planets, and then creating animals ; and finally man and woman, in a very gross, ignorant state, so that misery, pain, disease, murder, crimes, and sins almost innumerable immediately appeared, would prove that a perfect cause could create, out of nothing, the most inferior effects in existence. This view outrages the highest intelligence, contradicts all science, philosophy, and experience, and dethrones the most superior God in existence, to the plane of a devil incarnate.

This idea would lead every man to disrespect God for his evil works ; and there would be no certainty that God would not turn, and retrogress to a plane of his works. For by their works shall ye know every one. So, it is not only self-evident to the man of great wisdom that progression is a law of all nature, and of God, but that motion through gross substance and an inferior cause, has evolved and produced God and superior effects, and will continue to progress everything throughout the vast realms of being, towards loveliness, beauty, justice, and perfection. All acts are perfect which prove to be for the best good of the whole ; hence, there is every encouragement to hope for, and to labor on for the whole of humanity, as just rewards must return to every laborer, through the great just laws of recompense.

19. Are causes self-existent or are they created ? It must be evident that first causes are innate in substance, and through motion progression is made, to refine, reform, and restamp or impress the substance with superior intelligence and wisdom. But all moves and progresses on according to law ; and hence, whatever takes place is forced to from preceding causes. This does not make whatever is, right ; for pain, disease, ignorance, crime, and sin, are none the better, or more desirable, because they are caused ; and as nearly every thing can be improved, it shows much wrong, and the necessity of progression. Nothing is right until it is perfect. There is some perfection in the world, both in art, science, philosophy, and morals. Two and

two make four; this is perfect, nor can God or angels change it to make it more or less. The circle is perfect in form, but all do not appreciate it; and white is perfection in color, yet all do not choose it for wearing apparel.

20. What should one do to be saved? Forsake the false governments of earth, and follow the commands and teachings of God and Christ, through the best medium of earth, and the apostles and teachers appointed through him.

21. How is one to know who is the best medium? By comparing the plans put forth by the various leaders for the redemption of the world.

22. How should the leaders find out which is the best medium? By meeting in a world's convention and comparing plans.

23. Who should call the world's convention? God, through Jesus Christ, and the best medium.

24. And what proof should the best medium give that he was the best? By presenting a perfect constitution, and having no competitor, and in choosing the best place, and highest developed persons, to set up the kingdom of harmony on earth.

25. How, then, may we understand that man was formed? Man was evolved and brought forth through the lower kingdoms, and the animal, until he stood erect, and the form so perfect in spirit, that he remembers when his consciousness commenced.

26. Is man always made through animal congress of opposite sexes? No. After spirits are formed, and have passed into the spiritual sphere, they may act upon, and through the most perfected Orang-outangs, and impregnate the egg of the mother, if taken just at the right time, when it passes up the fallopian tube, with a fine essence, so that a child will be brought forth without animal congress, and superior to what can be brought forth from opposite sexes in the body; and by the former process was Jesus, formerly of Nazareth, brought forth, by the action of a celestial being upon, and through, Mary his mother. And this made Jesus more perfect than he could have been, if he had been begotten through animal congress by a Father in the body.

27. Does substance become refined by passing through the mineral and vegetable, into the animal kingdom? Yes.

28. Does spirit substance exist before the material has passed into animal life? No.

29. Then is spirit substance constantly being produced out of coarser substance? Yes.

30. What is the difference between the body, spirit, and soul of man? The physical body is that portion which is left behind at death. The spiritual body is that portion which the soul leaves when it passes into the celestial spheres.

31. Did the soul exist in a conscious separate state before the physical and spiritual bodies were formed? No. The soul is evolved through refining processes, which it passes through in physical and spiritual bodies.

32. Has God, then, passed through the human, spiritual, and celestial forms? Yes, and all beings are progressing towards perfection in form, and wisdom in their understandings, and love of just organizations, from God's superior centre to all circumferences. Dec. 3rd, 1865.

USES AND ABUSES OF THE BIBLE.

The Protestant Bible is composed of numerous kinds of writings. The first and highest kind is that which was given by God to a holy messenger, and then by him through the best medium on earth, for the subjects treated upon. The second kind are those given by inferior intelligences, through the same medium. The third kind are those given by inferior messengers, through inferior mediums. The fourth kind are those given by God, at an early date, when neither he nor the messengers, or mediums, were well developed or well conditioned. The fifth kind are those given by disembodied intelligences, who never had joined God's army. The sixth kind are those of men's opinions. The seventh kind are historical descriptions of eye witnesses. The eighth kind are general reports, which the writer believed to be true. The ninth kind are mistakes, or misinterpretations of translators and commentators. The tenth kind are interpolations. The eleventh kind are made up of writings, the origin of which the counsellors, dictators, printers, nor readers, knew any thing of.

These general divisions might be subdivided almost innumerably. It will be readily perceived, by the wise, that the Bible is made up of a heterogeneous compound, ranging from the most lofty and sublime productions of God, through the best media (of the times) down to the most false, absurd doctrines ever published; hence the six or seven hundred different sects springing up in the world, all pretending to be founded upon the Holy Bible. Then there are a number of different bibles, the followers of each pretending theirs is the true one, given by God, or Christ, and that the Pope, or their Bishop, or Pastor, is the true interpreter of it; or, if Protestants, that they have the right to read and interpret for themselves. And there are millions of different interpretations of all these bibles.

Now, in these numerous disputes, widely-extended anarchy, and universal wars over the earth, what is to be done? Let God speak, through Jesus Christ, and their own highest oracle, and medium of earth. And what do they say? We say we are developing the mediums for a new apostolic circle of thirteen couple, and a great central circle composed of all the presidents of all the useful and honorable professions on earth. And through the members of the circles we will write a new Bible, and interpret all the old ones more correctly than has been done in the past. It was impossible for God and his agents to have done better in the past, owing to the gross, dark, and ignorant conditions that all of earth's inhabitants were in. The highest and best teachings, through the purest circle of mediums, have been constantly denounced, and treated as worthless, by a large majority of mankind, and will continue to be denounced until the great and universal wars,

pestilence, and famines, spoken of by all of the most far-seeing prophets (both of ancient and modern times), have swept over the world, and cleared it for the setting up of the divine form, and millennial government of peace, harmony, and righteousness. And should we introduce at a world's convention, the most perfect constitution and by-laws ever introduced to earth's inhabitants, through the best medium we have chosen, there would be but a few followers now; but after the inhabitants have been sufficiently scourged, and the atmosphere purified, by shrinkage of the earth, it will be quite easy to inaugurate the perfect form of government. But hitherto the masses of men have been unable to distinguish the higher and nobler truths of Bibles (as well as of all other books) from falsehoods, and false or lower forms of government, which have caused so much ignorance, pain, disease, crime, and sin in the world; nor had God, nor angels, nor holy spirits, the power to cause them to understand, or reduce to practice, more than they have done; for if we had the power, we would most certainly use it, for if we had the power and refused to use it, we would most certainly be culpable of neglect of fulfilling our duties to our earthly brothers. Let none in their ignorance, then, charge laziness or neglect upon us, and we will wreak no revenge upon any of you; but our pity and love for the welfare of the whole human family, will constantly stimulate us to active exertions to assist all up the steps of progression, until universal happiness is reached by all. But while we have no disposition to wreak revenge upon any one, we would, nevertheless, forewarn all, that they must reap just retribution for all evil or unjust acts; and as a constant stimulant for the righteous, they shall reap just rewards, both here, and in the endless future, for all just works.

Now, in closing, we wish it distinctly understood, that all bibles, as well as other writings, were given for the times and generations in which men lived, and when they outgrew them, new and higher ones were given, and will continue to be given, until perfection is reached. But although a perfect constitution may be (and is) given, whereby to reorganize society, yet perfection can never be reached, in all actions, by any individual, from earth's remotest bounds, to the most perfect centre of all circumferences—not even by God, who occupies the centre, and is the purest being living. Therefore, let none stop to find fault with the past, unless they can point out something better for the present, and the future. But let all pray that they may have wisdom to understand the new Bible, and new Constitution, now being given to the world, and that you all may be appointed, soon, to your appropriate places in the holy order of the Church of the Newborn of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which is already commenced among the children of your earth.

It should be understood, then, that all the Bibles of the past, were as good as the people were willing to put into practice. And as the people of earth were in different degrees of development, it required different Bibles, constitutions, and by-laws, for to adapt the supply to the demand, of all the different nations, races, and tribes of earth; and as progression is a law of nature, and all beings, until perfection is

reached, therefore, every organization should be so formed, that amendments can be made, and new Bibles can be written, officers changed, new teachings, orders, and commands can be given, which will be necessary for the times, and conditions of the people.

Always admitting that the highest medium living in the body, is the most competent to receive directions from God, through Jesus Christ, how to govern all for the best good of all,—therefore do not be alarmed, on hearing that a new Bible, Constitution and By-Laws is being given, or about to be published, for a new government—for they will continue to be needed, to all eternity, in all worlds and spheres, until perfection is reached, in every department, among human beings, spirits, and angels, up to God.

UNITY OF CHURCH AND STATE.

Ought the Church and State to be united? Yes. The sixth form of government, which is a divine order, takes in all departments of commerce, teachings, and business, from the clearing of land, raising of produce, the inventing and constructing of every thing useful, up to legislating for, and the governing of all classes of society. And it is very evident, that if an inferior form of government existed, political or otherwise, that it would interfere with the perfect form, and breed contentions and wars, until one of the two is destroyed.

A PRAYER RECOMMENDED FOR ALL.

Oh, our Father! who art the most lovely, wise, pure, holy, just, and powerful, of all Intelligences; who doth fill the Wisdom centre of all circumferences; hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth, as it is done in Heaven. Make us humble servants in thy Holy Church of the New-born in Jesus Christ, and reward us as thou seest best, through thy chosen Messengers, and Mediums in the body, and lead us not to murmur at thy treatment; for thine is the right to govern all, now and forever, and to thee be all the glory and praise, worlds without end. Amen.

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