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HOW THE ABSOLUTE IS REVEALED IN THE SO-CALLED WRONG DOING.

Few people grasp, as true, the statement that every act attributed to men is not by men but by the Infinite Wisdom. It is only necessary, however, to persist in looking at each act until God is revealed therein. This can always be done by patience and an inquiring mind. Here are illustrations that will make this clear and enable others to do likewise.

THE ACT.—Entering a public audience, I noticed a vacant seat beside a woman, and moved towards it with the idea of occupying it. The woman looked up, saw me approaching, and deliberately moved into the vacant seat with the apparent purpose of keeping me from sitting there and perhaps crowding her.

THE HUMAN OF IT.—No one living in mortal mind and seeing the act could help feeling that she was a selfish creature, utterly indisposed to accommodate; just as we so often see women spread their clothing in street cars with the view to having plenty of room. This is done, too, by the very women who entering crowded cars look at all the seated men with the expectation that one will give her his seat. Of course, indignation

may arise in mortal mind and sometimes show itself at such a rude act as I have described. Many people will try to force such people into decent behavior. Some will watch the opportunity to reprove these seemingly selfish people, who are nearly always women, please observe.

THE DIVINE OF IT.—I had no mortal mind at that moment and quite ignored the seeming impoliteness. I said to myself: "God has moved that woman for my benefit and I will know why." So I remained close by for five minutes and watched for the reason to appear. The exercises upon the stage went on. Soon a ten-year-old boy, sitting to the left of the seat in question, began to whisper to his mother at his left. His whispers grew into low talk and then a smaller girl on the other side of the mother joined in the whispering. The mother once or twice told the boy to be quiet, but he paid no attention thereto. Several people in the vicinity began to look at the mother and two children, in surprise that none of them knew how to behave in a public audience. The woman, who had moved nearer to the boy so as to prevent my coming in between, began to discover that she had made an uncomfortable job of it. It thus became clearly revealed to me that God moved the selfish woman in order to tell me as plainly as possible that if I had taken that seat I should have regretted it. The case was all the stronger because I could not have got out again without considerable trouble, owing to the difficulty of approach and retreat. I should probably have had to grin and bear the disturbances throughout the rest of the entertainment.

THE OUTCOME.—Being fully satisfied as to why God had told me not to try to sit there, I moved along to another part of the house, easily dropped into a seat near gentlemen and ladies, had plenty of room and enjoyed

the evening very much. All this is the result and always will be the result of seeing Omnipotence everywhere.

INTUITION.—The fact that women are more intuitional than men is well recognized. That woman was intuitional enough to feel and to heed God's prompting to move. A man in the same circumstances would never have done it,—“hardly ever.” His mortal mind would have teemed with self respect and that would have deterred him from such a spectacle. To a woman's ability to hear God's voice telling her to move and so shut me out was due my escape from the disturbances made by the children.

A SINGULAR CASE.—One evening, a group of people, among the number the daughter of a retired Justice of the Supreme Court and myself, came out of a church service and we boarded the Connecticut avenue car. I made myself the last of the group to enter the car. I saw twelve people seated on one side and eleven on the opposite side. A twelfth seat was beside this daughter of Judge S. I moved towards it. She spread herself into the vacancy, a polite hint to me to stand. So I took position by the door and stood. At the very next street, the car stopped. A negress, clad almost filthily, weighing about 250 pounds, and carrying a market basket, boarded the car, she walked right up to Miss S. and forced her great, fat, greasy, ill-smelling carcass into the spot where Miss S--g was unwilling a neatly clad gentleman, just out of the same church she had attended, should sit. It was a terrible dose for Miss S--g to take, but she rode in torture all the way down the avenue ; and I,--well I did not laugh boisterously, but I have smiled within from that day to this, I have told the story on Miss S--g and given her name quite a number of times, and guess I will mail her a copy of this magazine. She helped me to find Truth.

Whenever anyone goes to exhibiting "selfishness" or any other "evil" in my presence, I know there is fun for me and so I WILL PERSIST in watching the situation till God has told me all about what he is doing. And he always tells me a splendid story. These illustrations will show to any reflecting person, how to convert insult, lies, robbery and all other "evils" into the most beautiful events.

TALK.—When you hear uncivil or unbecoming talk, consider God and not an individual as speaking; and furthermore, God may say some very severe things of an individual whose lips are in motion. The individual, in his insanity, imagines himself as speaking. If a listener harbors a similar delusion, he may consider said language as addressed to him. Then he may be offended. Usually, it is God speaking to him whose lips are in motion, and one can have much fun observing such occurrences. Some days ago, as a street preacher finished preaching, I said to him: "May I ask you if you ever feel a sense of sin since you have been saved." He evaded and so I asked him again. He evaded again. When a third time, I pressed for a reply, he appeared offended and his lips spoke these words: "I knew you were a quibbler from the time you first opened your mouth." God thus spake to him the precise truth regarding himself. As for myself, I saw instantly that such a label could not fit me, and had not been spoken to me, though the saved street preacher fooled himself with the idea that he was talking, not God, and was talking to me. Whoever remembers this law can see fun everywhere. God tells him things that are "hidden from the world." Men's lips describe to you their character without their suspecting how. Even strangers reveal hidden secrets in this manner. Do not forget for an instant that God, not the creature, is talking and let intuition be the silent interpreter.

A Well-Authenticated Astral Appearance.

For many years prior to the night of November 7th, 1877, there had resided on a farm in Denton, Texas, a widow, Mrs. Laura Jones, her two nearly-grown sons named Frank and John, and several smaller children. Frank had left home in September to search for some lost cattle, had reported his movements from time to time by letter, at last accounts being 200 miles south of Denton still engaged in the search. On that night, after all were in bed, John heard steps, on the front porch, which approached the door. Then the door knob was turned, the door opened letting in a draft of cold air which John felt so that he raised himself up on his elbow. A fire that had been burning in the wide stone chimney had not yet gone out and, in the quite dim light, John saw the outlines of a man. Reaching for a revolver, he called: "Who's there?" The familiar voice of his brother answered, while Frank came and sat down on the foot of John's bed. They conversed in low tones for some time. Then John told Frank that his bed in another room was ready for him, being just as he had left it six weeks before. The dim outlines and retreating footsteps vanished through the opposite doorway and all was still. John soon fell asleep happy over his brother's return. In the morning he arose, started the kitchen fire for his mother, and went to the barn to care for his brother's horse and the other animals. The horse was not in his accustomed stall, nor in the pasture outside. He returned to the house, when his mother who had heard the voices asked: "What were you talking about last night?" "Why, I was talking with Frank, who came in last night," replied the son. An examination of Frank's room, however, showed no one and no signs of occupancy. He returned to the kitchen and told his mother a part of what Frank had said to him in the night. She, of course,

was very sceptical about the story, but John's earnestness led her to feel that something was wrong. That day they hitched up a team and taking the children, drove to the house of "Uncle Bob Saunders," and, of course, the strange occurrences were related to him. He discredited the whole affair but concluded to accompany John to the telegraph office to see what trace could be got of the missing brother. While crossing the public square of Denton, they were hailed by the Sheriff of Denton County, who showed a telegram that he had just received from S. P. Williams, County Judge, dated McDade, Texas, November 8, 1877, and reading: "Man found dead near here last night. Papers disclosed identity of Frank Jones of your county. Notify his people."

A year later, this Bob Saunders, who was administrator of the estate left by the father of the Jones family, decided to sell a tract of Jones' land in the southern part of the state. John strenuously objected, at first refusing to say why, but finally, being otherwise unable to carry his point, he said that on the night of November 7th, when Frank appeared to him, Frank told him that he had found the lost animals near the town of Stellar, in a pasture owned by Mrs. Mary Williams, a widow who had a large cattle ranch there; that she had told Frank of her desire to purchase the Jones tract of land near by; that he, Frank, knowing the danger from Indians and horse-thieves to stock on that land had decided to sell, had sold it to her as well as the stock which Frank had found there, that she had paid him the entire amount of purchase money, that he had promised her to send the necessary deed and other papers upon his return home and that Frank had urged him (John) to make and forward the papers.

John now acknowledged that he had not sooner reported this part of the nightly interview, because so

much incredulity and even ridicule had met his other statement. But now, rather than see the administrator go and sell the land in question, he had told all.

Accordingly, a letter was sent to Mrs. Williams asking what she knew about Frank Jones' movements. She came to Denton in person (as she had never received any deed) and exhibited to Administrator Saunders a bill of sale for the stock in the handwriting of Frank and also a receipt for the money paid to him. Her story agreed in every respect with the report John had given of the facts as described by his visitor on the night of November 7. John Jones later went before the county court of Denton county and made affidavit, which is a matter of public record, that his brother Frank had detailed to him this trade with the widow Williams and that the Administrator of his father's estate was bound to give her a deed to this property. Had John concealed the facts and let Saunders sell the land, John as one of the heirs would have profited a considerable sum of money thereby. He proved the certainty of his conference had with Frank, at a time when Frank's dead body lay 200 miles away, by a legal oath and caused the issue of the deed in question to the widow Williams. If the disbelievers in astral forms and in astral bodies separable from physical bodies refuse to credit this account, what would they ever credit of other people's experiences? There are hundreds of such well-authenticated statements on record and have been in all ages from the days of Homer until now.

Concentrate on One Idea and Hold it.

A nervous person is so because of constantly changing opinions and beliefs. If he would settle upon one opinion or belief and never vacillate from it, no matter whether it be right or wrong, his condition would rapidly improve. We will not attempt to help people till

they are sick of running here and there to try every device or nostrum invented. When the person in trouble gets ready to follow our advice to the exclusion of all others we begin to enforce concentration on one idea: Healing and uplifting power is right in your own house. There is no god in all the universe for you to concern yourself about, except what exists right inside your own soul. From no other source did ever any good come to you or ever will. So soon as one discovers what a fountain of truth, of health and of joy goes everywhere his body goes and stays wherever this body stays, so soon will his whole mental attitude change. Following this, the whole bodily condition will change also. Meanwhile, he is blind and deaf to the living powers within him. His conceit blinds him. He thinks he knows what is in him, when truly he does not. There is a veil between his soul and his brain. He lives in brain action or mortal mind, which is soul-less.

You have already been in the only hell there is (mortal mind and delusions), and heaven is a condition—not a place. Pessimistic thoughts bring hell. To see all as good is heaven. Make whichever you prefer. Every time one complains of anything, he has planted hell seed, and it can sprout in about thirty minutes. Do it all you like. No one can prevent it. Since there is an interval of thirty minutes between growls and grief, try to fool your mind with the suggestion that one is not the cause of the other. Most people do so.

Distinctly realize all the time, that there is no god beyond the stars, nor in some sky-heaven, nor elsewhere, for you to dream of. Only inside one's every thought can he look for a creator. Where the Creator is, can be no evil, no sin, no wrong; see, therefore, the Creator within your every word, act, thought. It's there whether recognized or not. Refusing to recognize your neighbor, does not blot him out of existence; nor does refus-

ing to see within your soul, the centre of all life, prove it is not there.

I know this and am in bliss. You don't know whether it is true or not and are in misfortune. Is it not better to hold an error which gives bliss than be agnostic with unhappiness? Concentrate all thought and energy along these lines, and when pain and nervousness are gone, you will know that it was a wise risk to take. Do you know that there is not a human being on earth more highly favored than you are? And yet your pessimism tells you of others, and dupes you to believe others are more highly favored. Why believe the lie, the believing of which brings sorrow? Only the deluded suffer. The wise never suffer. If you suffer, you are in delusion. The suffering is for the purpose of calling your attention to your condition, so that you can get out.

But you cannot get out without help? Well, within three feet of you, goes, wherever you go, a guardian angel. About the same practice a babe needs to learn to talk, will enable you to learn to talk with this angel. Every question may receive its appropriate answer, not in words but in solar-plexus feeling. But you would not concentrate on this practice as long and as fully as a babe does on getting language; so, of course, you go on ignoring the presence of this wonderful creature of whom Solomon wrote in his songs.

An Occult Tragedy.

Among the earliest subscribers to this periodical, was a wife and mother of three children, living west of the Mississippi river. She entered at once upon the new life and made very good progress. She failed in all her efforts to interest her husband, and the family was sometimes in straits because of his unwise life. In July last, she wrote me for advice upon a delicate subject,

being placed in a quandary between violating her own ideas of a pure life and gratifying him. For weeks, I was kept from answering. At length, I wrote that she must secure harmony through self sacrifice, but that by so doing, serious changes would be brought about which would relieve her from such self-sacrifice. This letter, I mislaid and it did not get mailed. Still the information was all psychically communicated into her subconsciousness, and she acted accordingly, as I know also psychically.

I am now in receipt of news that the husband, while far from home, was recently crushed under the railroad car wheels and instantly killed. In the dead man's pocket was found a letter which he had just previously written to his wife. In it, he stated that during the previous night he had had serious forebodings of approaching calamity. He said the misfortune was to be upon him or his family and so he exhorted her to unusual care of the family during his absence.

The wife writes, that had she been a mere Christian she does not see how she could sustain the shock of this event, but that the teachings of "Occult Truths" have so prepared her for it, that she is calm and peaceful. Though out of the body, she felt psychically his presence for three or four days and nights after the event. Providence then changed her environments. She went among people who had never loved him, and so of course he was driven off. This is best, for he has to sleep and quiet down the terrible vibrations of his earth life. She should now forget him and bid him rest in peace. Any thought of him disturbs that peace.

The most important feature of the case is the awful and over-powering consequence to the offender, when the innocent one pursues absolute non-resistance and makes harmony at all cost: "But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil. Vengeance is mine: it will I repay,

saith the Lord." There is no evil and no vengeance except in appearance. The meaning is that we should not resist what has an evil appearance and that the consequences will fall not upon us, as it would seem, but upon the one who violates our sense of right or asks us to do what we would not do voluntarily.

Miraculous Powers.

In Matthew X : 1-10, we find the following words: "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. These twelve, Jesus sent forth and commanded them saying, As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses." These apostles prepared for the work and were sent out into the world to teach; they were told that as they had received freely, they were expected to give freely.

They were not told to secure a suitable location, organize a church, and as soon as possible erect a magnificent edifice costing thousands of dollars, and then insist that the members of this church subscribe large amounts of money for the maintenance of the church and the preacher.

The Episcopal church claims apostolic succession, i. e. that their clergy are direct successors to the apostles. Let us see how worthy they are to be so called.

The Apostles were told to state that the kingdom of heaven was at hand; the clergy teach, that, if you walk in the way they prescribe, the kingdom of heaven may possibly be reached after death—but they are not at all certain of this. As to obsession, the majority of the clergy decline to believe such a thing possible, so they can hardly be expected to exorcise an unclean spirit.

Regarding the healing of the sick, let me as a physician assure you that they have no power whatever in this direction, for every clergyman of my acquaintance consults a legally qualified Doctor of Medicine whenever his physical

health is impaired. As they cannot dissipate the minor ills of the physical body, it would be out of the question for them to attack a disease such as leprosy; indeed, I doubt if many of them could be induced to get within hailing distance of a camp of lepers, so great is their fear of the disease. Merely mention "raising of the dead" and the clergy will tell you "that the age of miracles has passed."

"Provide neither gold nor silver," and your minister will either go elsewhere or give up preaching and seek another occupation. The Episcopal church teaches that the twelve Apostles possessed miraculous powers, that they used them freely, and, that the Episcopal clergy are not only followers, but, their legitimate and direct successors; yet they do not possess one vestige of the powers ascribed to the Apostles. However, if anyone will crush the ego, drop personality, learn and obey occult laws, he will not only open the way to acquirement of all these miraculous powers, but, find indeed, that The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.—
WILLIAM C. DOBSON.

Illustration of How the Unseen Laws Work.

I went into a bakery to purchase a loaf of bread. The fresh bread had been sold. As it was quite a distance to another bakery, I exclaimed: "Oh! I wish you had just one loaf." She looked at the shelf and said, here is a stale loaf you can have. I was glad to get it, and offered to pay for it the same price as for the fresh, but she would take nothing. A few days after, as I was going into the same store, a young girl preceeded me, and was waited upon first. She presented a five dollar bill and as the baker counted out the change he made a mistake. As the girl was about to pick up the money, I said: "You have given too much money there." He counted it over again and found that he had given ten cents too much. After the girl had left, he thanked me. I said you need not thank me, it is the Law of Karma and then I told him of his wife giving me the bread and accepting no pay for it. My arriving there just at that moment was no accident. It was Law and Right!

REFLECTO.

To those Who Have Interest in Counterparts.

I have been so fortunate as to find for you a very interesting story, or "romance" as it has to be called, out of concession to public foolishness, of a painter who came into soul-reunion with his counterpart. This book of 131 pages, just published, I can send you and it will increase the interest which our little tract has aroused within you. The author is an intuitive teacher and lecturer whose classes in Washington have been highly appreciated. The book teems with the highest ideas, save that these people submitted to a marriage ceremony which is regarded as both silly and useless. What God hath joined together needs no endorsement by civil authority. But the book comes up such a long way towards my ideals that I know you will be benefited as well as intensely interested in the story. Send \$1.00 for "Anton."

Saved by the Blood of Jesus.

The ritual of the Episcopal church continually refers to Jesus of Nazareth as the "Christ" and "The Only Son of God." Every prayer and supplication is made to "Almighty God," through the mediation of this same Jesus of Nazareth. At the close of nearly every prayer offered by the clergy, we hear the words: "This we ask through the mediation of Thine Only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ." The Catholics go further in homo-worship and address their prayers to Mary, the Mother of God. An important part of their doctrine is that Jesus of Nazareth, being the Almighty personal God, died upon a cross to save sinners, and, that the shedding of his blood made redemption of all mankind possible. In other words, the crucifixion of Jesus redeemed the mortgage placed upon humanity by its sinful actions, and satisfied the anger of an offended God.

Even if we could admit this as fact, the redemption appears to be of little value, for this church teaches that unless their members live up to a certain standard prescribed

by the doctrine of the church, their souls will be eternally lost. The words, "redeemed by the blood of Jesus," are spoken, read and sung at every service, and yet they mean very little of a practical nature. They say Jesus was nailed to a cross to save sinners! This is the "plan of salvation" and they call it divine. This doctrine is a travesty of the mystical truths concealed where theology cannot find them. Ye will not live the life which ye say Jesus taught.

Since the clergy admit Jesus to have been an humble, guileless, faithful teacher of great truths—would it not have been better for humanity, had he lived to continue his work for many years, than to have been crucified at the age of thirty-three, after less than two years work? Further, we know that Jesus of Nazareth was not Christ, and that Christ is the Son of God only in a figurative sense. Jesus of Nazareth was undoubtedly the name used to partially describe an ideal mystic endowed with miraculous powers; while Christ, The Christ or the Christos divine principle can be brought to consciousness in each one of us by preparation and willingness for it to come to us.

It was not necessary that Jesus of Nazareth be the only Son of God, in order to possess miraculous powers, for all others who will "live the life" will find "the way" to these same miraculous powers and become Sons of God as John in his general epistle said: "Now are we the Sons of God."—WILLIAM C. DOBSON.

Questions and Answers.

Subscribers are invited to send in questions.

79.—*How can a man and a woman be as close companions as you say counterparts become, living, working, and acting as one when they have not been married under civil law?* F. P. B.—If you were not ignorant of the infinite perfection pervading all God's works, you would not have to ask that. You seem to have forgotten that civil marriage is licensed licentiousness, with compulsion to stand the consequences. No man who has recovered a spark of his divine birthright wants any such license. A young man of twenty years told me the other day that he never had and never could have any more respect for the woman who had once pandered to his nervous system, be she wife or harlot. Carnality inside or outside of marriage, destroys self respect and respect for the partner. Counterparts have no drawings

to this foolish business and need seek no licenses at law. But how about children? Counterparts will await the time of immaculate conception. When that comes they will consider and we will advise about the legal rights of the offspring.

So.—How is it that the more I try to keep my temper, the more angry I get? A. V. G., Texas. Because, if it is in your soul, it MUST vent itself. "Resist not evil." If you are angry, give it vent so as to be rid of it and do not complain when some one in turn gets angry with you. You can no more keep anger pent up in your soul, than you can keep filth pent up in your body. People always "feel better after they have it out." The trouble lies in people thinking the evil which produces the anger. Never think evil and you will never feel angry. Strike at the root of the tree by seeing all to be good, which it is. If you think your wife being angry is wrong or evil, that will create anger in you which will manifest itself after a few hours. If you see that her anger was good, as the explosion and discharge of her unwise thoughts, you will not sow seeds of anger in your soul. You will laugh over the explosion and be glad it is done with. Tell her how to get angry again if she wants to, but when she knows, she will not do it. Thus knowledge becomes our Saviour.

81.—Please tell more about attaining the silence! W. S.—To get on rapidly you must cut off communication with people who grumble, complain, criticise, see evil, talk of pains, of sins, of poverty, who believe in creeds, in organized churches which need money, in societies, in spiritualism, in Eddyism, in Tingleyism, in drugs, patent medicines, quacks with drugs and quacks without drugs. Keep out of the company of all these and be alone. Sit by the open fire with no one near and get your nerves all stilled. Teach them to always be perfectly quiet. Don't try to think nor try not to think. Be perfectly passive but with the understanding that you are receptive only to the highest. Muse and rest. Say: "Peace, be still," a thousand times. Practice as above at every opportunity. By degrees you will discover going on in you the changes that convert the worm into the butterfly. Your mind will be taken all to pieces. Lots of rubbish will burn up. New and very strange ideas will come in. When you see that they give splendid results in your life, you will cease wondering at their strangeness. Talk about them only to those who have had similar experiences. You are nearing the silence. Have no fear. Nothing can come except as you invite it. Be willing merely to receive the divine. Desire nothing. Do not pray. Restrain every uprising of prayer and say, I ask nothing. I patiently receive or wait as is best. I can do nothing except hold the door open for the best. If I do not invite other than the best, no other can come. Calmly refuse to see any evil or any opposite of evil. Calmly accept the ALL. In the recognition of all as desirable, permit every impulse arising from within your soul to operate. Affirm; it is not I but the All work-

ing within me. If trembling or emotion or discomfort comes, look to see what you have just said or thought or done. Find the element within it which probably caused the trembling or emotion or discomfort. Understood, it will not recur. An unseen power is operating within you. It furnishes all the movement of mind or body needed. Submit wholly to it. You will soon realize that the silence is dawning, that you have the peace which passeth entirely beyond the understanding of the mortal mind, that you have psychic or soul peace and you will see how superior it is to mere peace of mind which you have always understood.

82.—*I have studied Christian, Divine and Mental Science besides varied other lessons, have taught and tried to heal people; and yet I have received no satisfactory results. Why?* L. W., Mo.—This is what ninety-nine hundredths of them would say if equally honest. It is because they go at such subjects with the idea to make money out of it. They utterly ignore what every adept tells them: "Ye must be born again." This being born again is a secret, mystical process which I could perfectly describe, but I must not "for fear of the Jews." That is, the world will to-day persecute, turn against, defame, lock up as insane, and scorn whoever tells the facts. Hereby know that no Christian has the remotest conception of what this being born again involves, for they tell all they know and more too without suffering persecution. The matter is utterly incredible till you get deeply into it, or even till you emerge as the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis.

83.—*Why is it the woman cannot heal as well as the man?* L. W., Mo. She can, for man alone can do nothing divine. The counterparts must either consciously or unconsciously co-operate, after being born again, and both will be reborn at the same time. This change lets them back into the harmony of conscious divinity without which no great thing can be done. The nature of this can be only hinted at here, as it only is in the Scriptures. It is only those reborn of whom we read: "What God has joined together let no man think he can put asunder." God never joined any two people in marriage on the physical plane. Men, hunting ten dollar bills, do that and the courts are putting them asunder by hundreds of thousands.

"Some heart, although unknown,
Responds unto your own."

Correspondence.

Suffering Due to Ignorance.—My poor husband served his country over four years, cannot walk and is nearly helpless. He had a pension but it has been cut down. When he heard of it, he broke down and cried for nearly an hour as I never saw a man cry before. He said: "My heart is broken, I shall never get over this, this side

the grave." E. N., Nebr. [Here was a case of the pulling of a tooth which hurt ten times as much as it would, had he been educated to understand the laws of Karma and of the all-good. When he learns the lesson of resignation, his pension will probably be restored again. He had humbugged himself into trusting in his government and in money. That illusion had to go. Do not get illusions deeply imbedded. They will come out only with intense pain.—EDITOR.]

Advancing.—I once thought every second person I met was my sworn enemy, but I have outgrown that and now feel that everybody wishes me well. I love everybody and what I once called sins, I now see as only mistakes due to ignorance. E. N., Nebr.

Safe in the Storm.—One of our subscribers who was in Galveston, Texas, during the great cyclone of September 8th writes: "We were not aware of its severity until it was over. I was in touch with the absolute and clung to it with all my mind and felt safe. My faith was really tried some of the time and we prepared for the worst. The children and others were calm because they saw me calm. I strongly realized the power and strength of spirit within. Our business was wrecked, we had no money, but the Lord provided." A. P.

All is Good.—For years I have been saying this but I never realized it till now, from reading "Occult Truths." You make it perfectly clear by applying it so many different ways which brings the fact home to the heart. E. G. A., Cal. [This is the trouble with nine-tenths of those who like parrots have learned to say that all is good. Their words and lives show that they do not believe it. Many of the quack mind-healers are among this class and talk of greater good and of lesser good. Some talk of positive good and negative good. This is all rubbish. Get the realization that all is absolute perfection, that nothing could be any better than it is.—EDITOR.]

Fine.—The numbers of O. T., are all nice but the November one is something fine. I would not miss one. I take two spiritualistic papers but they go back into the shade with me now. C. J. B., N. Y.

Astral Fingers.—One evening I was sitting alone. A rushing came upon me. My face burned. Two hands or finger tips were felt on each side of my head, moved all around the ears, over the head, down each side of the neck and then down the spine. I was entirely relieved of the pain I was suffering. I became stronger and better. It was heavenly. C. J. B., New York.

The Winds and Sea Obey.—On Nov. 21, I was awakened at 2 a. m., by rattling doors and windows. The wind blew a gale, almost a hurricane. The bed rocked and the windows threatened to give way. It did look as if the house might be blown from its foundations. It is in the center of the town, upon a hill and at the corner of two streets. This exposure gave the wind storm a clear sweep

around it. I tried concentrating upon calming the winds. Within two minutes the house ceased to rock and the wind was abated right there but I could still hear it howling, fairly raging a short distance away. The impression I got was that quiet reigned for a space of 30 or 40 feet around my house, while in the town the gale lasted for two hours longer. What do you think of this? W. C. D., Ohio. [I have seen it rain heavily 100 feet away from where I was but not rain on me at a time when I concentrated against it.—EDITOR.]

Wisdom Pledge.—As a result of keeping this pledge, I have experienced improved health, more clearness of conception and better general conditions. I have discovered within me the special breathing which comes to the followers of the secret instructions. J. H. F., Kansas.

A Voice.—One day when much troubled, I laid down and thought: "Oh dear, it was so nice to think that all my sins were washed away by the death of Jesus on the cross, and there was a father in heaven looking down on all my troubles with sympathy. This is a hard way trying to get all from within and being responsible for all that I say and do." And then I heard a voice as plainly as could be say: "The flesh pots of Egypt." I saw that I had been lazy and wanted some one to do for me what I only could do for myself, so I took new courage and went to work in earnest. M. L. A., N. Y.

A Vision.—I saw, in broad day light, with my eyes wide open, a cream-white banner. It had a sky-blue border and a golden dove in the centre. In its beak was an olive branch. Under the dove, and in golden letters was the word peace. At another time, when I was in the northern part of Montana, a spiritual being that watches the movements of nations told me that there is going to be a great religious war in the U. S. and that I better work my way down into the southwest part of California as that would be the safest place for me. So, I am here. A. C. D., Cal.

Folly Run Mad.—One Susanna Fry has got into an office which enables her to put W. C. T. U. after her name. She writes us that she wants us to assist her "in combatting the evils of alcoholic liquor drinking" and those physicians who prescribe it, also the proprietary medicines. We combat no "evils." We know of none. This is God's earth and everything in it is his. He has invented some thousands of proprietary medicines to meet the needs of women as cranky as Susanna. Just so fast as we can convince people that faith is the only curative agency, God will retire his patent medicines, regardless of Susanna. They will cease to be because people don't need them. If she knew anything at all of God's ways she would devote her time to learning more instead of exploiting the W. T. C. U. vagaries. There are 550 licensed bars in Washington. We don't presume to tell God that he needs but 549. They are all his agencies for

testing men's principles and for punishing drunkard's wives for living in carnal relations with unprincipled men. These are all God's beautiful arrangements. No MAN ever ran a whiskey joint. God does it in every case. Susanna, you waste postage stamps and clean paper if you think YOU sent me that letter with your name attached to it.

Why Oh Why?—I have read upwards of fifty volumes on spiritualism, hypnotism, inspiration, etc., I have prayed, desired, struggled and all in vain. How shall I attain to the silence and to divine wisdom? G. H. M., N. Y.—“He that **DOETH THE WILL** of my father shall know of the doctrine.” Go, do as directed in Math. v, vi, vii, strictly and literally. Go sell all in order to buy the pearl. There's not a word in the N. T. about buying or reading books. Prayer and desire are worse than useless. You need simply to **BE WILLING**, but if you desire or pray, you spoil the willingness to be or not to be, which is the secret. You must get exact poise between desire and unwillingness, but have neither. This is the whole matter in a word. Get the divine indifference with faith which is the opposite of human indifference. Get it in the silence.

Repeat and Repeat.—I read and re-read the issues of Vol. II and enjoy them very much. Send Vol. I and continue 1901 subscription. M. P. G., III.

From an Editor.—I like the style and spirit of your journal very much indeed, and am glad to know that it but reflects the truths of so broad-minded a man as you evidently are in practical life.—*Mental Science*, 27 William Street, New York City.

Here is a Case Like Job.—Five years ago, I had \$5,000 in cash and \$1,000 of other things. I have neither smoked, chewed, drank, gambled nor had other expensive habits, but despite my best efforts, I have seen the pile get smaller and smaller by various means. I lost some by others, dishonesty, my barn was struck by lightning, several cattle were injured or killed. I also lost cattle by hydrophobia and in other ways. My body became afflicted and all efforts have failed to cure it. All this time I have tried to live right, and the past two years have read and followed your advice. H. M., Mo. [This is a genuine case of alchemy as described in the book of Job. He will suffer some more. Then having been proven inwardly, all these outward things will come back with 100 per cent interest. In ten years he will likely be the wealthiest man in the town where he lives and all without a tenth of the effort he has made to preserve what he had. Read the book of Job carefully. It is the old story of wandering and suffering in the wilderness, in order to kill off the old sinners before entering the land of Canaan flowing with milk and honey. Paul says: Whom the Lord loveth he chasteth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth (Heb. xii: 6). Paul's metaphor is true but conveys a wrong idea. Job and H. M. have brought all these things upon them-

selves by aspiring to the divine. There is no exterior Lord in it. It is simply this: To get to the island you must wade the mud and swim against the tide. To get the fortune, you must risk the hundreds. This talk of a kind and living father, I find to be all bosh.—EDITOR.

Best of All.—I take several others, but Occult Truths is worth more to me than all the rest. A. B. S., So. Dak.

Divinely Psychic Phenomena.

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Despondency.—I recently had an opportunity to observe the minute workings of what might be termed the Law of Despondency. I had a number of young chickens, that, despite good fences, would leave my premises and wander into the lot of a neighbor. His wife objected, and openly declared that she would "kill those chickens." But no attention was paid to the threat. Within a few days, Mrs. C. called at a house in the vicinity, for the purpose of sending word to me that she was "killing my chickens." On the following day, learning that Mrs. C. had decoyed some of my fowls from the public street and shut them in her coal house, I sent a young lady to have them released; the young woman reported that Mrs. C. was positively furious, in fact, had told her to leave the place or she would "break her head." Later, on the same afternoon, as I drove past, Mrs. C. reached out onto the walk, caught a young chicken, shook it at me then wrung its neck and threw it into her yard. Four or five hours after this occurrence, Mrs. C. and her sister were ill, and, they were a pair of the most sickly, disconsolate mortals one ever beheld; they appeared on their back porch, holding their heads, which were wrapped in wet towels—and after emitting a series of groans and shrieks they would indulge in a protracted course of vomiting. A physician was called to attend these women, twice during the evening in question and again on the following morning. When asked the cause of the sudden illness—he replied that it was due to "lack of control of a very bad temper."—WILLIAM C. DOBSON.

The Two Bodies.—In the night of Feb. 18, 1901, I awoke conscious that I had been dreaming and tried to recall a dream. I got out of bed for an errand and after my return concentrated upon an effort to recall the dream. All at once, while I was still awake, I saw and felt myself in the air $2\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 feet above the bed on which my body still lay. The sensation was very agreeable. I saw the two bodies, connected by blue threads passing in straight lines from one body to the other and extending from head to feet. These threads reminded me of the spider's webs. "Well," I said to myself, "what does this mean; you are still awake." So, I turned over on the other

side to see if the conditions would change or the threads be cut. To my surprise, both bodies turned and no threads were cut or entangled. I flexed first one and then the other leg, but this did not disturb the conditions. "Well," I say to myself, "this is just the thing I like to do—to send the other body out while I am perfectly awake. Shall I, can I, from now on?" "No, not yet," answered the silence, "not until the other body is more matured by your acts and life work." I could now recall the dream in which I had learned that there was a something lacking which I needed, but another influence had to mature first. And so the experience of levitation disappeared. After a while I went to sleep again.—J. H. Suss, Cal.

Notices of New Publications.

Mind.—The March number is replete with articles of interest. "Experiences in Automatic Writing" will attract the devotees of psychical research, while those interested in astrology will be interested in W. S. Abbott's discussion of the heliocentric and geocentric systems. Under the title of "Life Glimpses," A. A. Haines presents three parables of unique character.

The Seventh Trumpet.—One of the interesting sheets that come every month is this, edited by D. Ehlers, Union Star, Mo. Being a German, his English is difficult to digest, but I make out that he sees quite spiritually. He says that Adam was about 40 years of age when he fell; that the 6,000 years following are the six creative days of Genesis; that from Adam's fall, about the year 4,088 B. C. to 1912 A. D. will make exactly 6,000 years or six days; that he expects the seventh or Sabbath day, being the millennial 1,000 years, to begin about 1913. He interprets Daniel xii: 11-12, as follows: "From the time the daily sacrifice shall be taken away," meaning from the Mohammedan desecration of the temple in A. D. 585; "there shall be 1290 days" brings us to 1875 A. D.; but "blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335th day" from 585 which will be 1920 A. D. He looks for the manifestation of the glory of God in the years 1912 to 1920. He correctly regards the Christian Church as the Antichrist and says: "They have perverted and falsified the holy scriptures and have interpolated in them their unclean priestcraft, and sorcery." We are sorry however to acknowledge his liability to error, because he permits his mind to see evil occasionally.

Vibration the Law of Life. This is the title of a new book (\$1.25) by W. H. Williams of Denver upon breathing. It is based upon experiences and successes of his own and seeks to give a scientific exposition thereof. All knowledge and all happiness awaits him who learns and practices the proper breathings. They induce clairvoyance, clairaudience, the healing of all disease physical and mental. Though there is absolutely no mention of the phrase "Holy Spirit"

in this book, all the results which the early Christians are said to have derived from the Sanctus spiritus, are independently shown by Dr. Williams to be obtainable by a special breathing. He does not however state the fact that the Greek word "pneuma" and the Latin "spiritus" always meant breath or breathing until later Christians undertook to make them mean Spirit in the sense of Ghost or invisible personality. If "pneuma" which in all other writings means breath were translated literally in the N. T., a wonderful mine of scientific knowledge would be unfolded thereby for those who know how to and do persistently practice this special (holy) breathing which this book describes to a certain extent and of which more is learned from other writers.

The Healer.—Francis Edgar Mason says in his November number: "Anthony Comstock and Rev. Mr. Parkhurst, both alleged reformers, are two of the vilest men on earth. They have both seen, in ten minutes, more iniquity than I have seen in 45 years." How does Mr. Mason know that those men are vile? Because they see what they talk about so much as vile? That is surely an evidence, but we need to beware, how in proclaiming all good we fall into labelling the character of others as vile? Comstock and Parkhurst will probably, as the result of present concentration upon what they call vice, next incarnate as actual brothel inhabitants, but that will be good and of God. They seem to need such experiences to enable them to see all as divine. Condemning Mr. Comstock as vile is sowing seed for reincarnating as a Comstock. See him as vile and that will help make you vile.

Quit Robbing Dead Jews.—This is the title of a pamphlet of 91 pages by T. L. Harvey, price 25 cents. The author has come out from churches and urges others to do so. He criticises them as eaten up with commercialism and as pushing missionary work by reason of an alliance with the State rather than because God has given the vision: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." He regards Paul's statement: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" as a promise to the Jews and not to the church which is called Christian. He accuses the latter of trying to rob the Jews of their birth-right assigned to them throughout the Scriptures. If you come out of the church you will have quit robbing dead Jews, according to this writer. The book is intellectually argumentative and an effort to give interpretations of scripture in support of his position. It may serve to induce church people to think over their grounds but will doubtless excite denunciation and counter-thrusts. It is no longer needful to antagonize them. The church, simply let alone, will fall of its own momentum very rapidly in each coming year. It is gratifying to see honest searchers like Mr. Harvey coming to just conclusions on the matter. Having cleared away rubbish they next may build the occult temple.

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