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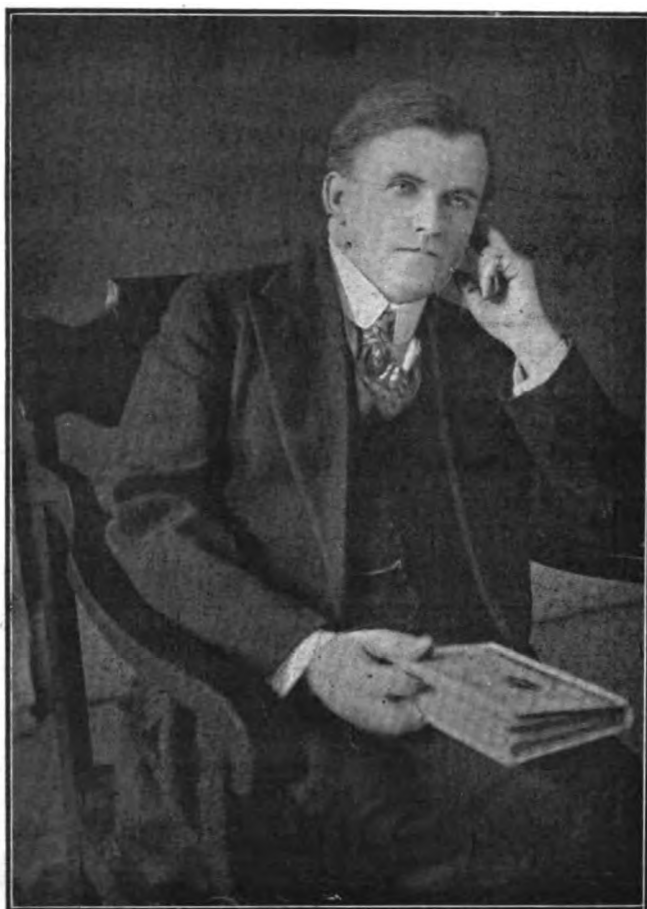
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## *Dear Readers:*

In placing the first number of this magazine before the public I desire to thank our members and friends who have so willingly come forward with help by sending contributions, written articles, news items and subscriptions to our magazine.

We Spiritualists have no creed, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, the Immortality of the Soul. Spiritualism is the science of Life, the manifestation of the Spirit; the intercommunion between people of earth and those on the other side. Between the two worlds there is a bridge. That bridge has carried millions and will carry millions more. You and I will cross the bridge, sooner or later. Have no fear. It will be strong enough to carry you. It has carried your father, mother, brother, sister or children. The time will come when I shall write the last word by my hand. Have you ever thought, as you sat at your breakfast table, that some day, sooner or later, it will be the last time?

But death does not end all. Life in reality begins after the change called Death. Our work is not finished; there are many things that we neglect here which we shall have to finish on the other side. But Spiritualism takes away the fear of death.

Most people have some mediumistic powers, or spiritual gifts; Seership clairvoyance, the ability to hear voices, clairaudience; the psychometric of sensing or feeling; others are dreamers of dreams, fall into trance, speak as the spirit gives them utterance, that is, the spirit draws from them magnetism, and these would be called physical mediums and are used to move tables, make raps, write on closed slates and in various ways demonstrate their presence. Thus, spiritualists know that man lives a conscious and loving life after the body dies.

Spiritualism is the knowledge of everything pertaining to the Spiritual nature of man, and as a spirit is the moving force of the Universe in its

widest scope, it grasps the domain of nature and embraces all that is known or ever can be known, receiving all that is good and rejecting all that is bad or evil, with personal responsibility, compensation and retribution hereafter for all the good or evil deeds done here and a path of eternal progress open to every human soul that wills to tread it by the path of eternal good.

And yet, spiritualism has been misunderstood and misrepresented as much or more than other sciences or religions. What I mean by misrepresentation of Spiritualism, especially of its phenomena, is by those who claim to be Spiritualists and claim to come in touch with the loved ones who have passed over on the other side of life and who have what I might term a good flow of language and can put up a good line of talk and have probably studied peoples' characters and by looking in their faces they get some impressions call it mind reading, if you like, and by that they give some description and details or delineations which often-times are recognized; but the descriptions and delineations are such that almost anyone could recognize them.

From my many years of experience in this and other countries I find to come in touch with those on the spirit side of Life, to give messages to our friends here from their loved ones on the other side, that I must be spiritual-minded, for like attracts like at all times.

Those who believe in a continuity of existence and that departed spirits communicate with man, however, they disagree, are Spiritualists. But only as they cultivate the noble instincts and harmonize their lives, are they entitled to the name in its highest sense.

There are certain fundamental principles on which all agree as forming the basis of the Spiritual philosophy. Man is a duality, a physical structure and a Spirit. The Spirit is an organized form evolved by and out of the physical body, having corresponding organs and development. This



Spiritual being is immortal. Death is the separation of this duality and does not affect the Spirit morally or intellectually. The Spirit holds the same relations to the spirit-world than man holds to physical nature. The spirit here, and there, works out its own salvation, receiving the reward of well doing and suffering for wrong doing. Salvation is only attainable through growth. There is no arbitrary degree, final judgment or atonement for wrong except through the suffering of the galaxy.

*Is Spiritualism True or False?* I feel inspired to write something on behalf of Spiritualism as apart from the controversy, because of the great interest aroused. When it is remembered that the claims of Spiritualism are occupying the attention of some of the greatest scientists of the age and many of the most intelligent thinkers in the world, I think it is necessary to treat this question seriously. As someone has said: "Controversy equalizes wise men and fools, and the fools know it." When people on any side become more anxious to score points than to advance truth, then indeed should a controversy be closed, for its outcome cannot be good.

When discussing Christian evidence, by Christian evidence I mean the Orthodox churches, we Spiritualists are met on every hand with the remark: "Prove it, demonstrate it, show me my mother or my grandmother or father," whichever one comes to mind first. The reply I have given to many who have come to me in that manner has been: "When you change the life that you are living and become more Spiritual, then I as a psychic and medium may possibly have your mother, your grandmother, or your father show themselves to you, but at the present time the life you are living, the demoralizing conditions which surround you make you unfit for your loved one to appear in your presence." This has taken hold of many. It has set them thinking and what I want to do is to set people thinking. When people begin to think, they begin to pray; when they begin to pray, they begin to be Spiritual. By that means we mediums and psychics might be able to give our demonstrations clearer. However, the churches and orthodox religions demand, claim and in fact, have the right to their opinions; to speak out their opinions boldly, but we Spiritualists have been held back by law, which we feel is not fair. Why should it not be with Spiritualism as with other religious or political affairs? Let people hear what we have to say. Let us have the right to speak and to demonstrate, and then for those who are listening to us be not in a hurry to decide. There are good, bad and indifferent amongst all of us. Search out that which is good. Hold fast to it. Assist that which is not good and try to help it to a higher plane.

In the most comprehensive sense Spiritualism teaches that the Universe is the manifestation of infinite Spirit, or inherent energy which is the Creator of all organic forms; the primal source of all life, motion, sensation and intelligence, whose material evolution is nature, whose vital expression is natural law and whose Spiritual manifestation is the universal mind.

Man is the highest known manifestation of the infinite Spirit. He is a Spirit clad with an etherial and physical body, whose separation is called death, but is really his birth into the Spirit World. As a Spirit, having a Spiritual body, the counterpart of this mortal form, he is unchanged in powers and faculties, and enters by the law of attraction into environment corresponding to this Spiritual development where he progresses in the ratio of his efforts and capacity, continually graduating as prepared into higher spheres.

Mind acts on mind and matter, which is telepathy. He may communicate with mortals or through the psychic force of Mediums and may produce physical manifestations to the same end.

The Spirit world is in space and its first sphere or grade so interblends with ours that we are constantly in the presence of kindred spirits, who come to us to aid or to be aided. The Spirit spheres are as diversified as the nature and character of Spirits and are as objective and tangible to them as earth is to us.

Heaven has been described by our Orthodox friends as being a long distance away, with beautiful streets, paved with gold, and harps to play upon, and that every one of us shall have wings. There must be a very large storeroom to store all the wings for us who are going over there.

Heaven and Hell are conditions, not localities, and are the result of our thoughts and deeds. Through the law of compensation and retribution we reap what we sow, regardless of religious faith or ceremony. As long as we sin we shall suffer, and we must work out our own salvation by ceasing to do evil and learning to do good, and thus shall we finally have happiness.

At that Golden Gate, of which so much has been written and said, let us for a moment imagine that one of the Apostles will be the Gatekeeper. We will say that a Presbyterian comes to the gate. I want to ask my readers: "Do you think that the gatekeeper would ask what creed or belief he had when on earthplane?" And if one answered: "I am a Presbyterian," would he be refused entrance? This applies to every creed, sect or religion. It applies to the colored people. Since I have been in America I have understood that many object to being in the presence of colored people. My idea of Heaven is that there is no distinction of color, race or religion; no creed, sect or denomination; the rich and the poor, the white and the black may enter that Gate if their

lives have been lived here according to their consciences, and if they have worked for the uplift of fallen humanity that Gate will be swung wide open, but probably closed and kept closed to those who have used their religion as a cloak.

I happen to know a great deal of orthodox religions, for I was brought up in the Orthodox Church, have been a worker in the Baptist Church and a Preacher. I have found some, who on Sunday morning have put on their best suit of clothes and worn it all day. Then had taken off the suit, carefully brushed, folded and hung it up until the next Sunday, and their religion has remained with that suit of clothes.

There is no personal devil as taught by pagans and Christians and the teaching of a terrible hell and hell fire is fast dying out. There is, as I have mentioned before, punishment or working out of our wrong doing here, that we cannot live just any sort of life here and be happy hereafter but the Spirits that were perverted and degraded while in the flesh, for awhile retain their disposition and depraved propensities and the evil things attributed to the devil and his imps. If we send liars over the Spirit world we must expect them to return as such. It is our duty to help them to a higher condition by praying for them and sending good thoughts out to them, thus helping them to overcome evil with good.

The Bible is the word and work of man in and out of the flesh. Therefore it is no more infallible than our Spirit communication today, all of which should be subject to the test of reason and science and accepted only so far as they teach the truth and principles of nature, the only divine revelation.

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### HEAVENWARD

A poem dedicated to my friend Mr. C. P. Christensen, while in trance, March 10, 1914.

—J. Henry Bailey, Composer.

"And God called the Firmament Heaven."—  
*Genesis*—1—3.

Heavenward! Oh, the peaceful resting  
After wearing self sacrifice,  
When others' trials and woes were pressing,  
That other souls might upward rise.  
Tis not death but spirit soaring  
Where no human foot hath trod.

A moment's time alone divide,  
A fleeting breath moves veil aside,  
And I'll have crossed the border land  
And mid' the Holy angelic band,  
I'll see the nail pierced hands and feet,  
For I shall love Him, when we meet.

Some day, when ebbs life's flowing tide,  
And I shall cross the other side,  
And leave behind, the what has been  
Across the threshold enter in,  
The Divine Human, I will greet.  
For I shall know Him, when we meet.

GOD OUR LIFE.

*Genesis* 2-7

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### BACK TO LIFE AFTER 27 HOURS IN SPIRITLAND

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*Christensen Awakens from Trance Where "Controls" Told of Radium Theft.*

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Christen Christensen, the Danish trance specialist of Tuxedo Hall, today emerged from his spiritually conducted tour of Shadeland. Twenty-seven hours and ten minutes elapsed time Mr. Christensen spent on his cot under the blue bulb. He was a little weak on awakening at midnight, but is now feeling fine and will hold his usual spiritualistic meeting this evening.

A bookful of the medium's sayings is being type-written for reference and investigation. The subject matter is somewhat fragmentary and parts of it are in foreign tongues.

Many women members of the Psychological Research Pub. and Distributing Society, of which Christensen is head, sat beside him during yesterday's trance and asked questions. These, with his answers, are on record, a number of them signed as a voucher for their accuracy.—*from the New York Evening Mail*, January 22, 1914.



## **Christensen's 45-Hour Trance**



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About 12 o'clock midnight, Mr. Christensen prepared to enter his second trance before a large audience. He walked up and down the hall, asked for a cigar which was promptly handed to him by a gentleman. The Medium lit the cigar, withal continuing walking about the hall, while the audience softly sang a hymn.

Suddenly he placed the cigar on a table, and commenced to describe the spirit of a lady. A gentleman instantly recognized the spirit, and also admitted other personal tests.

Lo, with limbs outstretched, the Medium fell with a thud, at 12:13 a. m., upon the floor. The trance overpowered him, thus his limbs became rigid. Three gentlemen raised his body from the floor and carefully placed it upon a neat clean cot, beneath a blue electric light, near the altar.

Thereafter a general hush came over the audience until they dispersed.

Tuesday, 1:30 a. m.

The spirit says: "Tell people to talk loud—not to whisper."—Jaimes Bailey—"Mother coming over to us soon, do not tell her—Kate or Katherine—with Bailey, also Mary and John."

Then came "Black Hawk" an Indian control.

After the Indian control a spirit commenced to speak German: "Ich kriege hier eine Name—Frau Moeller. "Ich kriege heir eine Name—Frederika—heir kann ich einen numer sehen—24 oder 29—weiss nicht die strasse, vielleicht kann ich mehr sagen, wenn ich die Briefe hab Marie sie—gelehrt der B—viele Jahre gestorben. Von die Marie"—here the main guide came and explained: "It is the name of the spirit she is trying to give the name of the people who wrote the anonymous letters, 'Josephine' in connection with this matter."

The spirit then called out in a very small voice: "Elizabeth" and spoke in Swedish, referring to a lady member of the society, which was recognized by the lady in charge of Mr. Christensen.

The spirit speaks French now: "Parlez vous francais?" and we are sorry to admit that we didn't understand the French message.

After a while the Medium went into a natural sleep, in which he remained until 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The doctor, in charge, attended him at 8:30 a. m., pulse normal and the Medium in very satisfactory condition.

Spirit says, 8:35 a. m., Tuesday, "We will now take him deep, he has been in a natural sleep during the night."

Indian control, in Indian language, and pointing to his neck, then his main guide, explaining in English, that it was an Indian Medicine Man who said to button the collar of his shirt around his neck.

At 1 o'clock Tuesday morning came another Indian control, "Bright Light" and said: "Letter came here today, say Medi fake, man here Thursday night, he no good—he from Brooklyn"—To explain particulars here pertaining to letter mentioned by the Control: A letter came by that morning's mail, was opened by the lady in charge, and lying upon a table nearby. It was from a man, sceptic, in Brooklyn, who has the idea that Mr. Christensen is a faker, and who does not believe in Spirit-Communication.

The Indian control, "Bright Light" knew that that letter had come, which Mr. Christensen did not know, having been in trance since the night before, and this proves that the controls of this Medium can foretell events.

At 12 o'clock noon Tuesday, the Guide explained that for the first twelve hours the Medium had been in a natural sleep, and under control, but at the present hour, he was taken very deep, and could undergo tests, but it would not be advisable unless the doctor was there. It would take four men to lift him now, as we have repeatedly shown in England and Germany. Let somebody try to lift one of his arms. This was done by several visitors, who found it impossible to move them.

"Some people have an idea that he is doing this for money; he is not, but he is doing it to convince the public, and he will cause a great sensation in his work, because he is true to himself and to us.

A doctor, visiting him at 1:45 p. m., declared his pulse to be 60, and found it a most interesting demonstration.

In the afternoon the Medium did was lying motionless, with the exception now and then as if in pain.

In the evening about 8 o'clock a his body with a sudden jerk, and spoke voice to a large audience:

"Friends, it may be necessary to explain to you about trance condition. Somebody may think it is through will power he is laying there, with his eyes closed, and has been starving for the last three days, but we know better.

"We were once skeptical, but were thoroughly convinced, and I was well known as a writer in *Spiritual Research*. If we had listened to the spirit warning, we would have been on the Earth-plane today. Yet we do not regret it, because of the many sensitives and psychics we have convinced since passing over.

At the last moment on board the "Titanic," when people were getting into the life-boats, we had no fear. It was only our duty to help others, and when we were brought over here, we were convinced of eternal life.

"Under the last trance this Medium went through, our daughter came and was convinced that she recognized her father's voice. When she came again later to one of the meetings she was again convinced of his honesty, and that no one could imitate her father's voice.

"This is a control-trance; we have him as high up as we dare under conditions. It will be at 12 o'clock midnight, when the spirit leaves the body, and there is great danger, as it is only connected with the body through the silver cord. Do not pass over his body then, as it would break the silver cord, and thus prevent the spirit from returning to the body, as happened once to a Medium in England.

We will return again tomorrow, as we cannot now use him as intended. It was intended to use him for poetry after the first twenty-four hours.

*W. H. Stead.*

The Guide: "We will answer questions now."

Questions from the audience were then handed up to the lady in charge and after they were read aloud by her answered by the Medium, and all were recognized. The doctor attended at 9:45 p. m., and found the Medium very much exhausted after answering the questions, which was for more than an hour, and requested the people to leave the room. The Medium lay motionless until about 11 o'clock, when the spirit called out "Sister Minnie" which was recognized by a reverend gentleman present, and then followed in German:

"Ich bin so froh dass meine Tochter hier ist, ich bin ihre Mutter, Marie, sie ist glücklich—the spirit stopped, and the Guide explained that the spirit wanted to say that she was glad because her daughter is happy now, she made a mistake some years ago. A man made her unhappy, he was not good. She is good and deserved to be happy, as she is now, meaning the minister's wife. This was recognized by the minister's wife, who was present.

Wednesday morning the doctor attended at 8 o'clock. The Medium was naturally weaker than the day before, but in good condition.

At ten o'clock the spirit-control revealed a matter of great importance, but for various reasons it cannot be made public at this time.

In the afternoon a meeting was held in the hall where he was lying rigid and still, with the odor of flowers and incense around him.

In the evening, 8 p. m., the main guide spoke:

"This may seem strange to those who are present, especially the different jerks of this man's body. There are two stages of trance. A control-trance is where the Medium lies entirely in our power. He cannot speak himself, only when we speak through him. Then there is the trance-state, where the spirit leaves the body, and travels into different parts of the spheres, connected by what is termed a silver thread. In this condition our instrument or Medium is at the present time. He has now entered on his 45th hour of lying practically unconscious. He has seen many things, he has revealed several things. There have been many to visit him. If any one doubts that he is in a trance, try for yourselves, and see if you can lie for 45 hours without food or stimulant, after having fasted three days.

The one who is now speaking is the main Guide and Control, who has taken care of him during this trance and always takes care of him. Another spirit will enter his body to answer questions, and we will endeavor to answer as many as we can. We may not be able to answer them all, but we will do our best. After the questions are answered the people must leave the room and we will bring him back to his natural state. We will keep him less than the 48 hours, as he has a pain underneath the heart. You must not make any noise, rattling papers or moving chairs about, as from now until he awakes is the critical stage.

There are some sceptics in this room, but they may be convinced before they leave. There have been many in his meetings during his five months in New York, five years in America, sixteen years in England and four years in Germany. But many have come in doubt and gone away convinced.

Investigate for yourselves and you will find that your loved ones are not dead. Some people are leading such sinful lives that their loved ones cannot manifest themselves to them. Change your ways, be more spiritual and less material, then your father or mother and other spirit friends, whom you loved when on Earth-plane will return and bring messages which will help and strengthen you. The questions you ask: How to succeed in marrying? should be: "How can I lead a better life, and how may I fulfill the promise made to my mother at her dying hour?" When you held her hand and it began to be cold and stiff, you promised her you would change your ways, but these promises have not been kept, yet you come to these meetings, and ask them, how you can locate a lost diamond, how you can gain material things in life. It is better for you to ask how you can locate a lost soul. If you will look upon spiritual things first, the material questions will be answered for you.

At 9:15 p. m., another control came and said:

This man, who has sacrificed his body and physical strength, and risked his life to convince people, has come to the close of this trance condition. We will say that his life was in great danger. This morning when a certain gentleman passed a certain letter over his body, there was only a small chance, and only through his main Guide, who is always taking care of him, was he saved.

If any sceptic thinks the trance condition is through will-power, let him try it for 45 hours. This Medium is in possession of great power given to him from the spirit-side of life, which is always a mystery to people on the material side of life.

If there were a good many present, we would allow tests; you could put a pin through his cheek and no blood would flow.

We listened to the young Medium who spoke here this afternoon. She is pure and honest. She said there is no difference between trance and death, and she is right; trance is the sister of death. When she mentioned that it is only the pure and clean, the holy who can enter into a trance, she was right, because it is true. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

W. H. Stead.

After this the Guides brought Mr. Christensen back to his normal state, physically weak, but mentally stronger than ever.

He conducted his meeting as usual Thursday evening for a large audience.

## PARTICULARS OF C. P. CHRISTENSEN'S TRANCE

of

63 Hours and 15 Minutes

It was after the watchnight service on New Year's Eve, 1914, at Tuxedo Building, 59th Street and Madison Avenue, and in full view of a large audience, that C. P. Christensen, President of the Psychological Research Society, was taken into his third long Trance.

While walking to and fro, in a large circle that was formed by the congregation; and to the soft singing of hymns, Mr. Christensen, began to describe the Spirit form of a gentleman, which was immediately recognized with other personal tests and was recognized by a gentleman.

Then he was directed to a young lady, and described the Spirit form of an old lady which was recognized as her mother. He also said, "I feel impressed with a material condition, and something seems to tell me that you are planning something in the near future, a personal condition. The message was of private nature, therefore I will go no further, but was all recognized by the lady to be true.

The medium was then impressed to sing that old fashioned hymn of "That's how my Angel Mother Died" while he continued to walk the floor; when with hands outstretched he fell with a thud on the floor, at 1:17 a. m. New Year's morn. Three gentlemen in the audience carried him to his cot in the hall below, which was in readiness, waiting to receive him.  
January 1st, 1915.  
9:20 a. m.

The medium said, "Don't let them crowd around me I cannot breathe. Don't let them take me, they are carrying me away." He raised slightly from his bed, clinging to it at the same time, when suddenly he fell back with a shriek.

The man Spirit Guide came and said, "We have taken him deep, do not let anything pass over his body for about five minutes. He told me, "The medium was suffering from a terrible pain in the head and that someone had been smoking in the room during the night." Also that the medium had been in a natural sleep during the night. For this reason they were not able to use him until the afternoon.  
4:05 p. m.

The Spirit Guide said, "We have now been able to take possession of him." "Ask the people to come up front and sit down." Then the Spirit of an Italian, who had been murdered and robbed, gave the name of the one who killed him, that he was not in Plainfield where the police were seeking

Then I was given instructions how to go to the Psychic Class, where they would use further. The medium was placed in the center circle, which was composed of the students of the Psychic Class and which was open to public on this particular occasion.



W. T. Stead came and spoke through the medium,  
and explained about Trance conditions, the  
different stages of Trance and its dangers, each  
one present received a message through the Spirit  
Control which was very satisfying to all.

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### TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER.

To those who have been given  
This gift from Him in Heaven,  
With you, I plead today  
To give this "Fruit" away;  
Clasp it not to you, tight,  
To give away, is right.

In this world of ours, are folk  
Whose mind ailments, are a yoke;  
And the midnight's oil, they burn,  
For their well earned rest, they yearn.  
You who know the cooling calm,  
Help these brethren, with your balm.

To chaotic minds, give peace,  
To oppressive lives, give ease,  
To unbelieving ones, give light,  
Those in wrongful paths, turn right,  
To the grieving ones, bring joy,  
Blend your Gold, with their alloy.

When you gather in the meetings,  
Speak aloud the loving greetings  
You receive from souls passed o'er.  
To the hungry world, give lore,  
Sceptic's butts and jests, ignore;  
Plant in the fertile soil, this seed of snow,  
And watch it in it's glory grow.  
God did not give the gift for nought, you know.

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### OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in,  
For every day I stand outside your door  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away,  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;  
Each night I burn the records of the day,  
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that are dead,  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;  
May judgments seal the dead past with its dead,  
But never blind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire wring not your hands nor  
weep,

I lend my arms to all who say "I can";  
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep  
But he might raise and be again a man.

Dost thou behold the lost youth all aghast?  
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow;  
Then turn from blotted archives of the past  
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell,  
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;  
Each mourning gives thee wings to flee from hell,  
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

JUDGE MALONE.

Memphis, Tenn.

## IS SPIRITUALISM TRUE?

### WHAT DOES IT STAND FOR?

By J. M. Peebles, M. D.

This question, *Is Spiritualism True?* is no longer asked by any intelligent, cultured and conscientious investigator, whether originally a Christian or a Pagan. It is an established truth, a grand and mighty truth, based upon clearly demonstrated facts and the immutability of law.

It is not absolutely new, but newly conceived, newly comprehended and rationally explained. It is not an invention. There have been through all the agone ages, such rifts in the clouds of doubt, as apparitions, visions, levitations, trances and prophetic dreams, all pointing to a future existence. These constituted at best, only a sublime faith, but now, this faith has become positive knowledge, through present-day spiritual manifestations; and therefore, Spiritualists can say with the inspired Paul, "For we know that if this earthly house—this mortal tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, eternal in the heavens."

Spiritualism, the direct antithesis of materialism, is not a creed; it cannot be condensed into a confession of faith, nor any ecclesiastical formula of belief; but it is Divine knowledge, originating through the mediation of exalted spirits and the angels of God, who is essential, immutable and absolute Spirit. In its true and higher aspects, Spiritualism is the wisdom religion of the past ages and is destined to become the world's universal religion.

Forget not, that Spiritualism in its purity, came from the celestial spheres—came with heavenly messages from our beloved ones—as a present demonstration of the reality and the naturalness of the future life and with the deeper and higher purpose of quickening the spiritual in human nature, subjugating the passional elements, illuminating and broadening the intellectual forces and faculties, so as to bring into objective expression, the indwelling angel of love and purity.

Spiritualism is the philosophy of life as differentiated from commercial spiritualism. Its manifestations are diverse and inter-related to all human unfoldments. If the illustrious Tyndall saw "the potency and promise of life in matter," such Spiritualists as Sir William Crooke, Sir Oliver Lodge and other scientists, reversing this statement, see the promise and the potency of all life, all organization and all evolutionary unfoldment, in spirit—omnipotent and omnipresent spirit, premeating and emergizing all the subordinate kingdoms, mineral, vegetable and animal. Spirit, conscious spirit, infinite and immutable, is the inmost sustainer of Spiritualism, the genius

phenomena of which, are heaven's living witnesses of future progressive life, when the icy fingers of death touch and enfold the form of our loved ones. It unlocks the mysteries of all past ages, it inspired the seers, the sages and all the royal-souled reformers of the past. It was the vitalizing soul of all the old religions and is today, truly God manifest in the flesh, that is, the Christ-spirit within us.

Is it said that there are mercenary motives and that there are frauds in the Spiritualist field? Granted. And so there was a profane Peter and a treacherous Judas in Jesus' time; but that did not destroy Christianity. No truth ever perished; for it has in it, the element of immortality.

Real Spiritualists are reverential, they have passed the highlands of mere faith, into the summerland realms of realization and a more serene fruition. They are benevolent. They are religious. Their life is a prayer and their soul-felt mission is to encourage and bless others.

When an atheistic materialism was fastening its gripping, chilling fangs upon the American mind, exalted spirits, such as the illustrious Benjamin Franklin and parliaments of angels conceived the glorious plan of setting ajar more widely the gates of the unseen realms, that messages might come like flashing sunbeams into the hearts and homes of mortals; and pure-minded sensitives were to be the message-bearers. A. J. Davis in his superior state, prophesied of these phenomena several years before they transpired. Great truths are first conceived in the heavens and then influxed to earth.

Mediums, more properly designated by the word, sensitives; are really illumined message bearers; and when immune from mercenary motives, they stand upon the mountain-tops of spiritual unfoldment. They sense or inspirationally catch the earliest rays that stream into our world from the heaven of heavens. They are God's seers and earth's ordained helpers. Through them and our own inspirations, we know that death is but the garden gate to immortality.

"Touch not mine anointed," said the old prophet of God.

*Lost Angeles, Cal.*

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## HYPNOTISM AND ITS USE

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I have so many times been asked if I believe in hypnotism. I certainly do. How can I help it when so many wonderful demonstrations and facts have been shown to me, and by close personal investigation and study have been convinced. Not so much from what I have witnessed from the

Spiritual being is immortal. Death is the separation of this duality and does not affect the Spirit morally or intellectually. The Spirit holds the same relations to the spirit world than man holds to physical nature. The spirit here, and there, works out its own salvation, receiving the reward of well doing and suffering for wrong doing. Salvation is only attainable through growth. There is no arbitrary degree, final judgment or atonement for wrong except through the suffering of the guilty.

*Is Spiritualism True or False?* I feel inspired to write something on behalf of Spiritualism apart from the controversy, because of the great interest aroused. When it is remembered that the claims of Spiritualism are occupying the attention of some of the greatest scientists of the age and many of the most intelligent thinkers in the world, I think it is necessary to treat this question seriously. As someone has said: "Controversy equalizes wise men and fools, and the fools know it." When people on any side become more anxious to score points than to advance truth, then indeed should a controversy be closed, for its outcome cannot be good.

When discussing Christian evidence, by Christian evidence I mean the Orthodox churches, we Spiritualists are met on every hand with the remark: "Prove it, demonstrate it, show me my mother or my grandmother or father," whichever one comes to mind first. The reply I have given to many who have come to me in that manner has been: "When you change the life that you are living and become more Spiritual, then I as a psychic and medium may possibly have your mother, your grandmother, or your father show themselves to you, but at the present time the life you are living, the demoralizing conditions which surround you make you unfit for your loved one to appear in your presence." This has taken hold of many. It has set them thinking and what I want to do is to set people thinking. When people begin to think, they begin to pray; when they begin to pray, they begin to be Spiritual. By that means we mediums and psychics might be able to give our demonstrations clearer. However, the churches and orthodox religions demand, claim and in fact, have the right to their opinions; to speak out their opinions boldly, but we Spiritualists have been held back by law, which we feel is not fair. Why should it not be with Spiritualism as with other religious or political affairs? Let people hear what we have to say. Let us have the right to speak and to demonstrate, and then for those who are listening to us be not in a hurry to decide. There are good, bad and indifferent amongst all of us. Search out that which is good. Hold fast to it. Assist that which is not good and try to help it to a higher plane.

In the most comprehensive sense Spiritualism teaches that the Universe is the manifestation of infinite Spirit, or inherent energy which is the Creator of all organic forms; the primal source of all life, motion, sensation and intelligence, whose material evolution is nature, whose vital expression is natural law and whose Spiritual manifestation is the universal mind.

Man is the highest known manifestation of the infinite Spirit. He is a Spirit clad with an ethereal and physical body, whose separation is called death, but is really his birth into the Spirit World. As a Spirit, having a Spiritual body, the counterpart of this mortal form, he is unchanged in powers and faculties, and enters by the law of attraction into environment corresponding to this Spiritual development where he progresses in the ratio of his efforts and capacity, continually graduating as prepared into higher spheres.

Mind acts on mind and matter, which is telepathy. He may communicate with mortals or through the psychic force of Mediums and may produce physical manifestations to the same end.

The Spirit world is in space and its first sphere or grade so interblends with ours that we are constantly in the presence of kindred spirits, who come to us to aid or to be aided. The Spirit spheres are as diversified as the nature and character of Spirits and are as objective and tangible to them as earth is to us.

Heaven has been described by our Orthodox friends as being a long distance away, with beautiful streets, paved with gold, and harps to play upon, and that every one of us shall have wings. There must be a very large storeroom to store all the wings for us who are going over there.

Heaven and Hell are conditions, not localities, and are the result of our thoughts and deeds. Through the law of compensation and retribution we reap what we sow, regardless of religious faith or ceremony. As long as we sin we shall suffer, and we must work out our own salvation by ceasing to do evil and learning to do good, and thus shall we finally have happiness.

At that Golden Gate, of which so much has been written and said, let us for a moment imagine that one of the Apostles will be the Gatekeeper. We will say that a Presbyterian comes to the gate. I want to ask my readers: "Do you think that the gatekeeper would ask what creed or belief he had when on earthplane?" And if one answered: "I am a Presbyterian," would he be refused entrance? This applies to every creed, sect or religion. It applies to the colored people. Since I have been in America I have understood that many object to being in the presence of colored people. My idea of Heaven is that there is no distinction of color, race or religion; no creed, sect or denomination: the rich and the poor, the white and the black may enter that Gate if their



lives have been lived here according to their consciences, and if they have worked for the uplift of fallen humanity that Gate will be swung wide open, but probably closed and kept closed to those who have used their religion as a cloak.

I happen to know a great deal of orthodox religions, for I was brought up in the Orthodox Church, have been a worker in the Baptist Church and a Preacher. I have found some, who on Sunday morning have put on their best suit of clothes and worn it all day. Then had taken off the suit, carefully brushed, folded and hung it up until the next Sunday, and their religion has remained with that suit of clothes.

There is no personal devil as taught by pagans and Christians and the teaching of a terrible hell and hell fire is fast dying out. There is, as I have mentioned before, punishment or working out of our wrong doing here, that we cannot live just any sort of life here and be happy hereafter but the Spirits that were perverted and degraded while in the flesh, for awhile retain their disposition and depraved propensities and the evil things attributed to the devil and his imps. If we send liars over the Spirit world we must expect them to return as such. It is our duty to help them to a higher condition by praying for them and sending good thoughts out to them, thus helping them to overcome evil with good.

The Bible is the word and work of man in and out of the flesh. Therefore it is no more infallible than our Spirit communication today, all of which should be subject to the test of reason and science and accepted only so far as they teach the truth and principles of nature, the only divine revelation.

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### HEAVENWARD

A poem dedicated to my friend Mr. C. P. Christensen, while in trance, March 10, 1914.

—J. Henry Bailey, Composer.

"And God called the Firmament Heaven."—  
*Genesis*—1—3.

Heavenward! Oh, the peaceful resting  
After wearing self sacrifice,  
When others' trials and woes were pressing,  
That other souls might upward rise.  
Tis not death but spirit soaring  
Where no human foot hath trod.

A moment's time alone divide,  
A fleeting breath moves veil aside,  
And I'll have crossed the border land  
And mid' the Holy angelic band,  
I'll see the nail pierced hands and feet,  
For I shall love Him, when we meet.

Some day, when ebbs life's flowing tide,  
And I shall cross the other side,  
And leave behind, the what has been  
Across the threshold enter in,  
The Divine Human, I will greet.  
For I shall know Him, when we meet.

GOD OUR LIFE.

Genesis 2-7

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### BACK TO LIFE AFTER 27 HOURS IN SPIRITLAND

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*Christensen Awakens from Trance Where "Controls" Told of Radium Theft.*

Christen Christensen, the Danish trance specialist of Tuxedo Hall, today emerged from his spiritually conducted tour of Shadeland. Twenty-seven hours and ten minutes elapsed time Mr. Christensen spent on his cot under the blue bulb. He was a little weak on awakening at midnight, but is now feeling fine and will hold his usual spiritualistic meeting this evening.

A bookful of the medium's sayings is being typewritten for reference and investigation. The subject matter is somewhat fragmentary and parts of it are in foreign tongues.

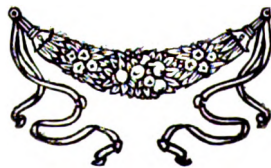
Many women members of the Psychological Research Pub. and Distributing Society, of which Christensen is head, sat beside him during yesterday's trance and asked questions. These, with his answers, are on record, a number of them signed as a voucher for their accuracy.—*from the New York Evening Mail*, January 22, 1914.



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About 12 o'clock midnight, Mr. Christensen prepared to enter his second trance before a large audience. He walked up and down the hall, asked for a cigar which was promptly handed to him by a gentleman. The Medium lit the cigar, withal continuing walking about the hall, while the audience softly sang a hymn.

Suddenly he placed the cigar on a table, and commenced to describe the spirit of a lady. A gentleman instantly recognized the spirit, and also admitted other personal tests.

Lo, with limbs outstretched, the Medium fell with a thud, at 12:13 a. m., upon the floor. The trance overpowered him, thus his limbs became rigid. Three gentlemen raised his body from the floor and carefully placed it upon a neat clean cot, beneath a blue electric light, near the altar.

Thereafter a general hush came over the audience until they dispersed.

Tuesday, 1:30 a. m.

The spirit says: "Tell people to talk loud—not to whisper."—Jaimes Bailey—"Mother coming over to us soon, do not tell her—Kate or Katherine—  
with Bailey, also Mary and John."

Then came "Black Hawk" an Indian control.

After the Indian control a spirit commenced to speak German: "Ich kriege hier eine Name—Frau Moeller. "Ich kriege heir eine Name—Frederika—heir kann ich auch einen numer sehen—24 oder 29—weiss nicht die strasse, vielleicht kann ich mehr sagen, wenn ich die Briefe hab Marie sie—gelehrt der B—viele Jahre gestorben. Von die Marie"—here the main guide came and explained: "It is the name of the spirit she is trying to give the name of the people who wrote the anonymous letters, 'Josephine' in connection with this matter."

The spirit then called out in a very small voice: "Elizabeth" and spoke in Swedish, referring to a lady member of the society, which was recognized by the lady in charge of Mr. Christensen.

The spirit speaks French now: "Parlez vous francais?" and we are sorry to admit that we didn't understand the French message.

After a while the Medium went into a natural sleep, in which he remained until 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The doctor, in charge, attended him at 8:30 a. m. pulse normal and the Medium in very satisfactory condition.

Spirit says, 8:35 a. m., Tuesday, "We will now take him deep, he has been in a natural sleep during the night."

Indian control, in Indian language, and pointing to his neck, then his main guide, explaining in English, that it was an Indian Medicine Man who said to button the collar of his shirt around his neck.

At 1 o'clock Tuesday morning came another Indian control, "Bright Light" and said: "Letter came here today, say Medi fake, man here Thursday night, he no good—he from Brooklyn"—To explain particulars here pertaining to letter mentioned by the Control: A letter came by that morning's mail, was opened by the lady in charge, and lying upon a table nearby. It was from a man, sceptic, in Brooklyn, who has the idea that Mr. Christensen is a faker, and who does not believe in Spirit-Communication.

The Indian control, "Bright Light" knew that that letter had come, which Mr. Christensen did not know, having been in trance since the night before, and this proves that the controls of this Medium can foretell events.

At 12 o'clock noon Tuesday, the Guide explained that for the first twelve hours the Medium had been in a natural sleep, and under control, but at the present hour, he was taken very deep, and could undergo tests, but it would not be advisable unless the doctor was there. It would take four men to lift him now, as we have repeatedly shown in England and Germany. Let somebody try to lift one of his arms. This was done by several visitors, who found it impossible to move them.

"Some people have an idea that he is doing this for money; he is not, but he is doing it to convince the public, and he will cause a great sensation in his work, because he is true to himself and to us.

A doctor, visiting him at 1:45 p. m., declared his pulse to be 60, and found it a most interesting demonstration.

In the afternoon the Medium did not speak, but was lying motionless, with the exception of moaning now and then as if in pain.

In the evening about 8 o'clock a spirit entered his body with a sudden jerk, and spoke in a strong voice to a large audience:

"Friends, it may be necessary to explain to you about trance condition. Somebody may think it is through will power he is laying there, with his eyes closed, and has been starving for the last three days, but we know better.

"We were once skeptical, but were thoroughly convinced, and I was well known as a writer in *Spiritual Research*. If we had listened to the spirit warning, we would have been on the Earth-plane today. Yet we do not regret it, because of the many sensitives and psychics we have convinced since passing over.

At the last moment on board the "Titanic," when people were getting into the life-boats, we had no fear. It was only our duty to help others, and when we were brought over here, we were convinced of eternal life.

"Under the last trance this Medium went through, our daughter came and was convinced that she recognized her father's voice. When she came again later to one of the meetings she was again convinced of his honesty, and that no one could imitate her father's voice.

"This is a control-trance; we have him as high up as we dare under conditions. It will be at 12 o'clock midnight, when the spirit leaves the body, and there is great danger, as it is only connected with the body through the silver cord. Do not pass over his body then, as it would break the silver cord, and thus prevent the spirit from returning to the body, as happened once to a Medium in England.

We will return again tomorrow, as we cannot now use him as intended. It was intended to use him for poetry after the first twenty-four hours.

*W. H. Stead.*

The Guide: "We will answer questions now."

Questions from the audience were then handed up to the lady in charge and after they were read aloud by her answered by the Medium, and all were recognized. The doctor attended at 9:45 p. m., and found the Medium very much exhausted after answering the questions, which was for more than an hour, and requested the people to leave the room. The Medium lay motionless until about 11 o'clock, when the spirit called out "Sister Minnie" which was recognized by a reverend gentleman present, and then followed in German:

"Ich bin so froh dass meine Tochter hier ist, ich bin ihre Mutter, Marie, sie ist glücklich—the spirit stopped, and the Guide explained that the spirit wanted to say that she was glad because her daughter is happy now, she made a mistake some years ago. A man made her unhappy, he was not good. She is good and deserved to be happy, as she is now, meaning the minister's wife. This was recognized by the minister's wife, who was present.

Wednesday morning the doctor attended at 8 o'clock. The Medium was naturally weaker than the day before, but in good condition.

At ten o'clock the spirit-control revealed a matter of great importance, but for various reasons it cannot be made public at this time.

In the afternoon a meeting was held in the hall where he was lying rigid and still, with the odor of flowers and incense around him.

In the evening, 8 p. m., the main guide spoke:

"This may seem strange to those who are present, especially the different jerks of this man's body. There are two stages of trance. A control-trance is where the Medium lies entirely in our power. He cannot speak himself, only when we speak through him. Then there is the trance-state, where the spirit leaves the body, and travels into different parts of the spheres, connected by what is termed a silver thread. In this condition our instrument or Medium is at the present time. He has now entered on his 45th hour of lying practically unconscious. He has seen many things, he has revealed several things. There have been many to visit him. If any one doubts that he is in a trance, try for yourselves, and see if you can lie for 45 hours without food or stimulant, after having fasted three days.

The one who is now speaking is the main Guide and Control, who has taken care of him during this trance and always takes care of him. Another spirit will enter his body to answer questions, and we will endeavor to answer as many as we can. We may not be able to answer them all, but we will do our best. After the questions are answered the people must leave the room and we will bring him back to his natural state. We will keep him less than the 48 hours, as he has a pain underneath the heart. You must not make any noise, rattling papers or moving chairs about, as from now until he awakes is the critical stage.

There are some sceptics in this room, but they may be convinced before they leave. There have been many in his meetings during his five months in New York, five years in America, sixteen years in England and four years in Germany. But many have come in doubt and gone away convinced.



## PARTICULARS OF C. P. CHRISTENSEN'S TRANCE

of

63 Hours and 15 Minutes

Investigate for yourselves and you will find that your loved ones are not dead. Some people are leading such sinful lives that their loved ones cannot manifest themselves to them. Change your ways, be more spiritual and less material, then your father or mother and other spirit friends, whom you loved when on Earth-plane will return and bring messages which will help and strengthen you. The questions you ask: How to succeed in marrying? should be: "How can I lead a better life, and how may I fulfill the promise made to my mother at her dying hour?" When you held her hand and it began to be cold and stiff, you promised her you would change your ways, but these promises have not been kept, yet you come to these meetings, and ask them, how you can locate a lost diamond, how you can gain material things in life. It is better for you to ask how you can locate a lost soul. If you will look upon spiritual things first, the material questions will be answered for you.

At 9:15 p. m., another control came and said:

This man, who has sacrificed his body and physical strength, and risked his life to convince people, has come to the close of this trance condition. We will say that his life was in great danger. This morning when a certain gentleman passed a certain letter over his body, there was only a small chance, and only through his main Guide, who is always taking care of him, was he saved.

If any sceptic thinks the trance condition is through will-power, let him try it for 45 hours. This Medium is in possession of great power given to him from the spirit-side of life, which is always a mystery to people on the material side of life.

If there were a good many present, we would allow tests: you could put a pin through his cheek and no blood would flow.

We listened to the young Medium who spoke here this afternoon. She is pure and honest. She said there is no difference between trance and death, and she is right; trance is the sister of death. When she mentioned that it is only the pure and clean, the holy who can enter into a trance, she was right, because it is true. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

W. H. Stead.

After this the Guides brought Mr. Christensen back to his normal state, physically weak, but mentally stronger than ever.

He conducted his meeting as usual Thursday evening for a large audience.

It was after the watchnight service on New Year's Eve, 1914, at Tuxedo Building, 59th Street and Madison Avenue, and in full view of a large audience, that C. P. Christensen, President of the Psychological Research Society, was taken into his third long Trance.

While walking to and fro, in a large circle that was formed by the congregation; and to the soft singing of hymns, Mr. Christensen, began to describe the Spirit form of a gentleman, which was immediately recognized with other personal tests and was recognized by a gentleman.

Then he was directed to a young lady, and described the Spirit form of an old lady which was recognized as her mother. He also said, "I feel impressed with a material condition, and something seems to tell me that you are planning something in the near future, a personal condition. The message was of private nature, therefore I will go no further, but was all recognized by the lady to be true.

The medium was then impressed to sing that old fashioned hymn of "That's how my Angel Mother Died" while he continued to walk the floor; when with hands outstretched he fell with a thud on the floor, at 1:17 a. m. New Year's morn. Three gentlemen in the audience carried him to his cot in the hall below, which was in readiness, waiting to receive him.

January 1st, 1915.

9:20 a. m.

The medium said, "Don't let them crowd around me I cannot breathe. Don't let them take me, they are carrying me away." He raised slightly from his bed, clinging to it at the same time, when suddenly he fell back with a shriek.

The man Spirit Guide came and said, "We have taken him deep, do not let anything pass over his body for about five minutes. He told me, "The medium was suffering from a terrible pain in the head and that someone had been smoking in the room during the night." Also that the medium had been in a natural sleep during the night. For this reason they were not able to use him until the afternoon.

4:05 p. m.

The Spirit Guide said, "We have now been able to take possession of him." "Ask the people to come up front and sit down." Then the Spirit of an Italian, who had been murdered and robbed, gave the name of the one who killed him, that he was not in Plainfield where the police were seeking.

Then I was given instructions how to conduct the Psychic Class, where they would use him further. The medium was placed in the center of the circle, which was composed of the students of the Psychic Class and which was open to the public on this particular occasion.

W. T. Stead came and spoke through the medium,  
and explained about Trance conditions, the  
different stages of Trance and its dangers, each  
one present received a message through the Spirit  
Control which was very satisfying to all.

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### TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER.

To those who have been given  
This gift from Him in Heaven,  
With you, I plead today  
To give this "Fruit" away;  
Clasp it not to you, tight,  
To give away, is right.

In this world of ours, are folk  
Whose mind ailments, are a yoke;  
And the midnight's oil, they burn,  
For their well earned rest, they yearn.  
You who know the cooling calm,  
Help these brethren, with your balm.

To chaotic minds, give peace,  
To oppressive lives, give ease,  
To unbelieving ones, give light,  
Those in wrongful paths, turn right,  
To the grieving ones, bring joy,  
Blend your Gold, with their alloy.

When you gather in the meetings,  
Speak aloud the loving greetings  
You receive from souls passed o'er.  
To the hungry world, give lore,  
Sceptic's butts and jests, ignore;  
Plant in the fertile soil, this seed of snow,  
And watch it in it's glory grow.  
God did not give the gift for nought, you know.

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### OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in,  
For every day I stand outside your door  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away,  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;  
Each night I burn the records of the day,  
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that are dead,  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;  
May judgments seal the dead past with its dead,  
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire wring not your hands nor  
weep,  
I lend my arms to all who say "I can";  
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep  
But he might raise and be again a man.

Dost thou behold the lost youth all aghast?  
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow;  
Then turn from blotted archives of the past  
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Spiritualism is the philosophy of life as differentiated from commercial spiritualism. Its manifestations are diverse and inter-related to all human unfoldments. If the illustrious Tyndall saw "the potency and promise of life in matter," such Spiritualists as Sir William Crooke, Sir Oliver Lodge and other scientists, reversing this statement, see the promise and the potency of all life, all organization and all evolutionary unfoldment, in spirit—omnipotent and omnipresent spirit, premeating and emergizing all the subordinate kingdoms, mineral, vegetable and animal. Spirit, conscious spirit, infinite and immutable, is the inmost sustainer of Spiritualism, the genius

phenomena of which, are heaven's living witnesses of future progressive life, when the icy fingers of death touch and enfold the form of our loved ones. It unlocks the mysteries of all past ages, it inspired the seers, the sages and all the royal-souled reformers of the past. It was the vitalizing soul of all the old religions and is today, truly God manifest in the flesh, that is, the Christ-spirit within us.

Is it said that there are mercenary motives and that there are frauds in the Spiritualist field? Granted. And so there was a profane Peter and a treacherous Judas in Jesus' time; but that did not destroy Christianity. No truth ever perished; for it has in it, the element of immortality.

Real Spiritualists are reverential, they have passed the highlands of mere faith, into the summerland realms of realization and a more serene fruition. They are benevolent. They are religious. Their life is a prayer and their soul-felt mission is to encourage and bless others.

When an atheistic materialism was fastening its gripping, chilling fangs upon the American mind, exalted spirits, such as the illustrious Benjamin Franklin and parliaments of angels conceived the glorious plan of setting ajar more widely the gates of the unseen realms, that messages might come like flashing sunbeams into the hearts and homes of mortals; and pure-minded sensitives were to be the message-bearers. A. J. Davis in his superior state, prophesied of these phenomena several years before they transpired. Great truths are first conceived in the heavens and then influxed to earth.

Mediums, more properly designated by the word, sensitives; are really illumined message bearers; and when immune from mercenary motives, they stand upon the mountain-tops of spiritual unfoldment. They sense or inspirationally catch the earliest rays that stream into our world from the heaven of heavens. They are God's seers and earth's ordained helpers. Through them and our own inspirations, we know that death is but the garden gate to immortality.

"Touch not mine anointed," said the old prophet of God.

*Lost Angeles, Cal.*

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## HYPNOTISM AND ITS USE

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I have so many times been asked if I believe in hypnotism. I certainly do. How can I help it when so many wonderful demonstrations and facts have been shown to me, and by close personal investigation and study have been convinced. Not so much from what I have witnessed from the

platform we have there the real thing and also the imitation, but many times by imitations we get eager and earnest investigators to find the real.

When hypnotism and mental suggestion are used in hospitals to alleviate pain in the place of ether or chloroform, one cannot but believe in it. Everything pertaining to the upliftment and betterment of suffering humanity we ought to believe.

No doubt hypnotism is the same as many other phenomena or science. It is misused, handled by those who know only a little and for the Almighty Dollar practice it, but yet not known sufficiently or studied enough and must confuse it with trickery and fakery.

Many will go to see a hypnotic entertainment and this very entertainment may be a fake and by that they say that all of it is fakery.

Hypnotism is the subtle power that is to control the Twentieth Century; it is here and it has come to stay; it is no longer a myth, but it is under the searchlight of modern science and has been given a high place among wonderful discoveries. And, as a matter of fact, it is the growing triumph of intellectual achievements and marks a new era in the history of science, for no other force has the unlimited possibilities and uses within its grasp that is held by this magnetic art.

This mysterious force is so undefinable and intangible that many throw doubt upon its existence, but it is easy to show you such a wonderful array of facts that you cannot help but become a firm believer in this strange phenomena and will desire to learn how to manage this tremendous power, for you will see health, wealth, success and happiness will follow.

Among the many scientific discoveries of the past, none comes as near the "Soul of Man" as this, and perhaps of all the wonders of the age is least understood. Let us hope that students and scientists alike will try to achieve greatness through the avenues that lead to a correct knowledge of hypnotism, for in this way alone can this wonderful science be mastered. Mankind needs to know more of this great power for its own good as well as for the good of others, for when the mysteries are cleared away all the world will be better in every sense of the word.

Before becoming a hypnotist and able to hypnotize others, it is essential that you should know how to control yourself. If you first learn that, you will use your hypnotic power in the proper way and not miss it. Everything with which we do good, can also be used to do harm.

You go to a doctor. He prescribes medicine and tells you to take a teaspoonful three times a day. Instead you take the three teaspoonfuls at once. According to your doctor's directions,

the medicine may do you good. Otherwise, it would probably be very harmful. And so it is with hypnotism. Some persons must be handled differently from others, according to their temperament, according to their own will power, weak or strong.

Many have said to me, "No one can hypnotize me." I have said the same thing, but I was mistaken. A hypnotist in Canton, Ohio, of which you will see a report in another part of this magazine was successful. The second time he hypnotized me over the phone. Investigators, skeptics and prominent men were present to witness it. A hatpin was put through my arm, but there was no pain, and no blood came.

In my trance in New York City it was open for anyone to test me, and doctors who were present said that it was not necessary, as they were convinced it was trance and not *fake sleep*.

On the two occasions, when I went into trance in New York, I was not hypnotized by any one, but the trance was induced by a self hypnotic condition, what I mean by this, is that I had to throw my mind a blank, forget my surroundings, forget that I was in Tuxedo Hall, where I laid in trance. Forget the audience who was there to witness me going into trance.

Then immediately when my mind was a blank, the spirit forces and guides came and took possession of me as you will see in another part of this magazine, where I have given full particulars of my last trance.

The strongest man, physically or mentally, can be hypnotized as easily as a weakminded person, only different methods may have to be used.

Hypnotism is the keynote of the whole. It explains the problem of life, and when properly understood adds real happiness which can never be comprehended until the silent powers around us are awakened, understood and exercised by the many instead of by the few.

Hypnotism develops the unused forces of the mankind. It requires thinking, the use of thought which then fills the pulse with vague shadow, longings until brought under the controlling mind of science. Then all the splendor and greatness with which nature has endowed us are molded and shaped into harmony, one with each other so as to produce the perfect talent, which astonishes a men who do not know how to use or arouse int action ability and power that lie dormant within them. Hypnotism throws a new light on the possibilities of life. No one's life is a blank. At one who has failed in the past can gain success in the future, if they choose to do so. What is required to gain success? What must men do if they fail or fail? Lie there and make no effort to rise. No. Say, "I will. I am going to try again and known I shall be successful."



Will power, mind power, stimulate the nerves and set the blood in circulation. It helps us to forget the past and to go ahead and look into the future and see everything anew. This reminds me of what I was told by a friend before leaving England. When I told him I was going to America, he said, "The American people are enterprising; they do not look upon failure as a downfall. If an American fails in business, he goes into the bankruptcy court, and if he has managed to keep a few dollars he takes his wife and family on a pleasure trip, spends half of the money he has left, has a good time as long as it lasts, then returns to the same city or town, starts in business and makes a success."

As an acknowledged power, hypnotism makes the brain predominant, the body subservient. It educates the will; it overcomes obstacles which before seemed insurmountable; it increases happiness.

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## MAGNETIC HEALING AND OCCULT FORCE

Better to hunt in fields for health unbought  
Than fee the doctor for nauseous draught.  
The wise for health on exercise depend  
God never made his work for man to mend.

—Dryden.

In writing this article on Magnetic Healing and Occult Force, I do not wish to be understood that physicians and doctors are not necessary, that medicine is of no use. I firmly believe in medicines, Nature's remedies, not drugs. Drugs only numb the pain, chloroform it for the time being, but Nature's remedies help. Manipulation, massage, Swedish movement, osteopathy touches the nerve center, sets the blood in circulation. But science and the skill of surgical operations have made a wonderful progress of late years. We live in an age that is crowned with success such as never before achieved by man. One by one the secrets of nature have been wrested from her by the intellectual power of man and the beginning of the twentieth century promises to banish poverty from the face of the earth. But while straining every nerve in the race for wealth, man has passed by and trodden under foot the needs of his own nature, and while exerting energy of their nature to discover and control the laws which govern the action of steam, heat, light and electricity they have outraged and neglected the laws of health and are forced at the end of the race for wealth to admit that all the wealth that the world contains will not compensate for an instant for the

health and ability to enjoy life. Ignorance of the results which surely follow certain actions has made a wreck of many a promising life. There is no safety except in the widespread knowledge of the inexorable laws which operate and regulate that wonderful piece of mechanism which we call the human body. The body should be entirely under the control of the will and the will should be guided in every act of life by reasoning faculties and perfect knowledge is in the possession of all men. Then can we expect the ideal state of perfect health, and the ideal state of health is the first requirement of personal magnetism. When magnetism enriches the blood, disease and pain fly before its power as shadows fly from the approaching day. And so powerful is its influence that a magnetic person radiates health as the sun radiates light and heat. There is no use to which magnetism can be applied which brings greater blessings than the cure of disease, for disease is well nigh a victim in every household.

The vices of years have done their work and sent millions to a premature grave and thrown millions or more helpless weights upon those who are already burdened.

The cure of disease by personal magnetism has been practised for many years in a impractical and desultory manner. In all ages there have been exceptional individuals who have been possessed of this power and have used it with wonderful effect to cure disease.

Valentine Greatrakes, who lived in England in the seventeenth century, performed so many wonderful cures that his fame spread all over Europe. I could mention many more who used this power. Many today use the same power and cure diseases, yet known not from whence it comes or what they have the gift and power.

Our researches and experiments have established beyond a doubt that cultivation and use of personal magnetism should probably be classed as a science far-reaching and wonderful in its effect. The extent of its power cannot be defined in the present condition of our knowledge in regard to it, although for much has been discovered, much still remains to reward the investigators' search and facts concerning it and its relations to the spiritual man are becoming daily better known and its uses promise to become universal.

It has been and it is our desire to develop our knowledge of human magnetism, but until it shall be universally reckoned as a fixed science depends on how far we have accomplished results. We have torn aside the veil of mystery, which has heretofore enveloped it and it is fast becoming known to the world as one of the greatest powers that man can wield for the promotion of human health and happiness.

In some states the law does not permit anyone to practise it. I have nothing against it, but it has been misused and practised by some who do not understand it and who have not the power, but I maintain that it should be allowed to those upon whom God has bestowed this gift and power to help suffering humanity. The time is near at hand when those who have this gift will be allowed to demonstrate it in hospitals and other places and to prove that the miracles of old are the miracles of today.

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(Continued in our next issue)

## PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS

Mr. William H. Lake of Brooklyn, N. Y., is undoubtedly the most wonderful psychical medium of today. His wonderful gifts and powers have amazed thousands who have attended his seances at our studio.

My attention was first called to Mr. Lake by a member of our society who attended a seance conducted by him at his studio, West 46th Street, near Broadway, New York City.

Accompanied by my secretary I paid Mr. Lake a visit at his studio on April 2nd last. I asked him "if he would give a private seance for about 15 members of our society." He was willing, and accordingly a seance was held at his studio exclusively for our members. There was no one present but Mr. Lake, and the members and students, including our Board of Directors and myself. We held his hands, and changed him from chair to chair, and the most wonderful manifestations took place. Lights appeared about the room, knock raps, faces and hands were shown, the piano played without the touch of human hands, and trumpet messages were given to members of our party.

The remarkable part of the demonstration was that Mr. Lake gave us full permission to throw a light at any time, and to thoroughly search the place, as well as himself. He sat amongst us, as he does not use a cabinet in conducting seances, but sits wherever he is placed.

It was then suggested by a member of our board of directors that we invite Mr. Lake to conduct a seance at our studio. He was agreeable, and arrangements were made for the seance at our studio one week later.

On this occasion there were 61 persons present, including doctors, scientists, ministers and skeptics. Again numerous manifestations occurred under strict test conditions. One remarkable incident was the playing of the piano while the cover was held down by a prominent New York minister and two physicians. The medium was seated fully thirty feet away. Another wonderful test was received by a physician. Unknown to any person in the room this physician removed from the pedestal in the centre of the room a vase of flowers, and placed it between his legs upon the floor. He then requested the spirits to throw a light upon the flowers. Immediately a light appeared upon the flowers. This was but one of the many wonderful manifestations given that evening.

On May 5th, another seance was given for the public in Masonic Hall, in Tuxedo Building, before an audience of 255 persons. The most important feature of this seance was the materializing of Margaret Gaul a former New York medium, who

some years before, held her meetings and seances in the same hall. She came from the ceiling where she had previously rapped out her name on the chandelier by calling out the alphabet, descended to the floor and dematerialized. Persons who had known this wonderful and beloved medium in life recognized her instantly.

On May 11th, several days after the sinking of the "Lusitania" a most remarkable instance occurred at our seance. We were seated in a circle, ready to commence and turned out the light. The door bell rang and two gentlemen entered, who were under the impression that there was a meeting conducted by myself. When they were told it was a seance for physical manifestations, by Mr. Lake, they asked permission to stay, to which I agreed immediately and the light was once more turned on. We heard a voice in the other end of the room, crying for help—first very faint, then it became stronger and drew into the center of the circle. We asked, "who was speaking." The name of Charles was spoken through the trumpet. We asked, "Charles who?" and the voice came distinctly, "Charles Frohman." One of the above mentioned gentlemen, a well known New York physician said, "He had known Charles Frohman from the age of eight." Then a conversation took place between the late Charles Frohman and the doctor.

I may mention the doctor acknowledged he was an agnostic, but it certainly set him thinking.

In his opening address at this seance Mr. Lake offered to go to anyone's house and give a test of his powers to one or more persons. The result was that Mr. Lake gave eight seances for Rev. Dr. White, Katherine Clemmens, Margaret Fulton and five private parties. In each case the demonstrations were conclusive.

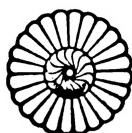
On Friday afternoon, May 14th, a private test seance was given by Mr. Lake at our studio, at the request of twelve New York ministers. The doors were sealed with sealing wax, and Mr. Lake was held down hand and foot by two of the ministers, after being thoroughly searched. One of the ministers present received a message from a departed sister. The trumpets left the circle and returned, knocks were heard and lights were shown. During the excitement one of the ministers grabbed Mr. Lake's nose while trying to catch a light. This seance ended by Mr. Lake getting an impression that everything was not right, and calling for a light quickly, a minister was found on his hands and knees in the center of the circle upon the floor. "He was investigating," he said, which of course was his right.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knowles an appointment was made for Mr. Lake to hold a seance for Professor Hyslop, of Columbia University. This seance was held at the residence

of Professor Hyslop the following evening. Like most scientists he is a hard sitter and admits it. The scientist and Mr. Lake sat alone in the parlor for some time, their chairs facing each other, hands clasped, knees to knees and feet to feet. Raps were heard and lights shown until Professor Hyslop was forced to close owing to the Professor becoming exhausted, because of the energy he had lost. He remarked at the close of the seance that he has had to sit as often as forty times with a medium before getting results.

In this case, however, he received results from Mr. Lake the very first time, in his own home and under his own conditions. The Professor expressed a willingness to develop Mr. Lake, which the latter accepted and no doubt, under Professor Hyslop's expert handling, Mr. Lake should become tenfold more powerful.

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## INSTRUCTION ON MENTAL SCIENCE AND SECRET FORCE IN SIX LESSONS

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### PARTICULARS REGARDING MY INSTRUCTIONS ON MENTAL SCIENCE AND SECRET FORCE

It is known by all scientists that one mind influences another. The law of Mentalism has existed since the creation of man, although it is only in later years it has been recognized as a beneficial science to mankind. We are all possessed of a certain gift, talent or power. Some develop these powers more than others. Some unconsciously, others knowingly, but many people are sceptic. They do not understand themselves, or learn to understand others, or listen to others. Before I go into details and give you the instructions on Mental Science and Secret Force, I wish to explain the words or sentence "MENTAL SCIENCE AND FORCE."

#### FORCE:

Mentalism is the law and foundation of all Mental Sciences, such as Hypnotism, Mesmerism, Mental Science, Personal Magnetism, Magnetic Healing, Spiritualism, Christian Science, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience and Mental Telepathy. While their existence has been recognized for years, scientists have never been able to come clear at the bottom to explain it, although marvelous miracles and cures, etc. have been accomplished by them daily.

Mind acts upon mind at all times, and a firm concentration sending out thoughts to some one else, although miles away or nearby, has more effect than either writing or words.

By the words "SECRET FORCE" I mean that it is done in secret. It is accomplished without the knowledge of the party at the other end. But it must be understood that constant practice makes perfect, and a great deal of patience is required in connection with it.

Every mental act of the brain causes a vast number of vibrations, strong and weak, according to the intensity of the man or woman. These vibrations go through space and physical obstructions thousands of miles away, right into the person or thing thought of. An intense mental worker or thinker sends out more and stronger

vibrations than one who is a weak, light-hearted person. These vibrations touch the nerve centers in the mind of the person thought of, and produce similar thoughts and impressions.

All strong emotions command mental states, as hatred, anger, business interests, disgust, fear, horror, send out vibrations producing similar conditions. Hatred and anger send out vibrations of worry or unrest. Any strong mental act for or against the person affects them accordingly and the more intense the love the more powerful will the vibrations be. The more intense and deadly the hatred the more disturbing the vibration will be. These vibrations are the means by which one person can influence another, whether far or near. Of course there are many who will not believe simply because they cannot see the vibrations; neither can you see the wind blowing, but you feel it; neither can you see electricity, yet every one living today knows that it exists.

Not many years ago many regarded with sneering disbelief not only vibration of thought, or that mind could act upon mind, but also magnetic healing, hypnotism and other sciences that I have previously mentioned. Yet today, many who were skeptics in those days are believers because they know that mental vibrations do exist and has been a wonderful agent to them for good.

The theory of mental vibration producing mental conditions in others miles away can be illustrated by many incidents. One out of a thousand I will quote. A gentleman living in Chicago, some months before had come from Pennsylvania where he had left his young wife. While he was making his home in the West she was taken ill and one day died about 3:00 P. M. A few minutes before she died, realizing that the end was near, she cried out, "Oh, husband, husband, I am dying, goodbye, goodbye." Her husband miles away received the vibration of her mind, and so intense was it that he was filled with grief and sorrow, knowing that some great shadow had come over their home. He was impressed with the idea that some one there was dead. A few hours later he received the telegram announcing his wife's death. He knew then why the thoughts of sorrow had come to him. This is only an illustration I am giving to prove that it can be used in so many ways.

Hundreds of similar incidents exist where love desires or other mental states send out vibrations to loved ones at a distance. How powerful the thought that we can vibrate joy, happiness and peace to those we love hundreds of miles away, by concentrating our minds upon them. If you send love it vibrates and is received as love. If you send hate, doubt or fear, it vibrates and produces the same. But I strongly advise you always to remember that you must "Do unto others as

you wish them to do unto you." Never use your power, gift or talent to injure or wrong any one. As a Spiritualist I believe, and not only believe, but I know of a life hereafter.

You can also send vibrations for others. You can send messages and influences from a friend to a friend. You can cause a man or woman to fall in love with you. You can settle lovers, domestic or home quarrels by vibrating love thought to another. Marriage has been brought about in many cases by the aid of the one who understands SECRET FORCE.

If you faithfully learn what I teach in this lesson you can accomplish for yourself and others what you desire. If you vibrate a mental act, such as singing a note, deed, will or anything of that nature, the vibration reaches the person's mind and produces the desire to sign. If you want a letter written to you, you vibrate the desire and the person is impelled to write. If you desire a person to come to you, or a certain place or to do anything of any nature, by sending out strong, firm will power, thought and concentration on that person, the desire to act takes possession of the person's mind. Of course in all cases only the reasonable and proper things should be attempted. You could not very easily compel a person to do what is wrong or undesirable, such as stealing, going back on a friend, or cause one to love a repulsive person. But if you are strong enough mentally and sincere, and you develop your powers of concentration you can accomplish many things. Wills, deeds and other important papers can be signed by the vibrating desire of any strong minded person. Crimes of any kind, even murder, can be prevented by a strong conscientious person who undertakes this principle. A woman concentrating her mind on a certain man that she loves with a strong love, having her mind always on him, she vibrates her love. He is impelled to come to her, but this should not be experimented with or accomplished to separate man and wife. "Whom God hath put together let no man put asunder."

I could relate other incidents which have been accomplished by those who have had my instructions. I do not want you to expect results in your vibrations right away, although it has been known in many cases that the first, second or third vibration, or first, second or third days' concentration of your mind upon a certain thing or person has had effect. But this depends upon your own strong belief and faith.



## INSTRUCTIONS ON MENTAL SCIENCE AND SECRET FORCE

*By C. P. Christensen*

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### LESSON I.

You first learn to train your mind to think of one thing and keep it there, which is called concentration. A wandering, wavering, hesitating, changeable mind can accomplish nothing. You must exclude every thought, every desire, every other image, but the one thing you have in mind. You can do this by practice.

A good system to follow is to take some one person or thing and keep it continually before your mind. Sit alone either in day time or at night, fixing a certain hour most suitable to you, and have that certain hour every day. At night, in darkness, it has more effect, and can be accomplished quicker. But select some one hour if possible; ten to eleven is a good one. You can sit in a chair or lie in bed, and continue the act of mental concentration for an hour. When other thoughts or images come to your mind banish them at once.

At first you may be discouraged, but repeat and persevere, and soon you can keep your mind on the one thing to the exclusion of everything else. After thirty days or so you will be strong in the way of concentration that you will see the person or thing your mind is on plainly outlined before you. This will be mental illusion, because it is a sign of strong power and concentration. When I say that it may be mental illusion, it may also be Clairvoyance, because you have the gift and you understand it. The plainer and more distinct you see the object or persons outlined before you, the more successful you will be in doing this work for yourself and others, but you must first possess the power to accomplish this work.

What I mean by possessing this power is to learn to have patience, and set your mind on the one thing. It is yours if you will only be faithful to what I have already outlined for you to do. With this power you can make yourself successful in all that you undertake. You can go into everything, love or business. You can also use your powers to help others. I here give you some advice how to proceed.

*Food to Be Eaten:* Eggs, Fruit, Good Soups, Vegetables, all Farinaceous Foods, Milk, Fish, Celery, Oatmeal, Whole Wheat, Rice, Beans, Peas, Whole Wheat Bread, Hot Water with Sugar, Oysters and Clams (in season), little Meat, such as Chicken, Duck and Turkey, Cocoa, Buttermilk, Crackers, Dry Toast, Home-made Preserves, Plenty of Apples, Plenty of Water (not iced)—at least one quart daily. Warm and cold baths weekly, one each.

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Eat and drink none of these things unless absolutely necessary: Mustard, Pepper, no pies or pastry, no ginger hot sauce, no hot bread, rolls or biscuits, or pan-cakes. No intoxicants, no drugs or medicines, very little salt, no strong tea or coffee. No fat, very little butter, lard or pork, radishes or cucumbers. These things must be avoided as nearly as possible, as least for six weeks, especially while endeavoring to control any person.

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Be silent, avoid worry and do not be discontented. Be friendly, be pure in thought, word and deed. If others try to harm you do them good in return. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

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Remember, there is no easy road to anything worth having. Every one must travel the same way and those who want to conquer must be prepared to work, but as you are in earnest you will master and control all that is against you.

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