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Reason and Belief

By Florence Belle Anderson

Be honest with yourself and tell me friend
The truth, the naked truth, and nothing more.
Have you deceived yourself? If I offend—
Tis for the sake of truth that I adore.

You say that Jesus came "to conquer death"
You speak as if His miracles were strange.
Did he not span the distance with a breath?
He showed that death was just the body's change.

You lay your dear, flesh-bodies in the tomb
Saying "They've gone to Lands most wondrous fair."
Then swathe yourself in robes of deepest gloom.
If Heaven's a place, My friend, I ask you Where?

We do not aim to take your faith away.
We'd shed upon that faith a radiant light.
We feel the coming of a **wondrous** day
When we shall see the truth and walk by **sight**.

I would confer a blessed joy on you.
Friend, I have seen these things, Thank God' I **know**.
The lovely things Christ taught are Grandly true,
Will you not come and see that it is So?

"Knock at the door and you can go inside."
Seek. Ye shall find." Twas promised you and me.
This was the mission of the Crucified,
Know ye the truth and it shall make you Free.



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The Land of The Midnight Sun

by Frederick George Clark

"Never until time for me shall be no more can I forget the solemnity of the hour, when standing on the threshold of a continent, I saw, without one moment's interval, time pass into eternity and yesterday become to-day"—were the words of John L. Stoddard, as he describes that magnificent scene in faroff Norway. It was but a natural scene, a condition created by the great universal law of Nature, though by one not accustomed to the sight it would at once be termed a wonderful phenomenon, while to those living within its realm, who has accustomed their lives to its daily influence, its magnificence and its grandeur stand as a natural and practical law of the Master Mind and the Master Hand, and when the acorn of psychic truth has developed into the strong sturdy oak of practical use, a similar scene will daily present itself around the threshold of our material homes, as the mind and soul, meeting within the vale of knowledge and understanding of spiritual truth, beat back the ebony clouds of theory, as the sun of man rises and sets in the light of its own reflection.

For years man has been fed on theory and lived on hope. He has created empires only to see them crumble and fall, owing to the lack of knowledge of the great universal law of God. We live and grow by the constant utilization of the practical law of creation. Our psychic principles must become practical to us if they are to develop and grow within our minds. In no other way can they possibly establish a character that formulates and establishes a firm foundation, that will assert for itself through its natural attraction the continued life of a permanent creation.

If spiritual truths are to become of benefit to mankind, they must pull aside the curtain of phenomena and allow the light of universal law to assert itself and through its simplicity and practicability sweep King Prejudice from his throne. For centuries this giant, from his majestic throne of theory, has viewed the silken folds of

the curtain of mystery with a sardonic smile, but when the cold steel of practicability, hurled from the scientific principles of psychic laws, pierces his heart, every fibre of his being will bow in submission to the simple flower of demonstrated truth.

Every thinking mind to-day is demanding substance, demanding facts, —a substance it can understand, a fact it can know to be true by its practical demonstration. We must keep in our mind that the tearing down of a block of theory is not establishing a block of truth; simply proving that an idea is wrong only leaves a vacant space to be filled. We may do away with every theory of mankind to-day, we may bring man to a complete understanding and knowledge that his idea and belief is wrong, but we will still have the empty space, longing for the truth and waiting for the "what is."

As we look over the conditions of to-day, we find the walls of old-time theories fast crumbling to decay; we also find that some of the new ones are beginning to give way, thereby creating a tremendous opportunity for psychic truth to fill the vacant space and establish a foundation, that will not crumble under the wheels of time, but increase in strength with its every revolution.

Let us not only realize our opportunity, but let us come to an understanding of our responsibility. Let us assert the great principles of self determination, for were it not for the law, individuality would cease to exist and personal liberty be ground to a pulp on the rock of oppression, as it has been for ages by certain theoretical knowledge, demanding that it be accepted as truth, and at the same time denying the right of man to determine for himself the reasonableness of it all.

There is no slavery equal to the terror and misery of mental slavery. The days, preceding the emancipation of the poor negro or any race of people held in material bondage, were golden, when compared with that imperialistic thought, that wraps its slimy chain of prejudice around the mind, crying out and demanding of its subjects—"Obey the laws of my theory or receive the master lash of eternal damnation." It is this thought that for ages has kept the beautiful germ of perpetuation, nestling within the mother womb, wrapped in the mantle of fear, nursed by the thought of death, that

when it finally springs forth into a beautiful bud, every fibre of its little being trembles from the vibration of oncoming terror. As it grows older and days pass on into the period of months and years, and the thirst for knowledge asserts itself, it can only feed on the vegetation of the garden of theory, realizing that there it must wait to be finally formulated into a withered flower, soon to be left by the side of the road, wrapped in the folds of a mantle, made by the dust of former generations. Can the mind conceive of anything more damaging to the human race than that thought, call it prejudice or what you will, that denies the child of universal nature the right to escape from this land of darkness?

There is one passage way and only one that can ever lead the multitudes from this dark and gloomy condition into the broad fields of knowledge of life-without-end, and that is the avenue of psychic truth, the entrance to which must be so broadened by the axe of utilization and practicability, that the once-great giant of prejudice, which has blocked the gateway of this great avenue of knowledge, will become mere dust underneath the feet of the throng of seekers who are thirsting after the truth, which they see within this broad expanse of "what is."

But unless we succeed in opening up this channel through a practical doorway, that, which is a truth to us, will pass away with us, and we will only leave behind another picture hanging in the gallery of theory, that will fall with the crumbling of the wall. Every individual has the right, the same as we, to determine for himself what is true, and he determines this according to the principles which prove themselves. Psychic truth must prove itself a principle which betters man's condition in the material plane, else it must take its place as a flower for to-morrow and not of to-day. It is not what we know that will be of benefit to the world, it is what we demonstrate to our fellowman that we know. The world is bound to, it is forced to judge psychic law by the adherents of it; man can only realize its benefits to him, by his realization of its benefits to us.

Oh, let us realize our responsibility, as we hold this beautiful flower of truth in our hand. We must have knowledge,—having knowledge we must utilize it, that from the garden of our life, plant-

ed with the seed obtained through spiritual knowledge from the garden of Infinite Mind, springs a more prolific vegetation than elsewhere is grown.

Prove that the following out of certain psychic laws will allow man to stand in the doorway of to-day and gaze across the vale on over into the oncoming to-morrow. Then, not only a tree of truth will be planted here and there, but forest after forest of knowledge and understanding will spring forth from the broad, fertile plains of law universal. Clouds will pass away, and shining through the leafy branches will be the golden rays of the light of Truth, proclaiming to all mankind the Spirit World, the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Trance for Scientific Study and Research Purposes

Interesting was the TRANCE or COMA for Scientific purposes undergone by C. P. Christensen, Psychic and Psychologist, on Wednesday evening, October 6th, at the WOMEN'S MACCABEE BUILDING, 1517 Girard Avenue. This particular state of TRANCE or COMA was induced by AUTO SUGGESTION or SELF-HYPNOTISM, according to the teachings of the YOGI PHILOSOPHY. It requires great mental concentration in allowing the mind to become a perfect blank, together with all working faculties of the body. Also a fast for two or three days is necessary to bring about satisfactory results. The mind and body become unconscious to all functions of the organs and organisms connected with them. The only assurety of life is the heavy breathing at intervals and the unusual chest development. This development of the chest remains in an over developed state throughout the entire period of entrancement. The human body loses all sense, and is not responsive to touch or other tests. The fact is that it is dead to all sensitiveness or is insensible.

Several tests were performed during the evening by a well-known physician of Philadelphia (name will be given by request),

interested for Medical and Surgical purposes, also for the benefit of the members of the society for scientific research. Members present were enlightened to the remarkability of the conditions produced while in this state. The physician's examination showed a pulsation that varied from 70 to 90. The high average was during his entrance into the condition, and is above normal. Respiration ranged from 18 to 20. High average also being reached during the first stages of Trance. That considered the most important test during the evening was upon the eyes. A light brought for the occasion by the physician was turned upon his eyes, and the terrific rays of light were focused upon the pupils of the eyes. The test proved that under this condition the eye is not responsive, and does not dilate or respond as in other tests under other conditions. The eye remained motionless during the test, and under no conditions did the eye shift during the examination.

Strange it might seem, but the body while under the condition of trance becomes rigid and stiff; it is impossible to lift any part without the entire body being brought forward. A peculiar feature is that under ordinary condition the weight of this man is about 160 pounds; while in trance his weight increases to from three to four times this weight. For example, a test was made to lift him, and it required four men to lift him to his feet. While standing in this manner he was released and fell to the floor, striking his head. This fall would most undoubtedly caused instant death to any other person, other than in this trance state; for it would have caused concussion of the brain.

During the two hours of entrancement messages were transmitted through Mr. C. P. Christensen by those from the spiritual side of life. Questions were asked by those present and answered. I will eliminate the answers and question, for I feel that those interested will appreciate more of the conditions. But during the evening many prophecies were made. This of course is secret and for members alone. In the event that they are proven which predictions have proven correct in the past, they are given out and any member or members' names given to substantiate the statement. is sermon for Sunday, October 10th, was given spiritually—MEMORIES OF THE PAST; this subject he used and those present were astonished

the way it was delivered; it was inspirationally forcible and proved most interesting to all who attended this meeting.

A spiritual Message

"Seventeen years ago we controlled this man in Leed, Yorkshire, ENGLAND, one Sunday morning, about the 23rd or 24th of October, in a developing class conducted by Prof. Darling. We were attracted to him, and at this time I was a hermit, having many years before been shanghaid on a desert island. This incident occurred in England. We were enticed upon a sea-going vessel, and after taking to sea were told that we were aboard a pirate ship, and would be required to become one of their number. Plans were laid how we were to rob and steal from ocean-going vessels. We became insubordinate, infractious and positively refused to listen to their demands. After some time they realized that it would be useless to have us among their crew and put out for an island. We were cast on this island and had many deprivations and hardships. Our hair and beards grew, and in several years it almost touched the ground. Physically we became strong and attained the strength of lions. After years one of our number passed out of this life, and he communicated our plight through this man that we control to-night. Since that time we have all passed over to the other side; we have gained the light and have now returned to control through him. He has never before called upon us, but we shall always protect him. We must leave. Good night."

Readers, although this occurred before the eyes of sixty members of our society, Mr. C. P. Christensen, must be told that which is said and done during his trance condition. He is absolutely in ignorance of that which transpires either in tests, messages or examinations performed. In returning to the conscious state it is similar to that of awakening from a peaceful slumber. As far as personal injury during these tests there is none whatever which goes to show the wonderful power of the spiritual forces in showing that which is possible while under their guidance and protection.

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The Law of Attraction

Received from Spirit by Maude Misener Leary

The Law of Attraction is one of the immutable laws and cannot be disregarded. It brings together persons of like or similar natures especially is this true of those gone into Spirit life.

We in Spirit are especially desirous of coming in contact with some one on earth so constituted as to be able to receive our thoughts and express them to humanity. To those who are Psychic there is no limit to what they may receive from Spirit if they approach the work in the proper manner. But some there are who have Psychic power whose minds are not attuned to the higher things. These persons attract guides or Spirit forces equal to themselves and no greater. Especially is this true of the Ouija Board.

A great blow to Spiritualism has been dealt through the Ouija Board altho there are some who have developed unusual powers through this medium of communication. On all sides people say, "The Ouija lied to me proving it is the work of the Devil." Dear friends, the Ouija did not lie to you but the Spirit controlling the writing.

Many seem to think that transition will make a sinner into a saint and a prophet overnight, but such is not the case. We all retain our personalities and simply by discarding the material body and taking on the astral will not reform anyone unless he or she wishes for reformation. A practical joker on earth has many opportunities to display his wit after coming to Spirit through the Ouija Board.

In millions of homes persons sit with the Ouija for Spirit communication and the questions asked are mainly foolish and so frivolous that no Spirit who has sensed the plan of progression would waste time to guide the writing, as there are many channels of communication where lofty and helpful ideas and proof of the continuity of life may be transmitted. This leaves the most of the Ouija Board writing to mischievous Spirits who answer questions asked of them

in most unheard of ways. Some say, "One of my own family directed the writing and I received an untruth." Perhaps this is so, but the Spirit directing the writing may not have had the ability to advise and answer your queries correctly. Remember wisdom does not come instantly on entering the Spirit World.

I want to write a few words to those who have power to operate the Ouija and have intelligence, a good level head and perseverance. No matter what you have received on this Board if your thoughts are of the higher things, your desire to communicate honest, Like will attract Like and eventually you will receive some guidance worth while.

When sitting for this it is best to devote a certain time each day and at first it may be necessary for two to sit. Prayer is a great help as it brings you in touch with the great Unseen Power. If a first you receive nothing worth while try again and again as Psychic power was given you for a purpose and with the highest thoughts you are bound to attract higher guides.

The Eternal Magnet

By May Morse-Burke

Oh, Thou great eternal Magnet!
Hidden in the azure sea
Of immensity's vast motion,
Where art Thou impelling me?

I, a part of thine own power.
Great, as any greatness known!
Seed of thine, whose embryo chalice
Holds all knowledge of thine own!

Who art Thou, and what thy purpose,
Breeding, feeding conscious man
With complexities, vagaries,
To complete thy "Wonderous Plan"?

Endless seasons roll behind us!
Seasons endless stretch away
O'er thy wilderness of Future
Where thy deepest mysteries lay!

Mysteries behind, before us!
Breeding mysteries as we tread
Through earth's labyrinthian windings
'Til we'er numbered with the dead

Death, the sequence of our being!
Life! the promise faith has given
Followers of Idol worship!—
Pagan way to Pagan heaven.

What art Thou, that I should worship?
Bow the head and bend the knee?
When I feel throughout my being
I am All as part of thee!

That sometime, out in the future,
Thine own fragment, called my soul,
Will unfold itself as perfect
God, the Universal Whole!

Christmas day, 1921..

Your Own Shall Find You Out

By Dr. George W. Smallwood in Boston Ideas

Nothing comes to any individual other than which belongs to him. The beautiful threads given you with which to weave your pattern here, the fortunate circumstances of your life, are not as favors bestowed upon you. You have paid for them as you pay for all that is worth while now,—with the sweat of your brow, with your heart's blood, with the power of your soul. But take heed that you do not rest upon your laurels; should you fail to earn the right to keep these golden threads they will come to you again as dross and tinsel. Or it often happens that the Lord of Fate, Saturn (Christ or devil), demands his pound of flesh on this side of the toll gate, while you are basking in the warmth of the sunlight of power and ease, and the golden threads are suddenly turned to ashes in your confident hands. You may have earned your rise to power and good fortune, but you must likewise keep your lamp trimmed and filled. Again and yet again is each man tested. He is given an intellect and he is given a soul. Will he rely upon intellect alone, or will he wisely combine the two?

Only your own can come to you. Since you are here in human form your own however good must be combined with more or less evil, so-called, or penalty for broken law. We are all glad to accept the good. Then how can we renounce the bad? How can we hope to keep it hidden any more than the skeleton in the closet? You make your own heaven, and you make your own hell. The creator's creation is inseparable from him however much he may deny it.

As surgery dissects the body, so the science of spiritual astrology dissects the tree of life. The astrologer who interprets it is a chemist, a teacher, a philosopher. He unerringly decides you yourself have carved upon the trestle board, where you have placed yourself upon the scale of justice. The tragedies of your home, of your friendships, of your business associates, the quality of the path you tread, the very condition of the physical temple in which you dwell—

all are of your own making, what you have earned or failed to earn.

Two children are born as twins, within a few months of each other. They look alike and act alike, and grow up to a certain age apparently cast in the same mold. The time arrives when there comes a parting of the ways. The mind of each, separately evolved in former lives, begins to diverge from its companion. From the inner sanctum of the soul comes the call to individuality. Each begins to develop in form, looks, manner, action just the elements developed in former lives—nothing more, nothing less—and the two become noticeably dissimilar. Each sows and reaps, and the fruit of one is as unlike the fruit of the other as the apple to the cherry. The law of Karma, sowing and reaping, must express in all lives. That is why we so often find as great or greater dissimilarity between brothers and sisters than between entire strangers. If the one has sown tares and weeds he cannot of necessity bear the golden fruitage of him who has sown good seed.

It was eons ago that the individual spark of life, of divinity, common to each of us, began its journey from its grain of sand to the human being. No one knows how many thousands upon thousands of years of that time have been spent in the developing of the animal nature alone, but we know that each has passed through a long chain of lives in his journey of evolution to the present status of a human being. Man has crossed a bridge that the animal has yet to span through developing a self conscious intelligence to which the animal has never attained. In the working out of conditions brought over in the chain of lives he has evolved the most perfect mechanism physically of any animal in existence. He alone stands erect, with his head placed upon an axle so that it rotates in any direction, and the seat of intelligence expressing through the front of his brain. As he has developed mentally he has added to his equipment another brain division, the cerebrum, the frontal lobes of the brain, in which are located the faculties of human intelligence. Forging onward he has found himself in possession of five other faculties as well, the spiritual faculties of the soul, and the difference between the two sets is as between light and darkness, day and night.

The spiritual faculties of the soul dwell in the inner sanctum of the temple of the individual. Here is his eternal record; here is the chaff burned and the adjustment made between everything worked out in the different bodies. The intellectual faculties govern the physical body, but high over them reigns supreme the individual 'I'. This body is not 'I'. I am, and have been, and shall ever be long after this house which shelters me has returned to dust and ashes.

So it is that the spiritual and not the intellectual faculties are the wisdom faculties, ever enriched through the changes that have taken place in all of the preceding lives in the different bodies, guarding for all time the kernels of knowledge that each has secured for himself, which, after the chaff has been eliminated, expresses itself to conscious mind as intuition, premonition, vision, foresight, wisdom—the only true knowledge. These memories linked up in the spiritual cells of that inner consciousness, no man remembers, because he has never inhabited this body before, this body with its intellect which is of the earth earthly.

Man is the only animal who has passed beyond the animal kingdom. There was a time after entering the human kingdom when he was dominated by that inner guiding force by which the animal is completely controlled, animal intuition, or instinct. The animal never errs in that power which has been conferred upon us. Neither the fox nor the dog varies in his method of life. The birds build their nests, mate and bring forth their young, and migrate at the proper season, obeying at the right time and place that power from within which has never risen above the astral plane, which distinguishes instinct from spiritual intuition. Man has risen to a stage which places him under the control of a soul group, which brought his moral status into being, resulting in the family, the tribe, the village—the foundation of civilization. On he has climbed evolving through eons of time from the lowest form, expressing little intellect or reason, into the stage of moral and spiritual development. In far too many cases, when we are given the opportunity to look beneath the surface, to get at the real essence of things, the individual is even now operating according to a very low vibration. The marriage relation is still a mockery. Men and women in so-called civil-

ized communities ride rough shod over each other with a lack of consideration for mine and thine that even an animal would shy at. Why? Cause and effect: for thousands of years back the ultimate aim of evolution has been intellectual. The intellectual faculties have so held sway that the spiritual faculties lie buried beneath the hard crust of selfishness, carnal desire. But man made his descent into matter for a purpose, and that purpose must be fulfilled. He alone is composed of the four elements; fire, earth, air, water. Until those on the lower planes of fire, earth, air, water have incarnated and worked through the four elements combined, they can never reach the heights which man is destined to attain.

The heights which man is destined to attain! How many go on from day to day, from year to year, as though they felt their calling and election sure? Possessing the four talents they yet live and act upon the astral plane, and think to crawl under the gate into 'heaven.' Man begins where he leaves off. Let him think carnal thoughts, speak carnal words, and live a carnal (selfish, inconsiderate) life, and he must retrace his steps to the beginning until he is fit to pass the tests which alone can admit him to a higher state.

"Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven which is within you and all things else shall be added thereto." Be not swayed by the little selfish brain, the limited intellect, if you would not have things go wrong, if you would not lose your way in darkness bereft of light. Man talks of poor judgment: it is the key to all failure. Only when you seek the 'I am' continually, faithfully, can you hear the still small voice of the Master, who only gives wisdom: the accumulated knowledge of the sowings of the past and the present, which are one.

We are all dual, Cain and Abel, the lower and the higher self. From the time when intellect and intuition became associated, personality has been jealous of the higher self, continually at a tug of war.

Man will incarnate as long as desire operates, for desire is of the selfish, limited personality, which ever vibrates on a lower plane. Belief in vicarious atonement can never lift man into the realms of peace. Only when he knows and is ever, conscious that he must reap as he sows and that he has an eternity to do it in, only then will his life actually change.

The dissecting of his natal chart arouses the conscious mind to

the truth of penalty for broken law, the knowledge that what comes to him in the various departments of life is of his own making; that the standards by which he must live are his for the asking, from the inner temple. He may say one thing and mean another. But the tree of life is evolved into an instrument of power to the extent of the labor and the quality of the seed shown—his thoughts, words, and deeds, which are alike powerful.

"Your tree is good; but you have nurtured it so long with dews of self, and mists of carnal things that you have shut the sunlight out. I tell you that you must give account to God for every word you speak and every deed you do." No man is allowed to stand still, whether he will or not. He either goes forward or he falls backward. Those who call themselves Christians seek salvation. The who deny God and religion in general may fool themselves into believing that a carnal life is good enough for them, that it is immaterial to them whether they are 'saved' or not. A higher will hurls each into conflict. There is no choice. The divine purpose is the compelling force that masters all. Each must seek his own salvation, and there is no other way than through character.

"Character is the perfectly educated will." If my will dominates your will, that is not character, no soul-awakening, or any power of your own. The greater your passions, the greater your motions, the nearer you are to God, but only when and if you control them. The anaemic, passionless, untempted human being is farther from self-completion than the live wire who holds the supreme talent. Let him turn it into the wrong channels and it is death. Let him transmute that same fire through the power of his will, and shall be lifted into eternal life.

Spiritualism The Great Teacher and Emancipator

By May Morse-Burke

The first thing that Spiritualism teaches the individual is Immortality, the continuity of life after death. It searches out the vulnerable points in the great Citadel of Fear, that has walled humanity in, since history began, and silently, sedulously, enters the walls, creeping into the throne-room where the usurper of Reason has sat in state so long, and hurls missiles of Doubt at the man-made Monster, causing his throne to tremble, and the walls of his citadel to crumble into fragments of scorn to the emancipated mind, whose seridom has wrapped the body, dwarfed the spirit and retarded the soul from acquiring its inalienable rights, its inheritance from God.

Following fast upon the consciousness of his immortality, and his future security from the vengeance of a wrathful God's damnation comes surging through his sensibilities, a feeling of freedom, of liberty, a buoyant realization of sovereignty over self; a dawning realization that he is a component part of the Universal Whole, and that he is as essential to the whole plan and scheme of things, as the whole plan and scheme of things is to him. That he is, was, and always will be, a part of the great machinery that made worlds, and systems of worlds and keeps them in their orbit. A new energy swells his heart and sets his pulse to throbbing in tune, and in measure with the great harmonica of life. The whole world of expression in all of their verities, are his; its joys and its sorrows; its romance and tragedy; its beauties and deformities; its laughter and tears; the past, present and future are all his; everlastingly his; he is a part of it all. He looks out upon his vast estate, and feels the triumphal march of time stirring him to action. The stars in the heaven, the flowers in the woodland, the vast expanse of ocean, all his to watch, to embrace, to keep, to explore and make more beautiful, as eternity's waves drift him along in its tide, and the ever increasing sense of beauty unfolds in his consciousness. His responsibilities are great. He feels it; but with the dawning knowledge that he is great enough to maintain his sovereignty and rule his

kingdom, with the elements of God, of love, at his command. What a change has taken place in the individual since the first sun-burst of Spiritualism penetrated the obscurity of his understanding, bearing on its rays the divinity of truth! What a metamorphosis of mind, of look, of action! From a groveling, priest bound, fear burdened serf, he has leaped to a king, with universal possessions; everlasting possessions! With the new found elements of love thrilling his heart, awakening his soul, his mind, to a truer understanding of his own divinity, he does not have to grovel in the dust, on bended knees, to propitiate an angry God in order to get a promissory pass to that much talked of heaven! He begins right here and now, to be Lord and Master of Heaven, whose heavenly conditions are of his own making. With the elements of the Golden Rule, and the eleventh commandment, "that ye love one another," expressing in word and in deed, he is running the scales in the instrument of life, generating harmonious vibrations at every touch, whose vibrant waves of music reach out across "the harbor bar," and in constructive action erects artistic homes for his future joy and happiness, all peopled with soul-kindred, and loved ones gone before. It lies within his power to build beautiful structures, and he will, ultimately. Perhaps not all at once; his architectual formations will have to undergo many changes e'er he can build them with symmetry and grace as the old traditions of his eden bondage cling tenaciously, while habits forged by that bondage, will trail their aspect along to shadow the sunlighted way that leads to All love, All justice, All good, the highest altitude of God expression. But, we are not going to reach that idealistic condition at once. Perfect heaven is not gained at a single bound. We are living in an age of self construction, with accent on self, but Spiritualism is fast teaching us that love, with all of its attributes, is the predominating spirit that will clarify the mists of ages, and show us the light of the coming dawn, the dawn of the God intelligence, which finds expression through the avenue of thought. Thought being constructive, each thought wave, each thought expression, sent adrift upon the ocean of eternity crystalizes into imperishable form and shape the image in the mind of its creator, images that he will meet and recognize as our own, as we pass along the trail that stretch out through the endless eternities. Monuments, they are, to memorize us of every thought

sent out, every act committed, on every plane of expression left behind us, as we struggled along the great high-way of ascension that leads to the highest altitude of perfection. Now Spiritualism teaches all this;—immortality of the soul; continuity of life after death; liberty of thought and feeling; absolute freedom of opinion, and sentiment; liberty of tastes and pursuits, subject only to such consequence that may follow the law of compensation; the sovereignty of self; the kingdom of God within; and yet it is an open question, among Spiritualists, why they cannot organize successfully, and become a solid, invincible phalanx of union, strength and power, non-disintegratable, like the Catholics, and the Christian Scientist, "In union there is Strength." Admittedly; but what do we, as Spiritualists, need of a strength born of united numbers, when we can draw all the power, all the strength, all the love, all the good that we need, and can make use of, from out the universal sea of Cosmic energy? Spiritualism denounces force, when used as a compulsory method to make the human intellect understand the law that governs life! It would be a wasted effort, and antipodal to our concept, to try to force our understanding on minds already overburdened with hubbush of old traditions. Their lethargic slumbers cannot be broken rudely! They would show fight, like a coiled serpent, and the history of a Calvary would be repeated. We can only flash the light of Truth, of intelligence, of emancipation, along through the wilderness of their conception, leaving the final awakening to cosmic evolution, whose tide will bear them along in its flow, removing the dust and debris of pagan faith and devotion from the temple of their mind, as its waves bear them on into the ocean of Reason. No Spiritualists cannot organize successfully, for a soul, once liberated, will never seek, and will try to shun, the habitation of its past bondage. Once that the first rudiments of Nature's religion has impinged itself upon the soul consciousness, with its vitalizing influence; once that it has felt the exultation, and exaltation, of unhampered freedom, freedom from creedal obligations; once that the feeling of freedom begins to crystalize into a knowledge of Self-Masterhood, with the dawning conviction that He, the ego, is the Master-Mechanic of his own fate; the creator and builder, with unlimited supply of material at his demand; once that the key of freedom has been turned in the door of his traditional dungeon,

and the light of truth has flashed across the horizon of his perceptive consciousness, stirring the electric chords in the harp of his being, a new genesis has been invoked that can nevermore be dominated, or controlled, until it has reached the soul's highest ultimate in the God-chartered sea of creative energy. Spiritualists may try to organize as a unit of strength, but the effort will prove abortive, has proven abortive, and will continue to be abortive; as organization, means legislation, and legislation means to enact a set code of laws, arrogating certain power, or conditions, to enforce them, which is an infringement upon the inward domain of the individual soul consciousness, whose gaze is riveted upon the lustrous star, that flashed the light of living Truth into the Wilderness of his mind, illuminating the way to a new field of thought, a glorious field, untrammelled by creed, or cult; a field of endless expansion, whose every breeze, every flower, every shrub, every expression of creative energy, is laden, and activated with, a sense of universal freedom, a universal liberty, **Magnetic unity of natural associations**, ideas, and aspirations, whose subtle chemistry draws them up, in unison of thought and feeling, up the unseen, invisible, ladder of Time, that extends through the clouds, on, up into the great laboratory of Infinity, permitting them, as they climb, to catch startling glimpses of the eternal mysteries of Life in the Great Beyond.

Wisdom of Ingersoll

What light is to the eyes, what love is to the heart, Liberty is to the soul of man. Without it there comes suffocation degradation and death. Liberty is the condition of progress. Without Liberty there remains only barbarism. Without Liberty there can be no civilization.

Without liberty of thought, no human being has the right to form a judgment. It is impossible that there should be such a thing

as real religion without liberty. Without liberty there can be no such thing as conscience, no such word as justice. All human actions—all good, all bad—have for a foundation the idea of human liberty, and without Liberty there can be no vice, and there can be no virtue. Without Liberty there can be no worship, no blasphemy—no love, no hatred, no justice, no progress. Take the word Liberty from human speech and all other words become poor, withered, meaningless sounds—but with that word realized—with that word understood, the world becomes a paradise.

Liberty, thou art the god of my idolatry! Thou art the only deity that hatest bended knees. In thy vast and unwall'd temple, beneath the roofless dome, star-gemmed and luminous with suns, thy worshippers stand erect! They do not cringe or crawl, or bend their foreheads to the earth. The dust has never borne the impress of their lips. Upon thy altars mothers do not sacrifice their babes, nor men their rights. Thou hast no popes, no priests, who stand between their fellow-men and thee. Thou carest not for foolish forms, or selfish prayers. At thy sacred shrine hypocrisy does not bow, virtue does not tremble, superstition's feeble tapers do not burn, but Reason holds aloft her inextinguishable torch whose holy light will one day flood the world.

Above all creeds, above all religions, after all, is that divine thing—Humanity. We are laying the foundations of the grand temple of the future—not the temple of all the gods, but the temple of all the people—wherein, with appropriate rites, will be celebrated the religion of Humanity. We are doing what little we can to hasten the coming of the day when society shall cease producing millionaires^s and mendicants—gorged indolence and famished industry—truth in rags and superstition robed and crowned. We are looking for the time when the useful shall be the honorable; and when Reason, throned upon the world's brain, shall be King of Kings and God of Gods.

The firmament inlaid with suns is the dome of the real cathedral. The interpreters of nature are the true and only priests. In the great creed are all the truths that lips have uttered, and in the real litany will be found all the ecstasies and aspirations of the soul, all dreams of joy, all hopes for nobler, fuller life. The real church, the

real edifice is adorned and glorified with all that Art has done. In the real choir is all the thrilling music of the world, and in the starlit aisles have been, and are, the grandest souls of every land and clime.

INGERSOLL VISION

A vision of the future arises—I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret subtle powers of the earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall, a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand, where the poor girl, trying to win bread with the needle—the needle that has been called "the asp for the breast of the poor"—is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, or suicide, or shame.

I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn. I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, married harmony of form and function, and as I look life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth, and over all in the great dome shines the eternal star of human hope.

THE VOICE

There is only one Law and only one God
 For all things under the sun—
 The sea, and the sand, and the wind-blown soul,
 And the God and the Law are one.
 And whatever the Law and the God be named
 By beings like you and me,
 They speak supreme in that cosmic voice
 Which men call Harmony.

ALBERT BIGELOW PAINE.

The Way of Kings---Crowned and Uncrowned

By Covington Hall

Think ye not that God is idle and your own the Supreme Will,
For the wrecks that strew the ages tell that Right is reigning still.
Dream ye not that Mammon conquers, gold forever will control,
For the shell is not the substance, and the flesh is not the Soul.
If ye doubt it, pause and listen: Lift aside the veil of time.
Where is Rome and all her splendor? Where is Athens, the sublime?
Where are all the Persian millions? Where the proud Egyptian host?
Tell me, does imperial Carthage still adorn the Afric coast?
Where the empire of the Incas? Where is Montezuma's throne?
Where is Spain and Spanish glory in the word once called her own?
Where are India's mighty princes? Where are Babylonian kings?
Tell me, ye who kneel in worship at the shrine of blood-bought things
Pride and fear can never answer—ye are swelled with folly vast—
Neither do ye heed the lesson that is taught by ages past.
Like the scribes of ancient Judah ye depend on mortal might,
But the buried Christ is risen, and the faith still lives tonight.
Love and freedom are the powers o'er the human heart and soul,
And undaunted they are marching ever onward to the goal.
Empires into dust have crumbled, kingdoms moulder to decay,
But, unwearied, manhood marches on to conquest every day;
Over Caesars, empires, Pontiffs, over prisons, thrones and shrines.
Moves the Race forever forward, Where the star of freedom shines.

The Guide of The Shadow Trail

By Carlton M. Clark

When life seems dark and it appears to us that beyond question we are enveloped in a mist and are stumbling over a trail of shadows, which is only dotted here and there by a solitary ray of sunshine or hope, and that remaining barely long enough to grant us a recognition of its existence, what do we do? Is it true, that in such cases we very frequently, almost invariably, like the lost hunter, who suddenly becomes confused and alarmed, upon finding that he has lost his way and has wandered aimlessly from the direct and beaten path into its opposite, while traveling through the wild forest of some isolated and dangerous region, cry out perhaps mentally, perhaps audibly—"Oh, for a guide!" Then we realize that had we used our compass, the compass of psychic truth, the compass of natural law, which is always at our hand, if we will but grasp it, we might have avoided this unfortunate experience. But "better late than never" let us use this instrument, by the non-utilization of which we have erred, to turn us back to the true trail. Law universal, great though it is, is utterly worthless to us if we do not use it.

What is this law universal, you ask? It is the natural law of all existence, great in its simplicity, true in its revolution, and we must meet, read and follow its signs, as the woodsman follows the signs of nature in his forest, if we expect to traverse the bright trail of the forest of life. When we are following entirely within the law we become the law in its likeness.

Was there ever a condition that law could not surmount? Will there ever be a condition that law can not surmount? Recognizing the fact that there is a law of God which governs the universe, regardless of man's law, we must answer "No." How, then, can there be such a thing as an insurmountable condition in our pathway, if said pathway is within the law. Our common sense tells us that would be impossible. However, "within the law" means within, not partly without.

It is a sad fact that so many of us undertake to create our own laws as we go along, paint our own pictures and translate the truth to suit our own desires. We can not do these things, neither can we bend the law that is. If we could, how much confidence would we have in it?

Who is there so foolish as to think that the Powers That Be are Changeable? How absurd to attempt to go against the great "What Is" for a bit of seeming satisfaction and temporary enjoyment! We are held responsible for all of these things, and every time we jump the trail we have lost an opportunity of a step forward in the lines of progression. Opportunities ungrasped are costly, the reason for it being that with every opportunity comes a corresponding responsibility. We must not attempt to carry these great laws around in our hip pocket, with the purpose of using them when we desire or just as we see fit. If we expect to keep within the realm of progression toward higher understanding, we must live within the law, thereby allowing the law to carry us.

Every passing thought which enters and leaves our mind, has left some kind of a mark, either good or bad; it has a tendency to either strengthen or weaken our progression, necessarily one of the other as our minds can not remain stagnant. The wheels of time always turn forward, never backward, and as we are responsible for our opportunities, such the seriousness of our responsibility as it pertains to the quality of our thought. We can flounder, rave and condemn in our efforts to fulfill our oftentimes selfish desires, but the only thing we accomplish in so doing is to prove to an observer the sad result of such procedure.

Thus it is that we are our own guides of our own shadow trails, our own destroyers, our own rescuers, and we will find the true trail, the happiness of satisfaction, only when we have learned to accept facts for facts, and live upon the thought that a cherished flower can only bloom where the waste is cleared away.

Communication With Spirits

By Wm. J. Bryan, M. D.

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(Spirit Thomas Carlyle.)

It becomes a duty of our, to receive all the good thoughts which are transmitted to us by "wireless" from those enlightened spirits, who are able and willing to instruct us in the principles and grand truths of Spiritualism as revealed to us by those spirits.

And it is our sincere desire, which amounts to a prayer, that we may always be in a position of willingness to obtain the true meaning of spirit instructions, and with a condition of passive receptivity to absorb them. And we feel that it is praiseworthy to bountifully receive, and then to graciously disseminate this knowledge of spirit revelation to others who are looking in vain to established ecclesiastical institutions for light on occult matters.

Listen, and one can hear the lamentations of countless numbers who are trying to learn if their dear ones, called dead, can be reached in some way by their prayers and by direct communication, or even by indirect communication (through a spiritual medium).

We can state positively that spirit friends can come in touch with mortals by both methods.

Let us then be up and doing, to facilitate an easy contract with spirit ones. First of all, one may try to reach spirits by sitting in the home (as I have done), and by spending an hour on one or more days, in silent concentration over the desire to attract certain spirits to our peaceful home room.

In the field of business, study or any special undertaking, planning is necessary, and then comes mental concentration, in order to achieve success. These same efforts must be made by those who wish to develop their power to attract good spirits, and then to communicate with them. Concentration is the chief factor of psychic success. And while it is true that mediumship must be inborn, it is also true that every one can develop some degree of mediumship, providing there is present, a condition of normal health and clearness of brain, with morality in daily life to give stamina to the yearnings for spiritual unfoldment.

So, you cannot fail to notice that spiritual development can be reduced to the practice of easy means of accomplishment. High-priced teachers may be of some aid in development, but they are not absolutely necessary, as the work, application, and concentrative efforts must be made by each individual who earnestly seeks to grow in power of mediumship.

Now, dear friends, it is up to you to make the start. Try to accomplish, and time and patient endeavor will come to be recognized as essentials for success.

It is an excellent rule to begin and to end each hour of application, with prayer to the Infinite Intelligence (impersonal deity, yet ever present divinity), for the blessing of spiritual power, and the good it can do us—praying to receive the blessed gift of mediumship. And let me impress on you to do this supplication in all sincerity, for **good** only, and with a desire to attract the **best**.

So **sincerity**, with **earnest desire**, and **concentration**, are known to be the chief factors of successful communication with spirits.

Sometimes spirituality is hindered, and spirit communion is interfered with when we allow the prejudice of relatives and others to influence us against the nobility of spirit mediumship. Such hindrances should be completely ignored. Otherwise prejudice will hamper honest efforts, and will sometimes introduce a wrong material condition that will disturb the peace and harmony of earnest efforts.

With nations at peace with other nations, and with a growing industrial and economic feeling of co-operation, there is also found an increasing spirituality (which is righteousness) among the people of all lands. So there is a marching toward the high ideals of daily life; and spirit mediumship developed in humble homes through out the whole country will work wonders and a higher standard of knowledge, of heavenly-mindedness, and of beneficial communion with progressive spirits, will come as fruits of holy endeavor to reach the Infinite Mind with direct aid from those good spirits whom we wish to attract and to emulate.

So let us all try to learn what we can accomplish by seeking communication with those benign spirits of the heavenly Summerland.—And may all praise and glory be thine, our Heavenly Father, for the divine power that comes to us with spiritual growth.

Spiritual Sign Posts

By Katherine E. Gielow

Some of the most sublime truths have been given in the past, but they have been glossed over and changed out of all resemblance by the material way of accepting them. How true it is that the most beautiful things are very near; unseen sometimes to us who are vainly looking afar off. How many times opportunities are lost through neglecting the things near at hand; looking for the big things while the little ones are the Signposts to our goal.

One of the most beautiful prayers ever expressed is found in a certain orthodox Prayer Book which runs as follows; "Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit." And yet I venture to say that in all the years which it has been used, and of the hundreds that have noticed it, it has rarely if ever been interpreted in the spiritual meaning expressed. Not touching the Signpost leading to the beautiful realm of spirit unfolding, but aimlessly wandering in earth thoughts. What is Prayer? Action Living in the undying principle of Good, Charity and Love. And if these things are found in our lives we have attained the vital principle of Prayer.

How often in deep desire we have called out for help and found out from our Spirit friends the way to answer our own prayers by their help and encouragement. And how many times have we been shown that the lack of Divine Love and Charity in our own lives has darkened our experience and made us more susceptible to the darkness. How well Paul has expressed the thought when he says: "If I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profits me nothing." And sad to say, some of our most enlightened have missed that particular Signpost.

Years ago our country was a refuge for a band of people who wished to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Some years after we find them, or their decedents, killing and ill-treating those who by revelation were lighting another Beacon. All their sacrifice had not taught them liberty of spiritual thought. "You shall know the truth and it shall make you free." You who are bound with the chains of Superstition, or Creed.

Do we ever stop to think of the difficulties of those who through weak wills have fostered the evil thing until it has risen up in all its hidden strength to lay waste to all the beautiful promise. And we give as the world gives—scorn, not charity or kind thoughts.

Let us look to the corners in our own inner life, lest we in condemning others neglect to keep under that particular weakness which would make us less firm. Let us hold firmly our Torch high above the darkness! The spiritual light which I serve and love, is an ancient motto often engraved on the shields of the warriors of olden times to show their faithfulness to their leaders. We in this beautiful work will find in service to others, the filling of our own lives with cheer. I heard a remark not so long ago regarding a Medium by someone who had been to her. "She could not see my burden lifted, but how She did comfort me; I carry the peace still with me." Prayer is uplifting. When we understand this rightly we will have opened another door and we will see another vision. May the Sun of understanding dispel the mist of weakness and give strength on the upward march.

Prophecy by Francis Grierson

Estelle Lawton Lindsay, in *Los Angeles Express*, Nov. 5, 1920

That I am writing was told to me today by Francis Grierson, a man famous in the musical and literary worlds of two continents; but who in all his life had but three months of schooling and who never studied music. I mean in the ordinary understanding of the word "study."

Touches President Elect

Mr. Grierson's talk with me concerned President-elect Harding and the national and international issues that he will be called upon to face. He made his statements earnestly, almost solemnly, but with no touch of conceit or boasting.

"I see these things," he said. "I have checked up my vision by a mathematical, cosmical method. What I am saying is not superstition at all, nor vagaries. It has nothing to do with astrology or palmistry or spirits or mediumship, though I do not decry the gifts

of others. What I tell you belongs to the fourth dimension of cosmical space."

Now before we go a bit further I want you to know what Mr. Grierson has heretofore secured when he tapped this same region of "cosmical space," and please postpone the grins until you get to the end of the story.

Wrote Life of Lincoln

Francis Grierson, with no schooling, has yet written a book about Lincoln that is admitted by the great minds of the world to rank first among the books concerning that great man. It is called "The Valley of Shadows," and may be had in the public library. When Lord Charnsworth of the faculty of Oxford decided to write a life of Lincoln he applied to Dr. Prescott Bissett, dean of the law school of the University of Washington to know what to read. Now the dean has a library of 2200 volumes on Lincoln, yet he singled out "The Valley of the Shadows" as the best of all, and recommended it to Lord Charnsworth. All Mr. Grierson's books have received equal recognition.

In his childhood Mr. Grierson was present at the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Alton, Ill., and never forgot the impression made on his youthful mind by that event.

He never saw a piano until he was 15 years old, and never had a lesson; still he had played at all of the European courts, improvising as he went and he never repeats his compositions. His books have brought letters of congratulation from 13 French academicians and won him the close friendship and admiration of Sully Prudhomme, the winner of the first Nobel literary prize.

Taps Subconscious Mind

All of his works, he declares, are the result of his intuitional faculties. In other words, he has learned to tap the great reservoir of knowledge known as the subconscious mind.

It is that reservoir that yielded the prophecies that he made for the national administration that will assume control next March.

Mr. Grierson says that the greatest national asset during the next four years will be the vision and intuitional knowledge of Mrs. Harding, whom he admires greatly for her courage in coming out

and declaring her belief in the latent powers of man.

Just the same, he says, the new administration will be called upon to face three great crises.

The first trial will come in May, 1921, when the adjustment in government departments is being made.

Must Make Decision

"At that time Mr. Harding will be called upon to face difficulties both at home and abroad, and he will be called on to make a momentous decision that will cause much criticism," he declared.

"In June, affairs with England will cause him anxiety and in August a crisis will occur."

"Have you any objection to my publishing these very definite dates?" I inquired.

"Not the slightest," he declared promptly. "I never face such matters, but I do check up my vision—and I have never made a mistake.

"In August, plots will be exposed, and from September on Mexican affairs will demand drastic attention, owing to propaganda of foreign agents in Mexico City. The new President must struggle with old conditions for one year and offend many.

"In October, Mr. Harding should pay particular attention to his health, for if he does not do so a physical reaction will occur, causing him serious trouble and perhaps a breakdown. November will prove a period of sudden reactions."

Crisis With Soviets

"The most serious crisis in the Harding administration will be right in the middle, and it will be caused by the soviet spirit in America. This will be our greatest menace. This winter will end soviet methods in Moscow, but the adherents of this order will continue to struggle. The Japanese in Mexico will join with the malcontents in that country and make an effort to unite with the radical element in the United States. The President—and with him the capitalists—will have this to face. You can believe me when I tell you that Japan and Mexico are wrapped in the same piece of paper.

"Well?" I led

"The crisis will be very grave and all I fear is that the level-headed Americans may not see the danger in time to change their methods. If the President is too conservative—I mean if he resists those changes that must come—there may be a national upheaval. Bolshevism in Mexico may meet Bolshevism in America and unite all the radicals and under dogs.

"But it is on the advice and help of the original American stock that I rely to see the President through this crisis, as well as through the one that inevitably will come in the League of Nations adjustment. That issue has been terribly obscured, not through the special fault of any one person, but by the muddling of many people.

Value of Mrs. Harding

"It is in this crisis that I see the value of Mrs. Harding's vision and character. She is a woman of very great moral courage and with enormous spiritual insight. Her clear vision will be back of the President and the nation in that critical moment."

"And so you see things coming out all right?"

"That depends—when a man arrives at a critical moment in history he is not in the grip of a blind fate. We are only in the grip of fate when we are ourselves blind; but when a man arrives at a readjustment period it is written that he must take the new or go under. In short Mr. Harding must go with the progressive thought of the nation. And that is held in the souls of the 40,000,000 Americans whose fathers and grandfathers were Americans. I have profound faith in those 40,000,000. They will stand like adamant for the right. I know them and I know the English middle classes. The Americans are far more liberally endowed with common sense than the English middle class mind. I am referring to the law-abiding, home-owning Americans. They cannot be overthrown by arguments, hearsay or theories, but they are endowed with a vision that makes them recognize the desirable new.

"Ohio is the very heart of this kind of Americanism. My only fear for Mr. Harding is that he may fall back too hard on conservatism and so fall out of step with the new that must come.

"But then he has Mrs. Harding and those Americans to back and advise him in the crisis.

Character or Temple Building

By Ellen Sophia Holway

It is reported that the most magnificent colored-glass windows are made from little clippings and broken pieces. As one enters an edifice or elsewhere, beholding man's wonderful workmanship, observing the beautiful figures and designs so artistically devised, what a reminder of our own lives and the temple we are building from day to day. Atoms formed and gathered here and there, making use of all the choice bits and applying them in thought, word and action. Foundation of which must be built on a strong and firm basis, for in construction it is essential that the first principles are well understood whereby details will be taken care of with much less friction; and as the temple continues windows of the soul adjust themselves, some to the East, some to the West, some to the North, and some to the South. A wave of strength penetrating northward. Powerful understanding from the South. Boundless love from the East, and marvelous perception scintillating from the West. Enumerating or scanning only the primary side, not forgetting the temple calls for each moment to be on the alert, clearly making it manifest the many lessons that are contained in common-place material.

Very quickly the keenness of the eye observes that not any two windows are just the same. One is illumined by Christ standing so serene, the calmness of the face a benediction. Pausing a little further on there are the Disciples in deep thoughtful mood ready to obey the Masters command. Noticing on the third window John the Baptist embracing the lamb. Finding on each window food for thought. We think in secret and it comes to pass, environment is but a looking-glass.

With the building process glimpses of encouragement peep in, causing the sun to shine, revealing assurance that Spirit will take time to accomplish God's wide plan. Divine love and wisdom go before and make the way plain, and Divine mind guides into expression. Day by day rolls by; seemingly all is at a standstill, when in reality God is welding us into the very best corner that we can be used to

His highest advantage and glory. Slow is the process of fine building, calling repeatedly for patience and all the plural attributes pertaining to the same; always receptive capacity to see wherein a space might have been more successfully utilized; observing how a little could have been withheld or added to, feeling not to have been quite understood; mind perhaps at that moment not being quite so active. But as wisdom declares Truth is established in harmony where there is Divine Standard, stimulating the process to seek still greater power. Glorious sunshine streaming in through the East window, a vision of the Christ-child, thus dominating the nonessentials that mind may be meek and more fully expand to clarified perceptibility, whereas the overflow will be more helpful to other souls. Events serve as the watch for the signal we hoist from within, God doing His best work through us in the silence.

Windows not infrequently become very dim seeing through a glass darkly, but with correct movements soon stand face to face, and the beauty of the many pieces of coloring are gazed upon with a more majestic understanding than ever before. As building progresses let us look well in all directions that the most precious material is always selected, thereby glorious sunshine may ever be present.

Methods of Spiritual Development

By H. C. Wright

Your editor has kindly asked me to say something about Methods of Development, and I wish I had been able to prepare a more comprehensive paper such as the subject deserves. As it is, I can simply hope that I may have arrived at one or two points that may be of some interest to you.

I feel sure that we are all trying to learn something of "Spiritual Development,"—are seeking, so far as may be given us, to attain to that higher state of being in which we all have faith. And I feel sure that the clearer we can have it in mind as to just what it is that we are trying to attain, the greater will be the chances of success.

There may be much difference of opinion as to which is the best method of development along any particular line, but it seems to me certain that if we are aiming for spiritual development then in order

to be successful we must steadfastly keep in mind that—and that only—which is spiritual.

And it is not so difficult, after all, to study the Divine, for we are surrounded by Divinity, and the more we study what is about us the better we comprehend, until finally it becomes quite possible to see the Divine in all things. I would be inclined to assure you that all things are Divine, and that your best development depends largely upon your becoming in harmony with that view.

Some of you may think that our own mental views or thoughts have but little to do with psychic phenomena of different kinds—table-tipping for example, etc., but I assure you that they have very much to do with it if you are anxious to arrive at the best results. Whether your questions to the table are earnest and sincere or trifling and flippant, are selfish or unselfish, are gross and material or are high and fine minded. I assure you that the answers will be in strict correspondence.

And so it will be throughout the entire line of psychic or mediumistic phenomena. The real value of the utterances of the deepest trance states will depend very greatly upon the mediums development, and as to whether that development has been along truly spiritual lines.

We often hear of the remarkable results attained by some medium and it is made much of that such utterances could have come through a person so little "educated."—their lack of "education" is even used as a proof of its genuineness. However, in such cases they have simply lost sight of the fact that the remarkable results attained are due to the development of **Soul Expression**, and depend but little upon mental education.

And to illustrate, I want to take a few words from a well known quotation:—

They are, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

The author of these words had a deep understanding of both mediumship and spirituality, and in the balance of the quotation, (if you care to recall it), you will find the key which unlocks the door to the Greater Mysteries,—it will open the gateway to a path which,

once having found, you will never care to leave, for it leads over towards that which is more perfect and complete.

Many of you remember,—for it is not so very long ago,—when, in popular opinion and in the public press, there was a distinct difference between "Spiritism" and "Spiritualism." You do not hear so much about it now, but the difference, and it is a very real one, still exists, and is of utmost importance.

We speak, commonly, of the spirit as being that part of man which continues to exist after the change called death. (But our talk just now is not about the continuity of existence; that is already believed in by practically all people—their differences arise in their descriptions of that future state). We also speak occasionally of someone, still on this side the line, when we look upon as being "high minded" and "spiritual," and then again we hear all too often about some "spirit" who is on the other side being still "earth bound," etc. In this last case it is evidently meant that although the one spoken of is recognized as a "spirit," yet he is not looked upon as being at all "spiritual."

Now, perhaps this comprehension—or lack of comprehension—comes about through **our** views rather than **their** actual state of being. At any rate, I would ask you to look at **all** times for the Divine—and for the Divine only.

We have a right to believe that experience has taught to humanity something of the truth, and so it seems right to us that we should take some of the things which have been near enough to the Truth to inspire almost universal faith to those who throughout long ages have come to know them.

So if I were to continue longer upon my paper just now it would be mainly to enlarge upon what has been told us by those few who ages ago so well understood both "mediumship" and "spiritually." And especially would I refer to the saying from which I have already quoted a few words—I mean Paul's epistle to the Corinthians in which he places charity, or Love, as the highest point of attainment. I wish this were better known—more carefully studied—more sincerely appreciated—more truly loved.

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EDITORIAL

FOREWORD

This issue of "Psychic Truth" commences the second volume of its publication. A year ago this month The National Association of Free Psychics, feeling the need of a publication of its own, decided to make the venture; and the fact that this Association had only been chartered for about one year and therefore new in the work, made it indeed a venture.

During the first year of its existence, "Psychic Truth" has grown rapidly. It has progressed on its merit alone. And we feel it opportune at this its first anniversary, to tell its many readers and friends that we are glad we made the venture, for "Psychic Truth" is here to stay! Its circulation is steadily increasing, its advertising is proving more and more satisfactory, and we have the promise of more good writers for the coming year. It will be continued in its present form. But we hope with the kind co-operation of its readers and contributors, to increase its volume as well as its scope of usefulness.

We earnestly advise all who are interested in Spiritualism and Truth to support this magazine by subscribing and by submitting articles for publication. We especially solicit articles on phenomena, describing your experience and that of others which you know to be true along this line, thus proving to a special world that spirit return is a fact which can be demonstrated. If you have a Society of your own, or belong to one, you can assist materially by ordering and selling "Psychic Truth" at your meetings. It will be sent to any Society, or news-stand on a returnable basis for fifteen cents each, to be sold at twenty-five cents, thus making a forty per cent profit.

If you are interested, send at once. Remember that definite, forceful action alone counts! Promises mean little—theories less; criticism still less. The **builders** go ahead—make real the ideas that have been talked about!

POWER

Man possesses a marvelous power. The mere fact that he may not be using it, is no sign that there is not concealed somewhere within his being, a force and power equal to the gods of old. How are we to unlock the door which leads to this surplus energy, or as we might say, power house? Asking, or wishing, will not bring it to you; being in tune, or touch, with all worldly conditions will not bring it to you; but being in tune with the divine within you will set it free. Man should stop begging of God who has given him all things, and begin using his gifts. He should learn to concentrate, and by so doing he would accelerate the power within. If you feel dull, useless, and self-worn, and imagine you have been side-tracked by some invisible force, just use your will power to open the switch which leads to the power-house within, and change the current, or vibration, of your whole being.

Man should have a definite purpose in life, for it attracts energy and force; and the passion of a great motive will let loose infinite dynamic power. It has been said "Knock and the door shall be opened." If you have knocked at the inner-gate of self, and the door does not respond, pick the lock and walk in, it's your inheritance. When once you begin to put positive thought into positive action, you are on your way to the goal of your infinite realities. But remember that these thoughts must be accompanied with the purest desire for the love and knowledge of eternal things.

You may sit at the foot of the mountain and ponder and visualize, and gaze at its majestic peak, but in order to climb to its heights you have a great work to do, and many hardships to bear; and so it is with nearly every thing in life. When man starts to unlock the secret chambers of nature's hidden forces he must first find the key to his own soul and be able to unlock the door to the power-house within.

The law of the universe is service. Service fulfills love; service stimulates your originality, opens your resources, inspires your genius, and illumines your imagination; by it you discover yourself. Remember that all which is infinite is yours; and that through the law of service infinite knowledge, which is power, will be given you.

And we all have greater power for good, and be able to utilize and control it for the betterment of mankind. Man has the perceptive power to harness the great Niagara, and to utilize the electrical currents in the atmosphere for the benefit of humanity. Why not use the infinite power within? It is yours. Get in harmony with yourself and the laws of nature, and you will readily see the power within begin to assert itself. Close the door to all inharmonious conditions, and use your will power to transmit the cosmic energy and force of the universe into magnetic waves of love.

It has been said: "The temple of service is truth." Enter into the inner-gate of knowledge and receive this truth; then you will have the desire for greater power, and it will be given you. It is limitless, divine and infinite in mastery. Roll back the stone of cold formalism and materialism from the door of your soul, and let the sunshine of truth enter in. Release the spirit from all hatred, envy and creed. Unfetter your mind and give freedom to the soul and the radiant glow of thine own infinite power will be visualized through your whole being. You can then defy defeat and laugh at danger, for you are unconquerable. Nothing can stand before the power of your will.

MIND THE ADVANCE GUARD

If our mind is limitless as many claim, then man has the power to go beyond all material things and reach out into the higher vibrations of spiritual unfoldment and reveal to the human family the glory of eternal life and the future happiness of mankind. If

the mind is the advance guard of all material and spiritual things. then a well developed mind backed by a powerful will, is able to penetrate into the immensity of space where there would be nothing in the universe that it could not reveal.

When man has a correct understanding of the psychic laws of nature there will be very little difficulty in willing the mind to register and interpret all visible and invisible vibrations. This Law exists and we as individuals should profit by a correct understanding thereof.

We are made masters over this world, for sovereignty and dominion is enthroned in our will. Put your will into command. Realize that mind is supreme and let your will create whatever the heart desires. If you are endowed with a desire to understand the Law, will your mind to unlock the door that all hidden mysteries may be revealed to you. Search the heavens and the earth and all things will be revealed to you. We are a part of the great, stupendous whole; and when we realize this the power is quickened and the God within asserts itself, and we realize that we hold the key which unlocks the door of all mystery, where all things shall be made known to us.

Through the Law of sensation and intuition the mind becomes active and creative, and by the operation of the will it may be developed to the extent that it can catch the thought waves as they flash from one person to another. Yes, it may go into the fourth dimension of space and realize through its mastership where it is, what it is and how it proceeded to accomplish its unfoldment. Man accomplishes very little in this world when his will is weak and his mind is sluggish; but the mind can be trained, improved and developed the same as the muscles of your body. It can register on a high vibration, or a low vibration. The will operating through the mind can control the body and master pain and disease.

Man is just beginning to understand the power within; and when he is able to unlock the door to his own Soul he then has the key to the universe. There can be no denial of the absoluteness of the Law, and there is no escaping the effects accomplished by the workings of the principles.

"Man is the highest and most perfect combination of organized matter. He therefore exercises an unlimited proprietorship over all

below his exalted position, and is the governor, director, and lord of all subordinate creation. He in this sense pervades all below him. At the same time he is dependent upon the perfect fulfillment of every office which is sustained by the subordinate kingdom; and without them and their perpetual contributions, he could not possibly exist.' "Man, then, is not only the highest form, but comprehends likewise the lowest; and without the lowest, the highest could not be. He therefore should practically acknowledge his dependence accordingly; and in properly doing this, he would so perfect his wisdom as that he might be truly the director, governor, and lord of all things."

Therefore I claim that as mind is the highest function of organized matter, it must be the search light which leads man out of darkness into light; into knowledge and wisdom. When man wills himself to rise, his perceptive power, which is the mind reaching out and feeling its way through approaching danger, or into the higher conditions of spiritual life, can go as far as he wills it to go.

Will, Mind, Spirit and Soul are so closely connected that they may occupy the same space at the same time. Will commands. Mind understands. Spirit obeys. Soul takes its flight; and the boundless universe is explored by the craving energy and force of man.

Therefore thought and its expression, when wisely directed by an experienced psychic, brings us in touch with the highest vibrations and leads us into a field of research which could never have been discovered through the five senses. It is no more question in the minds of a great many that soul flights, or journeys through space is a reality; and that at times clairvoyance or soul sight will reveal to you the same condition. When one has the key to self he is not limited by material conditions, or even the five senses.

Study the laws of nature. Get in tune with the Infinite. Use your will power to raise the vibration of your whole being; and the spirit within will reveal to you the beauty and glory of all creation.

Field of Activity

The Beacon Light Church of Free Psychics hold services every Sunday at 4 P. M. at 2113 Seneca St. The Pastor, Rev. Julia Boyce,

inspirational Speaker and Message bearer, is very ably assisted by her daughter Mrs. Myrtle Van Otteren in giving messages and conducting the musical part of the services: and is often assisted by different mediums who are gifted message bearers. The Church is progressing, and with the very harmonious conditions that exist, gives promise of success for the future. Special Christmas services conducted by the children were held Dec. 19th, consisting of recitations and musical selections which was enjoyed by all present. After which all the children received presents, with bags of candy, nuts and oranges. Our Pastor was presented a sum of money from the Church in appreciation of her services as Pastor. Also a beautiful cut glass basket filled with baby chrysanthemums, a gift from The Ladies Aid which meets twice a month at the homes of the different members, and is doing a good work. Rev. Julia Boyce holds a developing class which meets at her home 1273 Abbott Road, Tuesday evening of each week. They are very successful, the spirit forces demonstrating in many ways the great truth of spirit return; with spirit voices speaking through the trumpet. On Dec. 21st, the class presented her with a handsome gift of china. Also two fine Indian statues, one from friends who are members of the class, and one from her son and daughter and Mr. Boyce, the president of the church. After which refreshments were served by our Pastor and daughter, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

LILLIE B. WHITE, Corresponding Secretary.

Temple of Strength Church, corner of Jefferson and Bristol Streets. Services Sunday evening at 8 P. M. Rev. Isabella Reed, Pastor, assisted by a staff of mediums and workers. The public welcome.

On Sunday Jan. 16th, the Temple of Strength Church took a step forward in its progression in the making of Mrs. Reed its permanent Pastor. A position which she has so capably filled for the past year. Those of us who have been more closely associated with her realize the great effort she has put forth in behalf of our little church. We know she truly merits being its pastor.

We were particularly fortunate at this service to have with us S. J. Richardson of Lily Dale the President, Mabel MacDonald the

Vice-President, George Erhardt, the Secretary and Rev. J. G. Wind, of the National Board of Free Psychics. Also representatives of all the other Psychic churches of our city. As Mr. Alan MacDonald, our President was detained through illness, his place was taken by Mr. Reed as master of ceremonies.

The afternoon service opened with congregational singing, followed by the invocation by Mabel MacDonald. After another song, Mr. Richardson gave the address of the day. Those who were fortunate enough to hear him realize the treat that was given them for he left with his hearers so many thoughts to be remembered for time to come. After his address Mrs. Lever rendered a beautiful solo. After which the ordination service took place. Mr. Richardson took charge of this ceremony, and at its close our pastor received the congratulations of all the visiting clergy and friends. Two beautiful baskets of flowers were presented to her, one from the officers and members of the church, the other from the Willing Workers the ladies auxillary of which our pastor is president. After a few brief remarks by Rev. Reed, the meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology. The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Erhardt.

Between the afternoon and evening a supper was served to all our invited guests and friends. It was given and served by the Willing Workers, in compliment to Rev. Reed. At the evening service our little hall was filled to overflowing again. The invocation was given by our pastor Rev. Reed. Mrs. Van Otteren rendered a beautiful solo after which Mr. Erhardt gave a short address telling in part what had taken place at the afternoon service. After singing by the congregation, Mr. Richardson delivered the address of the evening touching on our Declaration of Principles, Science and Medicine, Mediumship, Universal Law and Thought Transference. This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Lever, a short talk by Rev. Reed, and another solo by Mrs. Van Valen. As no spiritual service is quite complete without messages, the following mediums were called upon as message bearers. Mrs. MacDonald, Rev. Boyce, Rev. Gielow, Mrs. Keiser, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Spring, Mrs. Van Otteren and Mrs. Ketchum. The service was concluded by the singing of Doxology by the benediction by Rev. Reed.

We extend to our National Board, to every sister church of this association, and to our many friends a hearty invitation to join with us again. The officers and members of the Temple of Strength Church wish to extend our thanks to the officers of the National Association of Free Psychics, also to the many friends who helped to make the special ordination service for our pastor, Mrs. Isabelle Reed such a grand success. This was only made possible by your sincere co-operation. Accept our heartfelt thanks.

G. A. STEVENS, Secretary.

Guiding Light Church of Free Psychics, 126 Harriet Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., holds services every Sunday and Thursday evening at their Temple, and I wish herewith to make known some of our activities and fraternities among our members and friends. On December 4th, at a regular business meeting the following officers were elected. Brother J. Truebenbach Pres., Bro. J. Buoman Vice-Pres., Bro. H. Miller, Sec., Bro. M. Herman Treasurer and Sister B. Wind, I. Truebenbach, M. Harlach as trustees. Bro. A. Thielke was appointed as guard. These officers were duly installed by our National President, S. J. Richardson at a mass-meeting held under the auspices of Guiding Light Church, on January 30th. This mass-meeting was one of the largest ever held by this church, our platform being with the best talent in the vicinity of Buffalo. Among the workers present were officers of the National Board, and many pastors and missionaries from our sister churches who amazed the audience by their wonderful demonstration of truth. The inspirational lecture by S. J. Richardson left his hearers deeply impressed.

Our Lyceum children are doing a noble work. They never shrink a duty and are always willing to help. Lyceum is held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with the exception of special meetings, when they usually take part in the afternoon. Great praise was given them at our recent mass-meeting where they took an active part both afternoon and evening. On December 23rd, they entertained the members and friends with exercises in which George Erhardt, Sec. of the N. A. of F. P. was the principal speaker. He spoke of the great movement which will come through the efforts of the children in time to come. After this session the children who numbered over 50 were presented with Christmas gifts, including

sec. Erhardt, who forgot his name when asked by Santa Claus. A beautifully decorated tree illuminated with electric lights, inspired the heartfelt awe of many of the children, and not one was sent away without a present. Gifts were sent to the sick children until all were disposed of. Rev. J. G. Wind, pastor of this church was presented with a well filled purse.

The Guiding Light Club which is conducted for the benefit of the young men, and of which Mr. Richardson is an honorary member, is doing all it can socially for the boys, and good results are shown already towards helping the advancement of our church and the cause. Mr. Richardson was entertained in a befitting manner by this club upon his recent visit to our mass-meeting. The ladies must not be forgotten as with their aid a magnificent banquet was enjoyed after the evening installation, and at Christmas time. They spared no time or pains in making many hearts feel the joy of olden time. Under the new plans which were recently adopted, this Mutual Aid is looking forward to doing such work as will prove an uplift to mankind. Plans are now under way to celebrate the anniversary of this church which takes place the last Sunday in March, both afternoon and evening. We hereby invite all sister churches, workers and friends to take part, especially the officers of our grand cause.

REV. J. G. WIND, 126 Harriet Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

The First Free Psychic Society of Jamestown, N. Y. has been holding services every Sunday at 7:30 P. M., at 563 East Second St., and are having a fine attendance and good success. Mrs. Florence L. Gillespie, of Erie, Pa., was with us recently and gave a lecture and messages, which were greatly enjoyed by all. Sunday November 28th. Mrs. Motleys guide spoke on this subject: "The stone which the builders rejected, the same has become the head of the corner." Much praise was given in regard to the masterly way in which the guides handled the subject. Everyone agreed that this was one of our best meetings.

GRACE A. MOTLEY, Pastor.

Church of Spiritual Philosophy, Red Men's Hall, State Street, Erie, Pa. Services every Sunday at 8 P. M. Rev. Florence L. Gillespie, pastor and medium, assisted by Mrs. J. Fickenworth and Mr. C. A. Shaw. We are having fine audiences and are doing good for the cause of Spiritualism.

The First Progressive Church of Free Psychics, regular services Sunday afternoon and evening at 667 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. E. Erhardt Pastor. Special healing circles each Sunday afternoon and also special afternoon message circles with "A message for all." The third Sunday in each month is "Mediums day." All mediums invited to attend, and privileged to assist. Supper served by Progressive Ladies Aid.

N. R. MILLER, Secretary.

The Light of Truth Church, 54 Moreland Street, Buffalo, N. Y. Services every Sunday evening at 8 P. M. The Rev. Katherine F. Gielow, Pastor.

The First Progressive Church of Salamanca, N. Y., was chartered on January 9th, with 40 charter members. J. L. Congleton speaker and medium assisted by Mrs. Bessie Shaw as message bearer. S. J. Richardson of Lily Dale, President of the National Association of Free Psychics, presented the Charter and delivered the address of the evening to a large and interested audience, followed by messages by J. L. Congleton and Mrs. Bessie Shaw. This is the first Spiritual Society which was ever chartered in Salamanca and speaks well for the work of Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Congleton, as the people seem very much interested.

First Church of Free Psychics, 180 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Services Sunday evening at 8 P. M. Tuesday evening at 8:30 and Thursday at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M. Mrs. F. Keiser, President, Speaker and Medium.

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We shall appreciate acknowledgements. Please address same to Editor Psychic Truth, Lily Dale, N. Y.

Geo. Keeler, Erie, Pa.—Hello George, I am Frank W. Remember I promised jokingly to come to you with a word if I died first. Well I find I haven't actually died and it is not as I thought over here but a heap sight better. If you could only understand things as I do you would not have the least dread of dying. Yes keep the watch, it was meant for you anyway. Tell your father his money was not stolen but he lost it on the street.

John Henry Burns, Buffalo, N. Y.—Your mother from spirit sends you greeting and says not to worry over A's condition as she will be greatly helped within the next two months. Also tell Anna that her eyes need attention, especially the left one. Your grandmother on your father's side, a small woman with blue eyes and glasses, comes saying the papers were burned, there is no use to search for them. Things will improve soon, be patient.

Julia Boyce, Buffalo, N. Y.—A spirit by the name of Ella wants to thank you for the good thoughts sent over when her son came into spirit. Your big heart and sincerity have done much in more ways than you think. You are a little discouraged now but cheer up as greater things come to you by Easter of this year. Your band of workers is growing and they have great power. Tell Addie not to give up as it will come out alright. John also says he comes to you many times to bring you strength. He is an elderly man with a white beard who passed out some time ago.

Chas. Foster, Erie, Pa.—Your father in spirit, also your sister, call to you to be careful. The work you are engaged in is dangerous. Yes Sue knows it was not intentional but wants you to help Essie. You will find what you have missed inside the third book from the left top shelf, in the bookcase. Grandma wants a small American flag placed under the picture of the dear one who came over as a result of the late war. An old lady speaks to you in German from the spirit side of life. She did much for you when you were small.

Church of the Soul, Homestead, Pa.—Levi Alexander says "Tell the good people I am with them. I shall manifest in more ways than one as your vibrations attract me. I can work through one of your mediums. I shall also try to come through the trumpet the first week in April.

Anna Clark, Jamestown, N. Y.—Your mother, brother George and Aunt Clara come to you saying not to worry over a certain material condition as it will be taken care of before March 15th. Your work has not been in vain and you will soon begin to reap the reward. Try to see us when we come to you in the living-room at dusk. We all send love.

Bernard Weigand, Ashtabula, Ohio.—Your Uncle Hiram comes to you with a word of greeting. He says that you did not care for him on earth and he doesn't blame you but things are different now. He wants to make amends for his treatment of you by setting you right in a business way. Just let matters drift for two months and then there will be something offered to you which you must accept. You have ability but not enough confidence.

Joyce Wilmer, Jamestown, N. Y.—Brother Charles wants to relieve your anxiety concerning the outcome of the condition now pending. It will be favorable to you. Just call on God and the Spirit Forces for help. They will see you through. Margie is alright and a true friend. Pay no attention to talebearers. Your brother asks that you place a white flower in memory of him where you can see it often. It enables him to come closer and give you strength.

Mrs. Gielow, Buffalo, N. Y.—Your father in Spirit comes to say that he is greatly pleased over your progress in the work of enlightening souls. He says that for years you have worked to help others but not in just this way and you will reap the reward. He says tell her by Easter she will have accomplished something she has been hoping for. Your Uncle in Spirit sends you a blessing also an old Spirit giving her name as Elizabeth, also Harry.

Residents of Lily Dale, N. Y.—Aunt Sally L. wants to get a message to all her friends at Lily Dale. She lived some time ago in the old cottage where the Lilacs bloomed. She says tell the friends to keep up the good work. I was there every day last summer and several since. The magazine will do a great work. Tell S. J. R. that his daughter in Spirit says she will have a poem in that book yet.

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