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## Poverty, Disease, Delusion, and Submissiveness Go together and Constitute Hell.

Your July issue chanced to fall under my notice. Its contents aroused my interest as no other periodical on the subject has ever done. Poverty has held me in its iron grasp so long that I had come to believe it God's will and so I try to be submissive. Not having physical strength to earn money I sank back in weakness content with what friends could do for me. Doctors have operated on my body without avail and say a stone ulcer is forming in the left breast. I am unable to pay for any specialist. After reading your journal, the voice of inspiration came saying: "Ask and ye shall receive." Your article, "How Christ Redeems" startled me. I experimented as you directed and believe there is law there, but why do you make the startling statement that no Jesus of Nazareth was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem in A. D. 33?—P. J. M.

This poor creature has for years filled her mind with the delusion that God wills people to suffer sickness and poverty. Worse lies could not be invented. Such stuff in the mind makes and increases bodily disease. The poor woman has let doctors hypnotize her mind with disease ideas. It is criminal folly for doctors to tell patients what they think (guess) ails them. What awful misery and suffering all over the land is produced by holding beliefs in disease till disease actually results. Far better hold the lie "that there is no disease" as do

the Christian Scientists. They make people believe the lie just as we all make children believe the Santa Claus lie. Dont be submissive. Rebel !

On board the steamship "Maasdam," in July, 1895, bound from New York to Rotterdam was a New York city dentist whose name I have lost but he related this fact : After unusually hard work and exposure he was taken down sick and sent for his doctor who pronounced him in a dangerous condition. The dentist begged for hope that he might be well in a few days or weeks. No, you must lie here from 6 to 8 weeks said the doctor who prescribed and promised to call at 11 o'clock the next day. The dentist then passed a weary night greatly distressed at the prospect and so weak that he could not move easily. The bright sun poured into his bed room and he contemplated. He thought of the spring air, the budding leaves, the birds, of the doctor's pronunciamento. At length, aloud, he swore a terrible oath, By the Eternal Gods, he WOULD NOT lie there as his weakness and the doctor had commanded. He called a servant, ordered his clothes, was lifted up a little, rested, got feet on floor, rested, put on pants, rested, coat, rested. By aid of two men he was after two hours got down on the front door step. Long rest. By 11 o'clock he was in Central Park. The doctor called and was the most amazed creature living when he heard of the doings. Suffice to say, the dentist cured himself by sheer will power and refusal to be sick. So may we all. Do all you can to skillfully create such feelings in the sick. If they are willing to be sick, they must be sick. If they will not to be sick, then they will not be. The will in every human being is omnipotent in fact if not in operation. "According to your faith be it done unto you." So of the will.

After this correspondent had read the words of truth, the voice within bade her to ask and receive, but though

she heard the divine voice (intuition) within she did not obey, except to write us a long letter, asking help. She will receive it in just as full degree as she is willing to accept. She does not really and truly want to be well yet. She thinks she does but she dont. If she did she would take on an activity which would annihilate all her troubles. By degrees, however, she is going to gather up the life forces and respond to the truths sent. Up to now her mental conditions have caused the ulcers and cancer to grow. Now they pause. To-morrow they begin to fade out. As truth comes into her mind, they must go. A mind full of truth and heart full of love never did and never could conjoin with physical disease.

The Gospels are in form fictitious stories, are not history, but they are the divinest, most precious literature extant. As history they could do no one any good. They do not picture scenes in A. D. 30—33; they picture you and your infinite possibilities. The Christ they describe is within you and now awaiting to be recognized. The crucifixion, I have been through and you will do so. When you have experienced healing of soul and body through absorption of truth, new heavens and new earths will open up within you the nature of which you do not now even guess. What you now hold as true will melt away because delusion to be replaced with glories that tongue will not tell simply because human ears will not listen respectfully. Within you will be revealed something before which you will cry out: "My Lord and my God!"

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To break up wrong thoughts which lead to wrong acts try to fall asleep every night with the following in mind. It will also prepare you for "dreams" that are more than dreams if you sleep alone: "My soul will be taught while my body sleeps the laws of being, of right thinking, of right feeling. I shall grow strong and wise and perfectly healthy thereby and awake refreshed."

### How to Answer Your Own Prayers.

I am told you have power with God in prayer for others. Pray for me that I may be brought into THE place where God would have me, to do the work and pay my debts. I first taught and then took a theological course, engaged in home missionary work, got a bare existence. Self and wife both had poor health. At present, cannot find a church or school, am in financial distress, separated from my dear wife for months, willing to do what God would have me labor at in his vineyard. Pray that I may have health restored, power from on high, wisdom for greatest usefulness and soon be made meet for the Master's use.—Rev. C. L.

We have the very deepest sympathy for such a case though it is the toughest possible to deal with. Our friend is just soaked in errors and is so sincere in it that he would no more give it up than a dog let go a decayed bone. And yet all his poverty and ill health came from his wrong ideas and opinions. Let us merely catalog them and he will very likely call us all sorts of uncomplimentary names for combatting his prejudices, will refuse to admit cause and effect and will stay poor and sick so as to be thus further punished for holding error.

To begin with, his "God" is afar off, dont listen to his prayers, might perhaps to ours, will not unasked give blessings, health, wisdom, and in short is a great big King with an exalted personality which must be bowed before, petitioned, begged to dole out even the bare necessities of life to the wretched man and wife. Dear clergyman, there is no such God and thinking the error ought to make one sick, poor, insane. All the health, wealth and bounties of earth and heaven are yours with no asking by you, nor by us for you, just as soon as you will unbar the door and let them cave in upon you. But unbaring the door is banishing wrong ideas. Nothing else in the universe stands between you and all your father's possessions. You must find God as a secret hidden within your own heart, nowhere else, gently knocking for recognition, dominion, leave

to heap money and health upon you. To look within, you must stop looking without (for a time). Go alone for a week if you cannot stand 40 days, refuse to see, to hear, to eat, turn all your attention in towards the interior of your inmost self. Begin to call out momentarily "Christ." Say it aloud as if calling to your wife up stairs. This Christ of Good is not a person, but an essence within you as is memory, much withdrawn from your consciousness but in there all the same. Your undivided attention to the within is necessary for some time in order to restore it to consciousness. As the veil gets rent and the Christ reunites with yourself there will be intense pain for a little. Then the Christ will seem to go away, suffering will cease and a great peace will come. This latter is Holy Spirit of scripture, or the Inner Breath of mysticism. In scripture the "Christ" essence is personified and represented as saying: "If I go not away the Comforter will not come," and so you will discover, and in due time a wonderful mental illumination, such as the disciples experienced at Pentecost (50 days preparation), will come over you regarding all your worldly affairs. It will tell you exactly what to do, where to go, and will not only "lead you into all truth" but into all health and wealth.

You remember the countryman whose cartwheels were in the mud, he was on his knees praying the Lord to lift them out when a profane wag chanced along and said: "You d—d fool, get hold and lift." You, my brother, must quit praying for items and get hold on the Christos for a great general lift out of human darkness into divine illumination. Then you will see just where to look for the million baskets you will need to hold the blessings which even now are suspended over your head ready to fall if you unlatch the trap door. I cannot unlatch yours, only my own. I repeat the injunction to take a week free from all use of the physi-

cal body or its senses while by introspection you intensify this looking within so as to find the "Holy Trinity" as essences all inside your conscious being. The "Christ" must be found first, next the Comforter, last the Father. Do not mistakenly think that you must repent or pray and agonize. Merely desire this experience and prove that you desire it by fasting. Utter the word "Christ" aloud a thousand times as proof that you wish to attract Its (not his) attention. Center all your attention inside yourself. That is all. Then wait and wait. You are merely acting out the words: "Come in thou heavenly guest," that is into consciousness, from the hidden recesses of the heart and not from anywhere outside. Don't say: "Come in," lest your lips utter a lie. For myself, I spent the full forty days in the Alps as Moses did on Sinai. Less may not do the full work. It is a tremendous job to break down the door we have erected all our lives to bar truth out. The object in view is simply to rid the mind of delusions and get divine illumination, to be led into all truth which means all good things. Take this literally. I mean exactly what I say, without metaphor or exaggeration in any respect. Do as directed and your tongue will never be able to tell the glories that will be revealed within your soul. Then outward affairs will go magnificently.

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### Three Stories of Occult Phenomena.

A neat little volume has just been published by C. W. Close of Bangor, Me., price 50 cents. Among other things there are stories of which the following are brief abstracts:

AN ASTRAL COMBAT.—Fred Arden being in Boston on business had a room at the American house. Having spent an evening reading Zanoni, that charming occult novel by Bulwer-Lytton, he retired at nine o'clock

and fell asleep. He came to consciousness, heard a faint cry for help, started up and looking around was not in his hotel room but in a grove beside a small stream. Through the trees he could see a mansion. Again he heard the cry for help, saw a young lady struggling with a tramp who was wrenching a bracelet from her. He sprang towards the tramp, passing many rods at a single bound, caused the release of the lady, and fought the tramp till he heard someone coming to his aid, but the tramp fled. Arden fell exhausted and lost consciousness. Awakened by the morning sun, he found himself in the hotel bed and dismissed the incident as an extraordinarily vivid dream. Months passed. Visiting at Bar Harbor, he was introduced to a Miss French but her face seemed familiar. She said "We have met before but you did not stop for me to thank you for your timely assistance. My father searched everywhere for you. The tramp said you were a ghost for he punched his fist clear through you. She explained that she was on her way home from a call after nine o'clock and met the tramp, called for help and was delivered by the stranger whom she now identifies. They then visited the spot together and recalled all the details of the incident. Each, at first slow to believe the others story, at length gave credence thereto, for they believe that the soul with its astral body may leave the physical and traverse space at pleasure.

**THE LOST SAILOR.**—Eben Rowland went to sea in the *Ocean Queen* which was lost on the African coast. He alone survived on an island for three years. He could send no word home. One day, Helen with whom he was in love, and who steadfastly refused to believe him dead, spent a day in solitude in the old play-room where they had loved and talked together of old. While sitting on an old trunk thinking of him the surroundings seemed to change. She saw Eben, who said: "I

can stop but a moment. Tell the folks I will be home at ten o'clock tomorrow night." He was gone and she was still sitting on the trunk. The next night there was a family reunion and talk turned to the missing son. Helen told them she had seen him and his message. Though she had the reputation of possessing occult powers they ridiculed till sleigh bells were heard, the door opened and in walked the long lost on time. The scene of this event was not far from Bangor.

PROOF OF REINCARNATION.—A Dr. Percy once of Maine, living in Washington, D. C., having declared reincarnation true was challenged by Col. Fred Gaylor of Bangor, Me., to remember something of a former incarnation. When we cannot remember a thing that occurred the first year or two of this life, is it strange that we fail to go still further back? Still, he offered to show his callers some events of his previous incarnation. He darkened the room and bade his visitors be perfectly silent. Seated between them, holding a hand of each in his, with closed eyes all was still for five minutes. Then he began to speak in another tongue to someone by his side whom he called Malaka. He stated that he would withdraw from the physical body and re-enact part of one of his former lives. His body became rigid, seemingly dead. A mist, then a light filled the room. They beheld a field containing two hostile armies arrayed as in the middle ages, archers, spearmen, knights in armor. They heard the clash of arms, groans of dying, cries of leaders and saw a duel between armored mounted knights. One fell. The victor they recognized as the Doctor who now spoke and said: "You have seen me as I lived and fought in England." Then Malaka said: "We will now show you an event of his present life." The wall opened and revealed a hovel containing a drunken father abusing his family. The Doctor arrived, succoured the family and



cured the drink habit by psychic contact. The visitors afterward verified this incident as having actually occurred in Maine years before, the name Matthew Grayson being given as that of the man still alive and highly respected. We doubt not that Dr. Close will furnish proof of the truth of these stories if sceptics ask it. For ourselves, we need none. The volume contains five beautiful poems presumably by Dr. Close.

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#### Astral Separation.

When one wishes to "go out in the astral," or to leave the physical, there must be a hushing of every bodily function. The nerves must repose, the breath gradually cease, the heart slow down. As a preparation, my Buddhist teacher told me to close my eyes, ears, senses, and say "peace," sending a thought of peace to each individual of my acquaintance especially to each enemy. This is exquisite. I create a vibratory wave of very fine quality by saying "peace." I project it to a person in sympathy with me and he absorbs it. I project it to one not in sympathy and he is proof against it so that like a ball against the wall it rebounds upon me and harmonizes my astral and physical bodies. All love projected upon our enemies rebounds upon us and this is the occult reason for loving our enemies. So sending "peace" to sympathetic friends is really parting with something for they receive it while enemies do not. According to the law of reciprocity, they will, also send something to us sooner or later.

Occultly and really the good we receive of all sorts, is the mere reflex or rebound of our own acts. When people perform acts of kindness or generosity, our egos foolishly imagine themselves benefitted thereby but such is not the case. The benefit rebounds upon the doers. When we have learned this law we shall cease to be pleased by the kindness and favors which appear

as if lavished upon us and shall be pleased only with the acts of our own origination. Does not a friend who presents us a hundred dollar note do us a great good? No, a great wrong: for he has actually put us under bondage to him and before long he will ask us to do some morally wrong act. A refusal stigmatizes us as ungrateful and base. Wise men spurn free gifts, fools accept them.

A stranger who chanced to hear of us writes asking that we will help pull him out of poverty, sickness, misery. He does not even enclose an addressed envelope for reply, nor a stamp. He is evidently corroded with selfishness, forgetfulness of all good conduct, and truly a lost soul, none more so in time or in eternity. If my ego resents any of these facts, it does ill. The Not-I resents nothing but in fullness of love does for him as he wishes. The not-self never sees such things unkindly. If the I, or ego, reflects and recalls facts it discovers truth in helping needy people, the more the better because the reflex is greater. Hence, the more thankless people we can find to truly help, the faster all good things rebound upon us. Often an ego cannot see this; the not-I can and when the fruit ripens all is clear. Such practices unbind the physical and astral bodies and make "going out" very easy indeed.

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#### Use Words Carefully.

As "I," "self," and "ego," are words applied by the average human being to denote personality, and as he is conscious of personality alone existing within him, even though in fact this all be delusion due to his human or fallen condition, it seems very real to him and the words should be limited to this condition which he is in.

If this condition which is pronounced delusion is gotten rid of and a new condition be discovered which

in essence is impersonal, then use of the pronoun I should be dispensed with and if in this condition no thought of self is allowed to enter then the word self should be disused.

If this new condition proves to be divine, a manifestation of deity, a consciousness of God, as claimed, then God or deity should never even in metaphor be represented as saying "I," should not hint at self, or ego, or any other attribute of personal limitation. Even the word "God" which custom has long made to stand for personality should be done away with and some other word used to represent the idea, as perhaps the absolute, the all, the one.

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#### Truth and Purity.

JOHN SHAW.

**TRUTH.**—To be truthful we cannot have secrets, for to have a secret is to keep hidden through words or acts something that we dislike others to know, thereby intentionally permitting a false impression. If you wish to become truthful, you must first tell your secrets to those whom you would most dislike should know them for to be truthful is to strive to have others see us as we are. We are then a part of Truth.

**PURITY.**—To be pure we must keep separate from foods and clothing that contain animal substance. For as long as we eat foods that contain animal substance or use animal substance for clothing, our purity in kind will be the same as that of animals. It cannot be real purity. To be PURE we must BE pure in substance. We are then a part of Purity. All foods contain animal substance except those shielded from the sun by earth. By eating none other than those pure foods the senses become clearer and you can learn that inhabitants in the atmosphere are controlling people of this earth through telepathy. Turnips, beets, and carrots are the best.

### Purification Only Through Suffering.

Read the story of Jesus, that betrayal by dearest friend, the being lied about, the false accusations, the mock trial, the farce of justice, the delivery to prison, the being spit upon, the fainting under the cross, the nailing to its beams, the piercing with the spear, the shed blood, the water and blood, the companionship of thieves, the death, the burial in solid rock, the stone and seal, the soldier guard, the sum total of degradation and seeming ruin in all the aspects of ones life. Read the same series of humiliations inflicted upon Job. These divine and immaculate poems describe what each one of us must go through in our daily life and relations with our fellowmen when we dare attempt to cut karma short and end all in righteousness, in resurrection, in infinite knowledge and power. Go on sowing and reaping karma so long as you like. Your present status may continue through a million incarnations if you please and no more hell or heaven than you now enjoy ever be reached. There is no death. There is no birth. The soul is now dead to the bliss of its father's house which it left a thousand incarnations ago. Its return will be the only birth the soul will ever experience. That birth will cut short all the endless chain of karma. No soul ever was saved unless by an experience like the Job, Jonah, or Jesus experience.

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### Questions and Answers.

*Subscribers are invited to send in questions.*

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25 *Do You Practice Healing and What are Your Terms?* No Sir! I hypnotize no one. You cannot be healed by mentalists without being hypnotized by him or her. All healers, including "Scientists" use consciously or unconsciously hypnotic suggestion. They pocket money for so doing and not one in a thousand of them will hypnotize you except for pay. They are in it for the money they can make out of you. I could do the same and like Shelton boast of \$20,000 a year income made out of the poorest, sickest, sadest, people on earth:

terms one dollar per second for a good thought sent by "absent treatment." Telepathy will do it. One hour "in the silence" will hypnotize sixty silly people and yield sixty silly dollars—much of it the very bread out of people's mouths! If the sixty patients have made themselves negative, receptive, towards the "Scientist," they will be helped unquestionably. In every case they have sent to their neighbors for chips to warm themselves with in utter forgetfulness of the enormous woodpile at their own doors. The chips will burn and make heat. That's sure. Meantime they spend the bread out of children's mouths to buy chips and let the woodpile rot. In plain language, a greater and better healer is within you than ever hung out a sign. Not a "Scientist" dare deny this fact. But to tell it to you dont pull the dollars fast enough to suit the greed of those who boast \$20,000 a year income made out of the poor, the sick, maimed, the blind, the suffering wretches who need nothing but awakening to the hidden power within. We awaken but we do not bleed the most unfortunate souls on earth of their bottom dollars. Truth heals and truth makes rich. Humbug leads to disaster and poverty.

26. *What Has Been the Main Cause of my Years of Ill Health?* Delusion and sin. Nothing else. Stop; turn around, get rid of delusion and sin. Your ill health will go at once.

27. *I am Eager for Occult Knowledge but Doubt my Ability to Acquire it.* As well doubt your existence. It will flood in like light when you open the shutters. You hold the shutters fast closed. That is all the trouble there is. Just open the blinds. It is all for you. "Good is no respecter of persons."

28. *I Have Paid out Enough to be Well and am far from it. Why?* Because all the money on earth cannot buy health. You are a fool to pay one cent to anybody for health.

29. *I am so Slow at Learning the new Thought. Why?* Because you are "dead in trespasses and sins." Your life is carnal. Your mind filled with rubbish. You read, think, and talk nonsense believing it all right. You are in delusion up to your ears.

30. *Am I Two or One; What am I; What may I Be?* Yes, you are two, not one yet. You may become one. When the I has been annihilated, the Not-I will be the one you are to become.

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### Correspondence.

I accepted the principle that God corrects our wrong doing and thinking in answer to prayer and that this answer comes in the form of suffering, which suffering would not have been experienced in the given circumstances but for the prayer. In the past thirty hours I have so prayed without anticipating any definite outcome but last evening I had news brought to me which gave me great pain of heart. Immediately thereafter came illumination as to my own wrong do-

ings and a full consciousness that I had forsaken them. But your rejection of suffering for another's sins I cannot understand. There is mystery there.—L. K. W.

It is a great thing for one bred in the church orthodoxy to come to the above understanding of how Christos redeems through suffering in the actual experiences of the sinner. But when one goes through it and sees it, step by step his old theology and man-made creeds have to give way. But now it will answer to admit that there is a vicariousness there though not of the orthodox sort. The error of orthodoxy is first in personifying the impersonal Christ, second in locating that imaginary person in Judea nearly nineteen hundred years ago; then in supposing that one person can redeem another person. It cannot be done through suffering or otherwise and your common sense tells you so. And yet we will seek to open the mystery of vicarious redemption.

Our correspondent W. sinned, that is he got his Ego preverted and to thinking and acting out of harmony with laws of happiness. His sins did not offend or anger any God though metaphorically we might speak that way of one who inbreathes disease bacilli as committing sin for which an angry God inflicts diphtheria.

The sinning W. lost consciousness of the laws which he had violated and lost self-control in those respects. He went on reaping unpleasant results which he did not know the cause of or else had not will power to correct. He called upon an interior, indwelling, but subconscious essence which may be named Christos, or Alkali, or Lord or in any other way. That essence which separated from the Ego when the Ego "sinned," comes back and there is suffering for the instant due to the uniting of human and divine, and it is beneficial as a deterrent to the Ego from again committing the same sin. But who suffered? W. thinks he, himself, suffered. Not so to any extent. The Christos suffered. The righteous, just, divine Christ suffered for the good of the unrighteous ego. All scripture relative to suffering the just for the unjust refers to this very operation which goes on in us all at various times. But do not forget that it is the impersonal, hence infinite, essence dwelling in every mortal body which suffers in this way. Is not this vicarious?

But how could W. be conscious of the suffering which the Christos experienced in his physical body? To comprehend this you must learn of the double consciousness.

In the carnal body called W. dwell (1) the Ego which says "I" and is conscious of the operations of that Ego to some extent, and (2) the divine consciousness. It was the divine consciousness which in the main suffered that Christos redemption alluded to. W. thought he suffered but the Ego is delusion and forever mistaking events and occurrences. That is why W. writes as above. He supposes another Ego has to suffer in the place of this Ego. That is impossible. Never was there a pure and innocent Ego to suffer the just for the unjust.

The Christos is the "another" and it is impersonal. It is not an Ego. It cannot say I. When its indwelling presence becomes permanent all explain it as "an indescribable feeling." Sometimes that feeling may transmute into words. In that case a dialog can go on between the Ego and the Christ. Ask it questions regarding any event of life and listen for its answers. Such were the voices of Joan of Arc, and such are all clairaudient voices. Its seeming use of "I" is only to let down truth into our personality but it is infinitely above and beyond personality.

**Disappointed.**—A year ago I broke my hand. The doctor did not discover it was broken, so it was crippled for life. In April, I went to Kansas City to the Unity Society and had my arm and hand treated by a Divine Healer. As I was seeking for divine help and wisdom I did all I could to get the understanding. But I was not healed neither did I receive a response in any way.—A. D.

Here is the case of a poor woman spending her money on people claiming divine powers when they do not possess them. It is awful; it is dreadful; for simple-minded, confiding people to be so deprived of their money, I will not say by conscious frauds, but by people who become conscious that no good is done the victim. There are thousands of similar cases but it is all kept quiet and the fault attributed to the patient. The fact is that the pretended healer has not acquired the power to utterly negative his self and let the Not-Self work through the physical organism. He tries to hypnotize the patient and fails even in that in most cases. He might content himself with teaching his patient the way, the truth, and the life, but alas he knows but little of that. Hypnotism consists in one self controlling another self, or the domination of one ego over another ego. It never should be done without certain careful precautions.

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### Psychic Phenomena.

**Obsession.**—My sister and her husband are both obsessed though she declares there is no such thing as spirit return. Her husband is an undeveloped medium. She wanted to kill him, declared him crazy, applied for a divorce and withdrew it. He allowed himself to be possessed by a spirit that thirsts for drink and he is going down all the time. D.

These people had been fooling with so-called spiritualism. There is the greatest danger of becoming obsessed in these circumstances but the general public is so ignorant on this matter that it refuses to believe and has to learn by very sad experience. It is true that half the obsessed people do not know the fact. They simply know that their lives are terrible failures and that the things they would do they do not. The cure of obsession is most difficult. Many healers who claim to cure disease dare not attack obsession. We should very much like to have the name and address of every person who has ac-

completed actual relief from obsession. Also the history of cases of obsession with proofs.

**Obsession.**—In Shiloh, Me., is a sect that holds to demonology, known as "Sandford Workers," founded by F. W. Sandford. They take the Bible literally and obey strictly its teachings. The devil being disease personified, they seek to exorcise and cast it out by prayer and beating the sick person with a Bible. A branch in Manchester, N. H., is run by Chas. W. Hutchins who being convinced, two years ago, gave up his trade of printer and began practice in his small house. By voluntary offerings of those cured, his income became so large he now lives in a fine stone mansion on Concord street. It is reported that they pray with their faces touching the floor and sometimes remain at it so long as to fall asleep from exhaustion. They cause the patient to fast for the devil in disgust over his poor fare may be induced to seek other regions. In response to some of the words the patient utters they say; "That is the demon talking now .Go forth, thou sinful demon," and they emphasize the command with tapping the person on the shoulders. Sandford eight years ago at Old Orchard heard voices and found that by the name Christ demons had been cast out of him without effort on his part. Last August, he raised \$20,000 in one day to pay for buildings. He intends to build an immense temple in Boston.

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#### Notices of New Publications.

**Christos.**—By Dr. J. D. Buck. Hematic Pub. Co., Chicago, 60 cents. This essay was published ten years ago and allowance must be made for later discoveries. Still we consider that Dr. Buck came very near locating the true character and essence of that infinite power called by the early peoples Christ or Christos. He says: A crucified man is a risen Christ. Whatever Christ was 2000 years ago, it is to-day and will be throughout the ages. He deserves credit for distinguishing the man Jesus from the essence Christ. To worship "dear Jesus" is as bad as to worship Buddah which is not saying that either is more than a misunderstanding. Quoting, there is no other name given under heaven whereby we can be saved, Dr. Buck says; "Any other name which conveys the same idea will do, for the names are many." Probably he has since learned of the magic which attaches to a few words or names, and that it is not true that one name is as good as another, in the realm of occult phenomena. The Hebrews who held the name Yaveh in such reverence that they would not permit it to be uttered except under limitations were far from superstitious and knew that a proper sounding of that word could not be equalled by any other. Dr. Buck can find by experiment that uttering the word Christos will elevate his thought as saying Jim Smith cannot possibly do. All please try it and report. The word ya-ho-va properly sounded has creative power.



**Beyond.**—By Henry Seward Hubbard. 179 pp. 16 mo. At a time when much less was known than now about the astral body, this author was thrown into circumstances which resulted in experiments in the astral realm, or, as he puts it, in passing beyond death, viewing the unseen world and safely returning to what we stupid people call life. He found out as have many others that we are now dead and that to go beyond the grave is to enter life. The author all through his book keeps apologizing for telling what he expects his readers to count as lies or delusion, and does not tell half he knows on that account. Nor does he boldly say that he experienced thus and so in the Beyond. He argues all the way to prepare his readers to believe something of the Beyond. If you read between the lines and remember those awful limitations upon his pen you will be able to know considerable of what he saw and experienced. Plenty of other people have been there also and their accounts all agreed very well. The time is now ripe, however, for him to come forward with a full, plain, narrative such as he would give had he been in the unexplored part of Africa. There are plenty who will listen and others who will confirm. Let those regard it as fiction who chose to do so. It is simply their misfortune and proof of their attachment to material things. If he does not write again, a brief abstract of what he saw would interest our readers and we shall be pleased to accord him the space. *Beyond* was published by the Arena Pub. Co., Boston, Mass., in 1896.

**Psycho-apeutics.** Published by the Aetna Pub. Co., Minneapolis, Minn., 61 pp., price 35 cents. This is called a manual of instruction in mental force and has chapters entitled Suggestion, Concentration, Hypnotism, Will power, Sensitiveness and Magnetism. It contains as much matter as many of the larger and costly books. We are sorry that the type is so old or worn which has led to considerable typographical errors. The value of the facts given, however, much over-balances the slight defects.

*The Metaphysic of Christianity and Buddhism.* By Maj. Gen. D. M. Strong. London, Watts & Co. 125 pp. This soldier who lived years in India turns out a philosopher. He has proven the absolute unity of earliest Christian concepts with those of the Lord Buddha. It has been a matter of deepest enjoyment to us to follow through his presentation of both systems in so harmonious a manner. We have in places noted still further elucidations and have crossed out a few paragraphs but have no heart to criticise him in the least. If we only could induce our countrymen, whose notions of Christ are so distorted that they see no similarity to Buddha, to study truth, and not traditional creeds, it would be a joy. Here in small compass are all the means if one will make honest research. Sadly, our acquaintances who profess Christianity will not make honest research. They do not want anything which will unsettle the ideas taught them by

their fathers, priests, or teachers. But we challenge all who are not willing to be branded as moral cowards, to honestly put aside prejudice and carefully go over the subject. There can be but one result, absolute proof of the unity of these two religious systems when freed from the abuses and traditions thrown around them by priestcraft and sectarianism. But Buddhism is 500 years older than Christianity. Yes. What of it?

**The Secret Doctrine of the Ancient Mysteries.** By Dr. J. D. Buck, Cincinnati, Ohio. This is not new, having been published in 1886, but the author is sending out a few copies he has left and we take pleasure in commending its content. Dr. Buck is now President of the Blavatsky-Judge Theosophical Society. Being a 33d degree Mason, a truthful comment of his must be of great interest to us all; "The Masons no longer possess the key to their own symbols, and cherish only a corpse from which the spirit long ago departed." He gives churchianity its due also: "The fact that all Christian sects claim the bible as their authority shows the sorry pass to which those blind leaders of the blind have come" for if they knew the mysteries they would not lean upon any book or other authority. Who is authority for the multiplication table?

*Dharma, or the Religion of Enlightenment.* Paul Carus, Open Court Pub'g Co., 48 pp. 15 cents. If you wish to see truth in simplicity, study this exposition of Buddhism. You will be ashamed to call yourself Presbyterian, or Methodist or Baptist, and wish that you might be a true and sincere Buddhist. From childhood, the delusive religion of empty creeds has dinned in our ears all sorts of slanders and misrepresentations of Buddhism. Give fifteen cents to learn the truth. The study of these truths and their practice will help cure all your ills. Personally we feel the deepest gratitude to Buddhism and to its divine teacher, Anagarika Dharmapala, for his instructions which have led us towards enlightenment and truth as no sectarian dispenser of false creeds ever could do. He has taught us what John and Paul would have taught us had we lived 1800 years ago. Truth derived from Buddhism enables us to understand the Prophets and the Gospels aright. John the Baptist was taught truth through Buddhism.

*Ideal Suggestion Through Mental Photography.* Henry Wood, Lee and Shepard, Boston. 163 pp. 50 cents. This writer recognizes that improvement whether moral or physical should not be sought to be impressed by one individual upon another but that it must arise by interior discipline. Hence he points out the method of self-culture by use of the silence. Two pages of directions (pp. 108-9) for working in the silence are worth more than whole books on medicine or creed. Those who wish to enter the silence should get and use these directions. The twenty-five meditations proposed may help some people. If so, well. The "suggestions" must be helpful, if used. One

of them impressed itself on my attention when first glancing over the book and meanwhile it has wrought changes in my life of much value. We cannot too much urge upon all these self-helps, for the bane of the new thought today is reliance upon others to do for us what the almighty power within will do if we learn to recognize and utilize it. The fact that all is good, that so-called evil is only a subjective aspects is explained. "Truth is a disclosing of God's features within the human consciousness" and so we gaze within our inmost till truth manifests in consciousness, in health, in success, in all external conditions. As is the within, so the without. We thank Lee and Shepard for putting this \$1.25 book into paper covers at 50 cents for the good of those unable to pay more.

*Parenthood.* By Alice B. Stockham, M. D., 56 Fifth ave., Chicago, Ill., paper 25 cents. The object of these 27 pages is to advocate purposed instead of chance parenthood. Some of the advantages thereof are well set forth but many others might be adduced. The present plan of begetting children in physical lust in utter forgetfulness of all moral, psychic and spiritual laws should be denounced in the most effective language. This book can but be helpful and ennobling to whoever will read it and every married person should do so. We recently made acquaintance of a 15-year-old boy who appeared obsessed, had the most violent of temper and very little moral sense. Upon inquiry we learned that he was the child of unbridled lust. What right have you to father such a child and what years of sorrow may he bring down upon your whole life? You nervous, effeminate women, what right have you to reproduce your kind and to inflict misery or an early grave upon your offspring?

*The Mystic Thesaurus.* Edited and published by Willis F. Whitehead, 743 Madison st., Chicago. 8vo, 96 pp, \$1.00. This pamphlet contains an epitome of deep occult things relative to many topics which he has gathered together from widely scattered sources and will furnish materials for occult study for a long time. It is not a primer and only those of some intellectual culture will comprehend its statements. For ourselves we shall prize and use it continually. Its contents relate to the zodiac, symbolism, the Agrippian Cross, planetary life periods, the 12 polar periods, archetypal man, telepathy, inspiration, magic mirrors, magic in numbers, the omnific word, Franklin's astral rule, magic squares, initiation, the great pyramid, alphabets, cabalas, mystic lights, key words, astral number of incarnation. Instructions are given to mystics for making a magic mirror. This is really a text-book for study of higher mysteries in which intuition must help. To those unconscious of intuitional power it will appear visionary and useless. We ought to caution our readers again to "live the life" of purity so often described as preparation to read and experiment upon such things as are found in this most interesting and valuable handbook.

**Miscellaneous Notes.**

**Britain Humbled.**—Not since the Yorktown surrender has Great Britain been so humbled as by the Boers capturing 1,000 men near Ladysmith. They say that during a night-march, two boulders rolled from a hill and a few rifle shots stampeded the ammunition mules. Then the battery mules were stampeded and broke loose from their leaders, carrying away the whole gun equipment and the small arm ammunition. Then the Boers surrounded and slaughtered the British whose ammunition soon gave out and they had to surrender. Nearly 50 officers are thus in captivity. This war is one of British overbearance, greed, and of seeking to bully a small African republic. They richly deserve this humiliation for seeking to meddle in what is none of their business. But occultly, who stampeded the mules and thus gave the victory to the Boers? It is true that mules are clairvoyant enough to see and be frightened by astral forms. Let it not be forgotten that the higher intelligences take a hand in human events and for right and truth. With the aid of these powers, one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. The almost unheard of republic in the right will conquer the mightiest empire of earth solely because the latter is in the wrong. Our cousins, we love you but we love to see you licked when you attempt to bully small boys!

**White Lies.**—A lie is an intentional deception. The form of words matters little. A white lie is one told for the good of the listener. Every father and every mother is a conscious liar. Without exception they pretend that in order to celebrate the Christos birth day on December 25, an old grey-headed man Santa Claus by name, comes to each house to leave presents for the children. They know that they lie persistently and defend it as for the children's good. Clergy and all Sunday school teachers join in. If I tell a little child that there is no Santa Claus he thinks I am the liar. In very many cases lies are told to children regarding where the babies come from. This is almost universal. A great majority of women through the lips of servants tell callers that they are not in, meaning not at home when the fact is that they do not wish to see that particular caller at that particular time. Every doctor who is "skillful" intentionally deceives his patient and his patient's friends regarding the status of his patient. Every clergyman is engaged in a scheme to make people believe the bible stories to be history when they are not history and they are in these circumstances as much justified in so doing as the aforesaid parents and the doctors. The fact is that the bible stories would not be accepted as divine by wicked people if it were generally known that they are merely divine fables or dramatic teachers of abstract truths. Nevertheless, the latter is the ultimate fact. Be men and you shall know it to be so.

**Enemy To Liberty.**—The Rev. Edward Everett Hale of Boston, the most prominent Unitarian of the country said in the Na-

tional Conference of churches on Oct. 19, 1899: "Churches care more for organization than they do for the cause of Jesus Christ. I don't say there is NO freedom in the Presbyterian church, for instance, but I do say that its present government is so tyrannical that it breeds aristocracy and autocracy. I once asked an eminent clergyman whether a Harvard College graduate with medical education, seeking to locate in Wilksbarre, Pa., would not starve inside two years if he neglected to take a sitting in the Presbyterian church. He replied that the young man would starve of a certainty. I say that the Presbyterian church is the greatest enemy to human liberty, religious and social, in America."

**Churchianity.**—Protestantism is riven by sects. The Church of England became the mother of 130 sects nearly all of which have been reproduced in the U. S. All are at variance one with another. Inside the Episcopal denomination a hot fight of factions goes on. The Bishops have no recognized authority for regulating matters which distinctly belong to an Episcopate; in truth, we have no Episcopate any more than a standard of doctrine. Rationalism is strongly entrenched and very bold; has well-nigh destroyed the value of the bible as a text-book in Sunday-schools and Pulpits. The men who impeach it hold places of high influence and power. Sceptice are now being welcomed into the church which promises in time to become a veritable cave of Aduliam.—Rev. Dr. B. F. DeCosta, Episcopalian.

**Churchianity.**—"We know that the young men are not in the churches and the laboring classes are entirely alienated."—Episcopal Bishop of Western Texas.

The "higher criticism" is a system of interpretation which undermines creeds, orders and sacraments, leaving the most sacred interests of believers of every name without the support of the unerring Word, upon which hitherto they have been grounded.—Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Costa of New York city.

**Astrology.**—Sir Walter Scott in "Guy Mannerling" says: Do not Christians and Heathens, Jews and Gentiles, Poets and Philosophers, unite in allowing the starry influences? Astrology is a general and a well-grounded belief." Kepler wrote: "A most unfailling experience of the excitement of sublunary natures by the conjunctions and aspects of the planets has instructed and compelled my unwilling belief." The mathematician, J. G. Dalton says "Although it is much against any inclination, I am forced to believe in the truths of Astrology, through long periods of study of various nativities, and especially from truths that have been brought to light in my own nativity. I find that predictions based upon the secondary directions of the moon, if they are accurately calculated, are fulfilled to the very day."

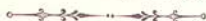
**A Dead Religion.**—The Rev. John F. Carson of Brooklyn recently told his presbytery that in his "city of churches" statistics show that there are 600,000 people absolutely outside the pale of either catholicism or of protestantism; that while the borough of Brooklyn, in 1898, increased in population 80,000, the church membership increased 5,365, leaving 74,635 to be added to the 600,000 "unsaved." Still they spend millions of money which they say is to save the lost both at home and abroad. It costs \$350 per convert abroad and \$500 per convert at home to "save" the people in that style.

**Washington's Last Words.**—He directed that two wills be brought to him and he tore up one. He gave directions about his debts and papers and said: "I find I am going now; it is the debt which we must all pay." "Doctor, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go. You better not take any more trouble about me but let me go off quietly." At length he directed that the body be kept out of the vault three days. When told that all would be done as he directed his last words came: "T'is well." Notice the accuracy of his language, the real Washington in the astral body was going, going off quietly away from the physical.

**Reincarnation.**—Conut Lyof N. Tolstoi in "Childhood, Boyhood, and Youth" says: "After life the soul passes into eternity. But what kind of eternity is that which is on one side only? For we have certainly existed before this life, although we have lost the memory of it."

**Psychic Suicide.**—Mrs. Carrie Williamson buried her husband from 806 Marcy ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., a year ago, he having committed suicide with a razor October 24, 1898, and she thereupon fell into despondency. She went to live with a relative, G. F. Mitchell, at 298 Gates ave., Brooklyn but constantly declared, in spite of being only 32 years old and in usual health, that she would not outlive her husband but one year. She went twice a week to his grave in Cypress Hills Cemetery, surrounded herself with his books, his letters, and whatever would keep her mind upon him. In September last she began to give directions concerning her own demis although she had no physical disease. All her articles were packed and labeled with name of person to whom to be given. In spite of all efforts of friends to divert her mind she steadily pursued her purposes and on October 20 contracted pneumonia by exposure. October 24 she died, exactly a year from her husband's suicide as she had declared. This case illustrates what we know to be the law of desire, viz. that any event may be brought to pass by firm unwavering desire through mental concentration. Knowledge of psychic phenomena renders this case perfectly intelligible and leaves nothing strange in it. To suicide by psychic law is not so coarse and vulgar as to use a razor but is equally as sure to come if the means are used.

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