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NONE who can realize how vastly more important the mind is than the body will deny that it is our absolute duty, individually and collectively, to work to bring about a better condition of things, so that the future generations may find better opportunities for harmonisus growth and mental unfoldment. The crying need of humanity everywhere is knowledge of their own natures and of the real meaning and importance of human life.



EDITORIALS

The Supreme Test.



HERE follows a supreme test for each sincere awakened soul to apply in its relation to its fellows individually and collectively.

Blessed is the man or woman whose concepts are broad enough and whose desires are mature enough to be guided by it.

A truth never to be lost sight of is that Love never dies, because it is a principle. The love of parents is inborn with the sparks of protoplasm from the infinite which are eventually to become endowed with parenthood. The so-called loves that wane, then flicker and die are but bi-products, consumable by, or consuming all they contact.

This truth should be established in the mind as a vital point in the estimates of values both in individual attachments as well as devotion to a cause.

Let the man and maiden search their souls with the questions: "Would I die that he or she might live?" "Do I value his or her life more than self-life?" Only a joyous triumphant affirmative response indicates the presence of the essence of divine love which ever uplifts the giver and recipient to a plane of life related to those higher spheres from which flow the helpfulness of an eternal vigilance, tenderness and protecting care. This test calmly made should guide away from shoals and breakers in marriages.

Test of Purpose

Is this or that cause or purpose so deep in my desire that my life's blood would be freely given if it would advance it to greater achievement? This trust or seeming duty does it hold me in the golden cords of love that, binding as they are, are dearer than life to me?

The answer will come as clear as a bugle call either "Yes," or a dull weight of doubt will rumble a reply. Then should the decision come accordingly—"This burden of trust or seeming duty shall be dropped from my life; it absorbs my earthly substances, which are more important to me and mine and I shall be free to dwell among them unharrassed. Begone dread duty from my life!"

Or, if the bugle note is like a thrill of loving joy, cast aside all anxiety for you and your cause are upbourne on mightier currents than the breath in your nostrils or the blood currents flowing in your veins for "he that looseth his life shall find it more abundantly."

This test reveals in one case the fact that the virus of hatred or indifference has poisoned the channels of effort and they sting the sender; a simple but mighty law. The opposite side of this shield of truth bears

the inscription "the law loveth a loving helper." "Can a being help another through hatred, or can one progress through unsatisfied vanity and egotism?" "No!" The poison is deadly and will first submerge him ere he wakens to clearer vision.

In the other case is revealed the fact that the purpose is unalloyed and in harmony with mighty currents of joyful achievement, upbearing the physical form in health, the soul in peace, and the mind in wisdom.

Seek to open the channels of love that bear upward, and close the sluiceways of hatred fed by an ignorance of true values, that ever react in anguish of regret.

Open your being to the inflow of almighty love, patience, cheer and joy.



AN we think of mind so pure that it is untainted with slightest selfish motive, want or desire? Can we think of love so perfectly divine that it is content to pour itself out on others, without the least desire for a return of its most perfect compassion? None can do this but those who have become what we are dimly striving for; those who assist us by their love and wisdom, for they are masters of divine compassion.

How to Take Life Easy.



O do or not to do is often a serious problem, but if the mind earnestly desires to act for the best good of all, or in harmony with the great Infinite Will, the decisions will be right.

Decide to do, then act with calm confidence.

Decide not to do, then rest in peaceful consciousness that the burden of the accomplishment will be better borne by others.

Know that Almighty Wisdom is at the helm of the Universe and let it have its way in your life; cease the turmoil of fret, worry and fear. Books cannot teach how, simply get the "Nack" of it into the mind and you'll soon prove its value.

It is not asserted that no difficulties will arise for they will, but the easy successful way to meet them is with child-like confidence in the All Good. "I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on me."



SPeaking of the doleful prognostications of future calamities, which are dealt out at regular intervals, we ask, was there ever a time in the existence of this surging metropolis, the earth, when there was not the turmoil of strife, the crashings of calamity, followed by lulls from their reverberations; then by the hum of busy marts the song of happy labor, the chant of funeral

dirge, and the howl of defeat or the shout of triumph in conflict? You answer "No," for such is the law of growth.

The human being who is properly poised exists above all turmoil as a buoy near a rock-bound coast rides the storms on the crest of the waves unharmed, because anchored and yet free. Anchored in faith in the Supreme Goodness which rules the universe, and thus free from all harm. A properly poised man is not fearful of the fluctuations of business life, nor of calamity's stroke. Evil glides by him. He never wants; his needs are supplied.

Why cringe and cower and quake and brood over *dire possibilities*, instead of calmly resting on the majestic depths of almighty love! Resist not. Fear not. Realize that wisdom created, wisdom controls, and resolve that wisdom shall have its way in all things that pertain to your individuality. That your will is one with the power that created you for a wise purpose. Then go calmly about your daily routine. A sense of peace will pervade your being, your fears will be dispelled, better conditions will gradually appear, your judgment will become more reliable for yourself and others. Surely it is worth while trying the experiment of confidence in creative wisdom.



One may ask, then, what is the object of life? Few see aught but sixty or seventy years of struggle, and at the end have a little experience, generally bitter, bitter because it has come too late to be of service. We have learned that it is better to do unto others as we would they should do unto us; that humanity, love and the spirit of brotherhood are the only qualities which exist, without change, throughout our years, and ere we can apply it, we have to leave. If we could begin life with the knowledge how differently we would have faced the position.



All-powerful wisdom has ordered that growth shall be through individual choice and effort, from the infinitesimal molecule to the suns that travel space. There are crucial periods in the existence of each atom when its choice carries it steadily onward to finer expression, or it vacillates, turns here and there and permits itself to be whirled hither and thither as a splinter on the surface of a rushing river, backward to the shores of time, where through ages of experience it becomes wiser then chooses the pure, majestic, harmonious current of life and sweeps onward to the blessed haven of wisdom's choice.

Stellar Science

Esoteric Meaning of Planetary Influences.

H. C. HODGES



WHEN we attempt to approach the average individual regarding the science of planetary influences, we find he is in no wise interested unless we can show him how to increase his material possessions. This is to be deplored, but when we consider the cause, we do not wonder for we realize that the majority of humanity today are manifesting under the influence of Mars, for Mars is somewhat dual when considered in his true influence. Mars governs force all the way through both the animal and the spiritual. The majority have this Mars influence working through their lower nature, and therefore are engaged so much with matters associated with the lower senses that it is impossible for them to become interested in any higher thought or occult study. It is this lower nature that must be overcome.

Mars describes the greatest selfishness in mankind, passion, hatred and all those violent forces that cause him to be turbulent and fiery. When the influence of Mars has been transmuted, we have the Venus influence manifesting. Humanity, at the present time, is just emerging from the iron ages which are governed by Mars and going into an entirely new age.

The Sixth Sub-race will hardly come under the influence of Mars and in the Seventh Sub-race the Jupiterian influence will begin to manifest and these will be entirely different vibrations.

The Jupiterian influence will be one of aspiration and devotion and is the refining influence, and we can begin to see its influence manifesting upon the religious world. All those who are beginning to realize that there is something beyond the physical life, are coming into these Jupiterian vibrations, while those who reach up to the higher Saturnine influences are those who have overcome the passions and desires of the objective.

Saturn, we know, is of an entirely distinct nature from Mars, and there is no comparison between the two. Many on this earth planet today are working out of the Martial into the Jupiterian influences. Saturn, we may say, is the planet of perfection of form, and has great influence in matters of science, philosophy and religion. There are few on earth who have attained to the higher Saturnine vibrations who have controlled their thought, who can meditate steadily, though there are those who are very thoughtful who are coming under these higher Saturn influences.

Saturn is the ruler of Capricorn, the tenth sign; this mountain climber represents the physical condition of Saturn, and all the influence manifested by Saturn in a person's chart is such that it will make him climb higher. It is certain that those who attain the highest vibrations

of Saturn are those who have broken all bonds that bind to the lower physical. Then, too, Saturn finds exaltation in the sign Aquarius, the water bearer.

Then comes Urania, the planet having control over the metaphysical condition next higher than Saturn, and it is here that the spiritual self-consciousness is manifested, and if the symbol used to describe Urania is carefully studied it will be seen that the complete influence of the seven planets are shown, and it is peculiar how this Uranian influence manifests in the lives of those having this planet prominent in their birth figure, and more especially when they cannot respond fully to the vibrations created by this planet; in truth, to the soul unawakened, Urania is the most malefic of any of the planets, for the reason that there is an influence acting upon them which they cannot understand and consequently cannot respond harmoniously.



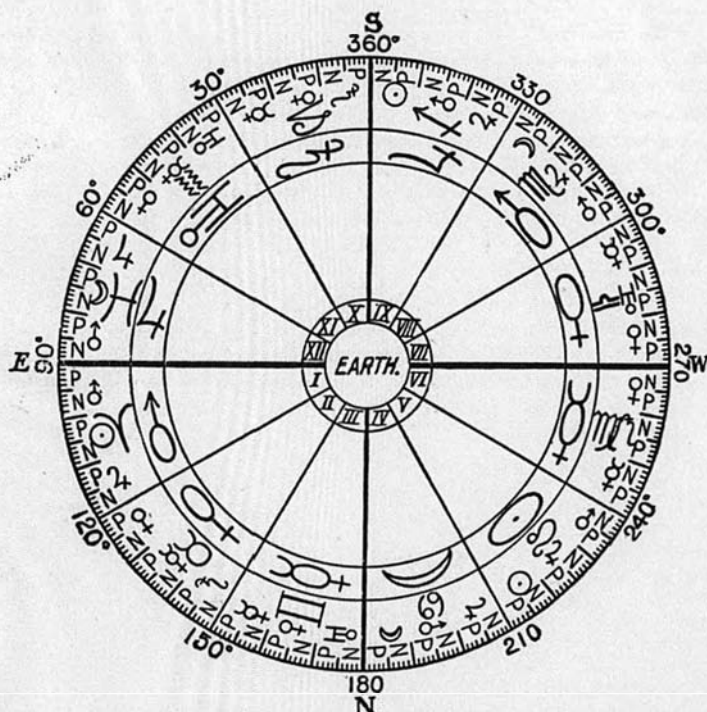
THE majority of us draw from the spheres about us unconsciously the various desires of the heart, but it is incurring a debt for which we shall some day have to pay. The wise man gives back to Nature something in return for what he draws, in harmony with the Divine Will. It is better, then, to do one's own duty, even though it is devoid of excellence, than to perform another's duty well.



OBEDIENCE to law is much less difficult than opposition to the law. Even a school boy knows it. But the law of growth which caused men to exist, also caused him to choose his own course and to learn by experience. He has chosen to combat every law and the ages are teaching him to give up the battle and to work in harmony with law.



FEARLESSNESS, sincerity, assiduity in devotion, generosity, selfrestraint and pity, study, rectitude, harmlessness, veracity and freedom from anger, resignation, equanimity, not speaking of the faults of others, universal compassion, patience, power, fortitude and freedom from conceit; these are the works of him whose virtues are of a Godlike character.



SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC — EACH CONTAINING SIX FACES, THREE POSITIVE AND THREE NEGATIVE.

The Faces of the Signs



OUR attention at this time is directed to an important point in relation to the faces of the signs or the sixth part of a sign containing five degrees. Each face when rising impresses its influence upon the personality of those born under that part of the Sign Ascending, and then a planet posited in the different faces of the signs will partake of that nature combined with its own. The planet rising in the Ascendant will, of course, modify the influences.

In giving the nature of these facts it will enable the student to render more accurate and exact judgment.

Aries

The first face of Aries is martial, giving a fearless, courageous ambition, one able to lead and command others, quick and ingenious and generally a very impressive speaker. The second face of Aries is a mixture of Mars and Mercury, with an undercurrent of Venus. This face gives pride and conceit, a resentful person, a tendency to indignation. A Taurus influence here causes jealousy. The fortune is vascillating. The third face of Aries is a face of change and lively fancy. There is a love of fame and activity, unrestful, makes many changes in life.

The fourth face of Aries is a face of great ingenuity, tact, and sharp keen intellect. This face gives good commercial instincts. The fifth face of Aries, a deceptive and amorous tendency indicated. The life will be greatly affected through the death of others, with whom the native will be concerned. The sixth face gives gain through impulsive action, though of a very ambitious nature, while often reckless in the early part of life, but attains position at the close, and gives more favorable tendencies to the latter portion of life.

Taurus

The first face of Taurus gives a steady nature with artistic ability, very determined and fixed in purpose, gaining success through resolution and concentration. The second face gives a peevish nature, with many sorrows in life, largely the person's own fault, through lack of energy and enterprise. The third face of Taurus, careless, indifferent, and subject to many temptations in life. This face gives a comely person. The fourth face of Taurus, lack of energy and lack of courage is denoted, unless aroused to action. The native is too soft and negative with psychic powers. The fifth face of Taurus, a tendency towards deception, or degeneration, with great acquisitiveness. This face denotes a person who is looking after self. The sixth face of Taurus is not a good face. Those born under these degrees should be temperate and avoid excesses in all so-called pleasures.

Gemini

The first face of Gemini gives a dual nature. Those in the first position of this face will be mentally active, but liable to double dealing; in the latter degree approbateness and self-esteem will be marked. It is not a good portion. The second face gives dignity and one who overrates his ability. The third face denotes a very clever person. Those born in this face will accomplish most through their ingenuity and intelligence, or as we may say, by their wits. The fourth face of Gemini gives a subtle nature, full of schemes and deep motives, but one who may outwit himself. The fifth face of Gemini; these persons are liable to deceive themselves and become hypocritical. They find it hard to understand themselves. The sixth face of Gemini gives an artistic ingenious nature, active and witty in character, having good ability for scientific research.

To be continued.

Education of Children



NATAL astrology has a direct bearing upon the laws governing and among the most important of these problems which evolution, training and education, together with many other problems that agitate the minds of thinking men and women, touch directly upon the future race, and particularly upon the next generation, is the education and moral training of children.

This, we must concede, is one of the most important factors in helping forward evolution. Each child born into the world should find the fullest opportunity and the largest measure of assistance awaiting it in order to develop properly the qualities latent in its nature and this aid must be based on correct apprehension of the unalterable laws governing the universe, and man as a part of it. This does not refer to children exclusively, for there are many young minds whose bodies are quite developed.

The first condition essential is to secure the attention of humanity long enough to point out to them the value of this grand science. If the skeptic would only stop to reason from the way in which Sun and Moon alone influence the physical conditions of the earth, the idea that they also influence humanity would not seem so impossible for mankind are at least physically part of the earth, and in a measure moulded by its conditions.

When we consider that no two faces are alike, no two characters are the same, and if any one but took the trouble to pick out the various types from among his friends and then gather from astrology the information as to the sign they are born under, the ruling planet, etc., he would soon discover that no two persons of completely opposite natures were born under the same sign, and the invariability of this must convince him that law and not chance is at work.

But in the majority of cases, the skeptic says: "Impossible," and thus sets up his weak limit of comprehension as the standard of the universe; about as audacious a proceeding as to attempt to measure boundless space with an ordinary yard stick.

At the same time there are millions of intelligent human beings who thoroughly believe in planetary law, and many who have direct knowledge of it. To the eastern mind, the science is indispensable, and even in the western world, where astrology is regarded as an exploded superstition, the minds of the majority are reaching out to assimilate with the law.

Now Astrology is the law, and the Ego brings with it its record of past experiences. A natal chart, cast for the exact moment of the child's birth, reveals its character, mind, disposition, etc., and enables one versed in the science to reveal to the parents or guardians the lines upon which the child can best be trained; and if the parents will endeavor to understand the influences for themselves, they can comprehend the nature of the new born child, whether the earthy, airy, fiery or watery element predominates, also the weak and strong points in the

organism, as well as the vices and virtues; and once this is known they can lay out a plan of education and training adapted to the exact disposition of their offspring, in this way avoiding friction and promoting harmony.

They will thus endeavor to starve out the evil they see, while nourishing and developing the good. If the child have a passionate temper, then they will never excite this side of the character, and be cautious of calling out the red ray of Mars, but will use calmness, tact in management, gentleness, not force, and thus equalize the Mars nature with the love of Venus.

If the moral development be weak and the intellectual strong, then it is the former they will seek to stimulate and develop. They will ever appeal to the child's heart rather than to the head, endeavoring both by precept and example to show the child the greatness of morality. Truth, honesty and compassion will be presented as ideals to be striven for and more to be desired than intellectual greatness; for goodness alone is truly great.



VERY personality is surrounded by a zodiac of his or her own, upon which the thought currents act and react continuously, causing the aura to become fine or coarse. Therefore the purer and stronger the life, the more delicate and beautiful will the radiation of the colors in our aura become. May each one of us realize the importance of refining our astral colors.



WE must first love those whom we have seen before we can love those whom we have not seen. The more we refine and purify our love the better we comprehend the meaning of the words, "God is love." Pure love is a principle that can never be destroyed. It brings both power and wisdom, for wisdom is but a blending of true knowledge and love; power, on any plane, comes by wisdom.



IT is ever pleasant to have some intimation that the sun will continue to shine, or the clouds will break away and the sky brighten. This is only natural to humanity, for the major portion of one's life is held by fate, and the fate can only be altered by the will. We may change the direction of a ball when set rolling, but once in motion, it will continue, until the energy expended in sending it forth is exhausted.

Psychic Research

DAWNWARD.

By ALLEN ROSENKRANS.

Dawnward we look with eager eyes
Hearts throbbing high in hope
For we know the radiant Orient skies
Mean the end of the midnight grope.

For the dawn is nigh and the noon is near
And the light shall fill the earth
And strong in the strength of Hope's
glad cheer
Draws the world to the bright new
birth.

REV. THEODORE PARKER'S ANALYSIS OF THE RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM.

"This party has an idea wider and deeper than that of the Catholic or Protestant; namely, that God still inspires men as much as ever; that he is imminent in spirit as in space. For the present purpose, and to avoid circumlocution, this doctrine may be called Spiritualism.

This relies on no church tradition, or scripture, as the last ground and infallible rule. It counts these things teachers, if they teach—not masters; helps, if they help us—not authorities. It relies on the divine presence in the soul of men—the eternal word of God, which is Truth, as it speaks through the faculties he has given.

It believes God is near the soul as matter to the sense; thinks the canon of revelation not yet closed, nor God exhausted. It sees him in Nature's perfect work; hears him in all true Scripture,

Jewish or Phœnician; feel Him in the inspiration of the heart; stoops at the same fountain with Moses and Jesus, and is filled with living water. It calls God, Father, not King; Christ, brother, not redeemer; Heaven, home; Religion, Nature!

It loves and trusts, but does not fear. It sees in Jesus a man, living man-like; highly gifted and living with blameless and beautiful fidelity to God—stepping thousands of years before the race of men—the profoundest religious genius that God has raised up; whose words and works help us to form and develop the native idea of a complete religious man. But he lived for himself, died for himself, worked out his own salvation, and we must do the same; for one man cannot live for another, more than he can eat or sleep for him.

It lays down no creed, asks no symbol, reverences exclusively no time nor place, and therefore can use all time and every place. It reckons forms useful to such as they help. Its temple is all space, its shrine the good heart, its creed all truth, its ritual works of love and utility, its profession of faith a divine life, works without faith, within love of God and man. It takes all the help it can get; counts no good word profane, though a heathen spoke it—no lie sacred, though the greatest prophet had said the word. Its redeemer is within, its salvation within, its heaven and its oracle of God. It falls back on perfect religion—asks no more, is satisfied with no less.—*Seers of The Ages.*

Be perfectly pure in thought, word and deed. On no account permit any Fear-thought, Hate-thought, Sensual-thought, Selfish-thought to pollute your

mind. Be positive to them. Have moral courage. Check low tendencies. Control the lower nature by cultivating indifference towards it and by opening up channels for the expression of the Higher. On no account permit yourself to be broken under the grinding wheels of Despair and Worry. Think Energy and manifest Energy. Think Courage and manifest Courage in your bearing and actions. Say "I can and I will" and act up to your motto. The Lord is at the back of every clean-souled, pure-hearted, fearless and loving individual, and so long as he obeys his Soul-suggestions, he cannot but succeed in whatever he undertakes.—*The Kal-paka*.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

Due to the personal nature of the following letter the writer did not intend it for publication (see closing paragraph), but knowing that all Stellar Ray readers will be interested in it, we have compromised by simply signing his initials—*Editor*.

Henry Clay Hodges,

Editor "The Stellar Ray."

Dear Sir:—I was interested in the two cases of Thought transference, under the heading of "Dreams and Visions" in your February number. I could relate a parallel case almost identical with that of Dr. L. of Richmond, Va., in connection with my mother and her brother on the death of the latter, in which he impressed her with that fact though many miles distant at the time of his death. I have often exchanged thoughts and sentiments with my mother though physically separated by many miles.

I might relate an instance among many others as additional proof of thought transference or soul communion, (if any were needed) which might be interesting from a psychological point of view.

My father, from whom I had been estranged some years previous to his death, lay on his death bed in a ——— hospital. My mother was at his side, I was in ———, some thousand miles distant. It was my mother's earnest desire that we should be reconciled before his death, and as the time approached her desire grew more intense. A few days before his death while lying awake in bed, I became conscious of my mother's presence. I could see that her face was convulsed with grief and knew that she was crying. The features were distinct though appeared to be in a state of vibration similar to heat waves. I heard her utter the words very distinctly in my mental consciousness, "O God soften his heart." My will remained opposed to hers for some time but was finally dissolved in the intensity of her desire, (for the higher vibration always controls the lower).

The instant my will succumbed to hers, I felt the wave of relief and gratitude which swept over her soul, and I *knew* that *she knew* that her desire had been fulfilled. I arose and wrote the following letter: "Dear Mother—" "Inclosed you will find the letter in reply to your earnest and heartfelt desire, which *came not by mail* but in a much more direct and effective manner."

The above was the only written or verbal communication that ever passed between us in regard to the subject. *Words were superfluous.*

I could give another instance of an exchange of soul currents between two hearts (I say heart for the heart is a better carrier than the brain) which extended over a period of days, months, and years and was the closest relation that could possibly exist between two beings in this life. Though no verbal communication ever passed between them it culminated in the writing of a book by one of them and dedicated to the other, which has since become a classic, and is published by A. C. Mc. Clurg of Chicago.

Telepathy or soul communion is the closest contact that can ever take place between two souls in this life. Its the actual thought, feeling, and emotion, stripped of all subterfuges and deceptions, flashes from one heart upon the sensitized soul of another. As Swedenborg puts it, "He presents himself in his state;" the clarity of the vision in the mind of the percipient is in exact ratio to the intensity, power, and concentration of the thought, feeling, and emotion in the sender, and the harmony or attunement of the two instruments.

For the above reason these communications usually take place during sudden concentration of the thought, feeling, and in sudden danger, or parting at death when the soul goes out to its loved ones, as in the above mentioned cases. It seems that the feelings and emotions (for a dead thought will not carry) are the dynamics which set in operation those subtle forces which send them speeding with lightening rapidity to

their opposite pole of attraction or affinity.

The above statements are *facts* not *theories* for experienced knowledge is our own not borrowed. I have no more doubt of the faculty of thought transference or soul communion than I have of any of the rest of my perceptions, or that I can see with my eyes or hear with my ears. I *know* that under certain conditions it is both possible to see and hear without the use of the physical organs. Which are but the outward prototype of the inner vision. As Emerson says, "Spirit is not needful of mediate organs, it has plentiful and direct effects, I am explained without explaining, I am felt without acting, and where am I not."

The above was not intended for publication, but would not object to the right persons seeing it who might be interested in it from a psychological point of view.

Yours truly,

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Contributions

THE FOUR WINDOWS.

Written for "The Stellar Ray" by
WINOGENE S. SAVAGE.

"I open the windows of my soul to the North that I may view my past achievements and be strengthened thereby." And there, out of that seemingly barren plain arises before me a ladder of countless steps over which my wandering feet have traveled, guided by unseen hands, until now the valley below seems so deep, so dark, so filled with gloom, that my heart takes courage in this moment filled with sunshine, and from the Northern expanse, a beauty

of purpose, and glory of desire comes like an angel and walks and talks with me. Surely the Fact is a blessing with its step on step; downward? Only to end in greater heights! Barren? Only leading to the roses and lilies and violets of greater achievement. Hail to the beautiful Northern plains, the place of ascension.

"I open the windows of my soul to the West that my desires may find expression in form and being to the glory of Truth, here and Now." Behold myself! The imperfect is now perfect! The mares and stains that I have thot to be have given place to the dreamself, the ideal! Shadows fade under the

greater illumination, and the self of my desire is real.

Life, Love, Success, Truth, Wisdom, Beauty, All these I am. It were as if my dreams took form in the magic breeze of the West, the realm of sunset, the homeland. I see all to which I have so long been blind. The desires of yesterday have found form today; the longings of today are even now, and in this glorious moment new desires, new hopes, new aspirations rise amid the greater illumination, and lo! they are! O beautiful realm of realization, how oft would I hold communion with Thee.

"I open the windows of my Soul to the South that I may see my opportunities, that none, howsoever small, may be passed by." And out in the mists of the future blending even with the Now, are myriads of phantoms, shades of what may be, (and with the help of the Nameless All-Life, shall be). Walking slowly, pleading out of the speechless realms, I see them waiting my beckoning hand, my voice of desire, my illimitable Will, to bring them into form and being, tangible, living and walking with me. Shades of Opportunities are they, only waiting in the misty shall be, like angels of love. And my yearning heart even now reaches out into their realms of waiting, and draws them here and under the spell of the three inseparable spirits who walk with me, part of my very life: Desire, Will, and Love, they become living realities. O, beautiful Southland! the harvest field of my Love-being! Thou art indeed a beautiful place. O, Eternal Life, give me sight sufficient to stand in this boundless meadow, and with my spark of divinity, bespeak a living form to these fantoms, in the realm of Opportunity.

"I open the window of my soul to the East that I may see the nameless things of the Spirit, and draw unto myself that which is needful. And the sweet fresh breezes which are wafted to me from this realm of the Unknown, play upon the keys of my being a melody of

love and pathos, of sweet gentle faith; and I feel what I can not see, Life, Life, abundant Life. Death is not there and a whisper comes to me that Death is but part of the uncompleted life, a change of old garments for better ones, a washing away of barriers, the awakening of hopes, and a pathway of greater illumination. I see forces, resistless forces all united under the one great Force, materializing out of this strange unexplored fountain of supply, all I need or even desire with a steadfast faith. And through the thin veiling curtains which shroud me—portals of cruder being that are lifting slowly but still dim a little my gladdening sight,—I seem to see the loved ones that have passed beyond, and wrapped in the arms of the Nameless All, surrounded by the living I had once deemed dead, I rest, no care, no sorrow, no grief, no pain, only gladness, boundless as Eternity are mine. O, Thou Unknown, O Nameless One! Thou hast indeed blessed me with this beautiful glimpse within thine electric realm. My love reaches out henceforth to Thee and my desires shall be! For thou hast shown me this that I am, and knowing my unity with Force, my anchorage in it, All, All, All shapes itself for me. So let it be.

How beautiful are the four winds of heaven. Happy am I that I may open the windows of my soul to all these skies! But soon will my soul stand free, no shrouds to limit it and then will I see always the blended four winds, the illuminated All drifting to me. Aye, even now I cast aside my limitations and view the powers of the North and South, the East and West, radiating through me, expressing my every possibility, materializing my desires and opportunities and completing the unfinished. O, happy am I to stand forth uncurtained, to the refreshing breezes from every side, bathed by the Sun, the source of all, and free from every shackle. And a greater illumination comes to me: That I am one center of an uncircumferenced God.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day, which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you . . . a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—*Charles Kingsley.*

**SOME RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL
OPINIONS—A "RECKONING"
NOT EXACTLY "DEAD" OF A
FELLOW-VOYAGER ON
LIFE'S DEEP SEA.**

By SHELDON C. CLARK.

I believe that each of the writers of the four Gospels, whoever they were, had the sincere intent of setting forth a plain and truthful record of what they knew of the life of The Christ in Palestine, in the physical manifestation, who was called Jesus; and of those events immediately surrounding and participated in by him. I believe that none of the original copies, or exact duplications of the originals, have been preserved on earth and have come down to this time; nor were copies of the originals ever seen by the English translators of what is known as the King James Version. The copies to which they had access, we may assume were the lineal descendants of the Originals, but greatly changed, as all descendants are changed from their originals.

I do not believe that Jesus of Nazareth was or is the only begotten son of the Father Spirit, nor the son begotten only of the Father Spirit; I believe that God is the Father and source of *all spirits*; and that Jesus of Nazareth was one of several historic earthly manifestations of that *master spirit* called The Christ. For very good reasons, the personal life of Jesus, the Nazarene, stands more prominently before our thought as the highest embodiment of the Divine Spirit, being more familiar with his life and example, and the terms in which the spirit of the Christ have pervaded

our figures of speech, our customs, laws and literature.

I believe that in his great loneliness, Jesus prayed that his earth-bound, half blinded followers might awaken to that spiritual state wherein they might become one with him, even as he was one with the Father; and I fervently believe his prayer thenceforth ever points to the undying hope of the ultimate unity and harmonious co-operation of all the nations of the earth, and all sorts of human beings; that the word "alien" shall be stricken from the languages of men, when employed to designate the exclusion of any self-sustaining person from the right of citizenship in any country he may choose to make his home under the sun. Our present un-American alien law is the source of the diplomatic embarrassment at Washington, at this writing, in our relations with Japan; it is a shame to the fair name of my chosen state, and the United States of America,—the patron and foster-mother of all Europe—is a stench in the nostrils of three-fourths of the population of the globe! If we can make American citizens out of Africans and Europeans, which we certainly have done, there is nothing but prejudice and capitalistic greed standing in the way of our extending the same privileges to Asiatics. But surely in the path of the years lies the wiser plan of the co-operation of all nations and "the Federation of the world;" and we are approaching it more rapidly than we realize. They who rise early see that the east is rosy with promise. Humanity's condition will be graded up to a state wherein there shall be no more sickness, suffering, want, fear or grinding care. For a broader, saner sense of justice is being born in the hearts of men;—they begin to feel like a *thief* when they hold more than they can use wisely; and it is through love and co-operation that the salvation of the race is assured.

This is *applied spiritual harmony*, the Salvation that *saves*. After we have

learned to recognize the Divine Intelligence in human relations and become capable of realizing that Divinity in individuals, then will we see God in the Universal. To be saved is to be liberated from all false allurements, from the deceptions and vain glory of this material world; from selfishness and its allied passions which have been riding on our necks since the dawn of our so-called civilization. When we are saved, we will carry, instead, the voucher of our liberty in the strength of our characters, our personality, our poise. It will shine in our faces, and radiate from the tone of our voices, and every act of our daily life.

This potential Oneness of our souls with that of the Christ is proven, not only in the prayer of Jesus for himself and his disciples, but it is found in many other passages of our Bible; also, in all the sacred Books of other races and peoples, in all of which God is portrayed as the Father of the human race. Our Bible is replete with declarations and allusions to this fundamental truth.

When the Religious world is ready to go forward with the unanimous conviction that *Jesus, the Christ, and mankind are compounded of the same Divinity*, as appears to be the belief, as regards The Christ among the other great religions of the world,—and our Church forbearing to invest the name and character of Jesus with a peculiar quality in contrast to quantity of Divine Likeness to the Father,—then the human race will enjoy a *Universal Religion*, because it will then have a *Universal Brotherhood*.

Men suffer all their life long under the foolish superstition that they can be cheated. But it is as impossible for a man to be cheated by anyone but himself, as for a thing to be and not to be at the same time. There is a third silent party to all our bargains. The nature and soul of things takes on itself the guaranty of the fulfilment of every

contract, so that honest service cannot come to loss. If you serve an ungrateful master, serve him the more. Put God in your debt. Every stroke shall be repaid. The longer the payment is withholden, the better for you; for compound interest on compound interest is the rate and usage of this exchequer.—Emerson.

DIFFERENT KIND OF DEVILS, OR TROUBLES OF THE NEW THOUGHT PEOPLE.

By DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

A literal interpretation of the mythological characters, astronomical allegories and alchemical symbols of the Bible and New Testament has caused the earth to run red with wars; and the belief that the literal blood of a man, however good, or his ignominious death could by any possibility save souls, has made idolators of a large portion of the race. It seems incredible that men should go to war about God or religion, yet such is the case. Sam Walter Foss, in a poem entitled, "Why?", says:

They met and they talked where the
crossroads meet,
Four men from the four winds come,
And they talked of the horse, for they
loved the theme,
And never a man was dumb.
And the man from the North loved the
strength of the horse,
And the man from the East his pace,
And the man from the South loved the
speed of the horse,
And the man from the West his grace.
So these four men from the four winds
come,
Each paused a space in his course
And smiled in the face of his fellow-
man
And lovingly talked of the horse.

Then each man parted and went his way
 As their different courses ran;
 And each man journeyed with peace in
 his heart
 And loving his fellow-man.

II.

They met the next year where the cross-
 roads meet,
 Four men from the four winds come;
 And it chanced to be that they talked
 of God,
 And never a man was dumb.
 One imagined God in the shape of a
 man,
 A spirit did one insist;
 One said that Nature itself was God,
 And one said that He didn't exist.

But they lashed each other with tongues
 that stung,
 That smote as with a rod;
 Each glared in the face of his fellow-
 man,
 And wrathfully talked of God.
 Then each man parted and went his
 way,
 As their different courses ran;
 And each man journeyed with war in his
 heart,
 And hating his fellow-man.

Sin is from a Greek word meaning to
 fall short, or a failure to fully com-
 prehend.

Unborn millions cannot be saved from
 their failure to understand by the cruci-
 fixation of a saint.

But the old question, "What shall we
 do with Jesus?" must be answered, for
 in the answer we will be able to "work
 out our own salvation."

Jesus, the Nazarite, is derived from
 the Hebrew *Isis Nazir*, meaning the
 eternal essence, cooked or transmuted,
 changed or prepared. It is a chemical
 or alchemical symbol, typified by the
 crucifixion. A union of elements is
 described as crossing, crossification or
 crucifixion. The eternal essence passing
 through the various changes from the
 vibration of pure spirit potency to ma-
 terialized forms is continually being

crucified. Acids and alkalis, apparently
 opposite in quality, unite and form new
 compounds.

Air is the universal eternal essence.
 When breathed into the arteries, it is
 changed to blood, and then it is deposit-
 ed in flesh and bone, thus materializing
 the human organism.

All scripture is an allegory. It is a
 figurative literality. It described literal
 facts under the figure of living beings.
 It is a personification of existing active
 principles, but no person or sentient
 thing is actually alluded to from Genesis
 to Revelations.

To establish this proposition, you say,
 will subvert all existing religious belief.
 Not so. It will simply give to religion
 what it lacks—a scientific and reason-
 able basis. It will bring the present
 church out of the crumbling shadows of
 doubt into the strong light of faith,
 establishing it upon the rock of eternal
 truth or science.

Epictetus, known as the prince of
 Grecian stoics, was for a long time a
 slave, but those who read his words of
 wisdom now name him the prince of
 philosophers, and clearly see that the
 so-called new thought of today was
 promulgated during the palmy days of
 Greece and Rome. Epictetus was a
 philosopher of Nature, and not a pro-
 duct of scholastic lore.

One of the gems of the Epictetus
 mine of wisdom is: "It is not things,
 but the opinion about things that trouble
 mankind. Thus, death is not terrible.
 If it were so it would have appeared
 so to Socrates. But the opinion we have
 about death, that is terrible, that is
 where the terror lies."

The word Satan is from the Sanscrit,
Satya, meaning truth, and the Egyptian
Soterim, i. e., a judge. It is also identi-
 fied with the Greek *Cronus*, meaning one
 crowned. In Grecian mythology, *Cronus*
 swallowed all his children until the
 birth of Jupiter. *Cronus*, you must re-
 member, and *Saturn* are the same, and
 in other symbols or mythologies they
 are represented as the Dragon. There
 is a constellation called the Dragon, and

the Chinese use a symbol of the Dragon on their national ensign, as we use the eagle on ours.

There is a symbol of Egyptian origin showing a wheel, the expression of eternity—without beginning or end—on the right side the genius of good, Anubis, ascending; on the left the genius of evil, Typhon, descending. Up over the center sits the Sphinx, a sign of ruling power, holding the universal force in balance as it passes through the changes we call good and evil. In chemistry this operation is carried on by acids and alkalis, which, while seemingly opposite in quality, unite and form new compounds.

Saturn ascending is Christ, while descending it is Satan or devil. Saturn rules the interior of the earth—lead, iron, coal and tillers of the soil. Therefore, we speak of these people as Saturnians. Satan is only a name for the aggressive creative spirit on its descending course. Paul plainly says: "He that descendeth is the same as he that ascendeth." In second verse, second chapter of Job, we read: "And the Lord said unto Satan, from whence cometh thou? And Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it."

In this quotation from the book of Job, which is one of the grandest epic poems on the science of astrology and astronomy and chemistry ever conceived, we find the influence of the planets clearly shown. Saturn rules materiality. The sign of Saturn itself is a symbol of matter ruling over mind, a cross over Luna, the moon, or mind. The idea that Saturn is really evil gave rise to the idea of a literal hell down in the earth.

Thus we see that the materialistic concept of man on the earth plane of thought creates many devils.

Evil, or a devil of some kind seems to be a necessity to those still in thought or separateness or individualism. The efforts of these people to keep before their mind's eye something other than law, or the chemistry of life on natural lines, calls to mind the little boy who

asked his mother if she thought God would let him have one little devil to play with when he went to heaven if he would be real good.

But let us return to the ancient symbols of alchemy and astrology again. The church has taken these myths, allegories or symbols, clothed them with personalities, and then called upon the people to fall down and worship them—yes, even called upon the people to worship the devil, for the concept held by the church of the Jewish Jehovah makes Him a first-class devil most of the time. The distorted idea held by the church of this tutelary deity made him destroy innocent men, women and babes in order that his chosen children might possess a better dwelling place.

Fine business for the creator of heaven and earth and all peoples, as He is claimed to be. What would we think of an earthly parent who would select, say, two of his children as his chosen ones, kill the rest and give their lands to his favorites? We would call him a devil and proceed to stretch his neck.

But of course the Old Testament narrative of the God of Israel has its root deep down in the alchemy of the wondrous human laboratory—the circulation of blood, the nerve centers, the cellular operations and the composition of the blood itself; in fact, the Bible is a collection of alchemical and astrological writings, all pertaining to the chemistry of life operating in the human organism, well understood by the Jewish Rabbis during the Pisces age, or the dark ages.

We have now entered the Aquarius age—the air age, or the age of spiritual man. We no longer see men as "trees walking"; no longer see the divine operation as evil, black magic, or the work of a malignant being; but see all as wisdom's operations.

We are passing out of the Pisces, or water age, in which our vision was distorted for 2000 years by a materialistic concept of forms, and even life itself.

The early Spiritualists laughed the big devil "out of court" or, rather, out of existence, and then declared every oper-

ation in the temple of the living God—the human body—that they could not understand to be obsession, or the work of evil, earthbound spirits. In union there is strength. While these little devils were united in the orthodox devil, he was strong; but after he was cut up into many small pieces his ultimate extinction was certain to follow. But if we must have the belief in evil personified, I prefer one big devil to several million small ones. I am pleased to note that the majority of modern Spiritualists do not believe in evil spirits.

Next came Theosophy, the wisdom religion, whose founders failed to recognize, as others had failed before them, that there is nothing but wisdom.

Wisdom operates on various planes, but the same wisdom is always the operator. The same wisdom—infinite life—operates through the cellular structure of the universe, from molecule to animal structure, from saurian to savage, from the crystal to the civilzee. A differentiation in cellular arrangement causes the different types or materializations.

Theosophy did not believe in evil spirits, but brought the devil to the front to make his bow to the world again, labeled Karma. The so-called evil in the world, according to this cult, is the result of evil in some past world, i. e., incarnation. So Karma is another kind of devil. Then came Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science, with all is God, or spirit—with its mortal mind devil, occupying no place, being a highly triturated potency of nothing—but a devil just the same.

The race having failed to transmute the devil, even with Mrs. Eddy's science and health, mental science came to the front. The advocates of the science of mind did not believe in mortal mind. They believed that all was immortal mind, and it did at first really look as though the devil was dead at last. But on further investigation it was discovered that the devil was still in evidence, disguised as error, mistakes, and evolu-

tion from a low to a high state. When the teachers of mental science are asked the question, "How can mind, eternal, immortal mind, which is all and never commenced, be low or need to progress, get better or go up higher?" they fail, utterly fail to answer. The devil in any disguise he may be clothed with will give even the new thought people serious trouble.

Even the sweet-souled Hindus, must be troubled by their highly esthetic, attenuated devil, that they softly name Maya, or illusion. Illusion is a fleeting, momentary expression of divine wisdom, a great necessity in the eternal plan.

But the day of awakening, the day of resurrection, is at hand. Throw off the grave clothes of materialism, oh, brother, oh sister! Come forth in the shining robe of spiritual philosophy and sing the song of the new birth.

Stand up in the full realization of your godhood and say: "Oh, thou Eternal, Omnipresent Spirit, thou doest all things called good or bad, and I have no gods or devils before thee."

The devil is only God in disguise. Spell devil backward and you have "lived"—that is, life, and life is God. Therefore God spelled backward—that is, "lived"—is a combination of letters that spells devil.

Be free, oh soul! Arise, take up thy bed and walk. Thy sins be forgiven thee.

The resurrection morn has dawned. This is the day of judgment; that is, correct judgment.

Charity begins at home. Forgive your own sins, which are simply failures to understand, and you will know how to forgive your neighbor and love him as yourself. Again I say, "Thy sins be forgiven thee."

Let man stand upright and splendid,

Let woman look up from the sod,
For the days of our bondage are ended,
And we are as one with God.

THE NEW LITERATURE.

By MABEL GIFFORD.

Have you thought what it means, this "Affirmation of the Good," dwelling in the thought of the good to the exclusion of the evil? Open your Bibles at the first chapter of Genesis and you will see that eating of the tree of Good only—the tree of Life,—means dwelling in Eden. And you will see that eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil banishes from the garden into a world of mixed good and evil where the good must be struggled for.

When you begin the practice of the affirmation of the Good only, in everything of your life, you set out on the road to Eden. Then you discover that you wish to read such literature as contains affirmations of the good, and you no longer find pleasure in the literature that affirms the evil. You wish to read about health, not disease; you study symptoms of health instead of symptoms of disease; you wish to read about others who are affirming the Good, and the hideous accounts of those who are living in evil and seeking evil ways are abhorrent. If you are reading for pleasure, you can find none in reading of the sorrows, afflictions, decrepit old age, premature death, hatred, jealousy, intrigue, revenge, successes of the evil over the good and innocent, injustice, poverty, poverty, etc., etc., with which past and present literature is filled. Whether it is books,—fiction or history, or plays, or poetry, operas, concerts, symphony orchestras, it is the same; the genius of the past and present has been devoted to picturing and expressing the negative side of life—the heart-rending, the despairing, the wails of victims, the diabolical triumphs of the wicked.

Is all this more beautiful and interesting than the positive side of human

life? Is the music sweeter and richer that expresses suffering and wickedness? Do we prefer to see the face of the destroyer on the canvas, rather than the face of the good and the beautiful? Do we choose the books that carry us through chapters of suffering and wickedness until the very last?

No, we do not choose all this, but it is fed to us; it is all there is. And we think it must be like that, because that is life. And the makers say that the work must be strong, intense, to win the patronage of the people.

The people of every age express themselves in all their works. The people who hate, delight to see hate represented; the vile mind delights in vileness. But what happens when a clean play is staged, a beautiful plot instead of a hideous one, virtues in place of vices, humanitarianism instead of diabolism, true love and pure friendships instead of the deceiver and the traitor?

Just this happens—the company plays to crowded houses. Which goes to show that the majority of the people love the good and the beautiful. The old kind of plays depress, degrade, discourage, or inflame with the fires of Hades. The new kind elevate, inspire, strengthen, refine, humanize, awaken in the hearts of the beholders such things as they present.

That is the whole story, the heart and mind grow by what they are fed upon, just as bodies do. If bodies are fed poison they will be poisoned and suffer from poisons; if they are fed wholesome foods and drinks, they will abound in health and strength and normal desires.

And as it is with plays and operas, so it is with books. And today a new generation has arisen born of the New Thought watchword, "Affirm the Good!" New Thought is changing the face of the earth, the condition of society, the financial and industrial world, the world of literature. Hundreds of thousands of these new people are calling for the expression of the good. Where they

do not find it they set about affirming it mentally and materially. The mind first creates and then reveals the way to externalize. This is one of the ways in which the "Thousand Years of Peace" is being ushered in, and a mighty power it is. It is leavening every body of people, great and small, and the years of travail are to be forgotten in the joy of the new birth.

In this renewing process what shoals of books will sink into oblivion! Then we can enjoy joy, instead of having to enjoy sorrow; we can enjoy the good instead of having to enjoy the evil; peace instead of war, loving-kindness instead of cruelty, mercy and justice instead of heartlessness and injustice; reverence for womanhood, reverence for human life, tenderest care for infants, protection for youth, enlightenment for the weak, an ever upward look to the Infinite Creator and Giver of all, for love, for strength, for guidance, for safeguard—all this will be presented to us, fed to us, and in this likeness we shall grow.

The books that endure, the plays and operas, the music that never grows old will have for their watch-word *The Affirmation of the Good*. Magazines, newspapers, all periodicals will come under this spell. We already have demonstrations of it; the tide has set; it will go on and on till the day of fulfillment. It will be the growth of good instead of evil; the unfoldment of the beautiful, the expansion and elevation of mind, the adventure of pure love, the beatitude of true friendship, the genius and the power of the Good.

Young men and women will no longer prostitute their talents, writing up the most horrible and vile plots they can invent—because it is the easiest way to please the publisher. They will write the books and plays and music that the world is calling for, and the publishers will hear the call.

You can hasten the day. Affirm the good, seek it, everywhere and in everything. When you see evil, affirm the opposite good. And choose such literature—books, plays, etc., as best affirm the good. In the reading of newspapers skip the crimes, read only the headings of accidents and calamities; read the good things, the affirmations of good. In this way we gain much useful information, local and general, and save a good deal of valuable time for other reading. No one can help the world or himself by keeping his mind filled with the negative side of life.

Thought is life, and life is growth, and the constant affirmations of the Good means the growth of good. Everything that goes into the mind passes into the sub-conscious mind, and the sub-conscious is constantly turning out its stores into the conscious mind as suggestions. This is the danger of the evil, and the power for good.

As it is with the individual mind, so it is with the mind of the world. And it is through the individual mind and the universal mind that the new literature must come. The universal mind is made up of individual minds, so each one has a work to do.

Let us affirm the Good and persist in affirming.

THE COSMIC JOY

By ALLEN ROSENKRANS.

Have you known the joy of the cosmic thrill,

When the soul in sweet attune
Sings strong with never a note of ill
And life is a rapturous rune.

Would you have this joy, not of earth
nor time?

Go into God's silence sweet.
There throbs the perfect rhythm and
rhy-me

Of the cosmic life complete.

their barks on the shores of this New World, they met the Indian tribes along the banks of the Delaware as friends and brothers. Later, under the shadow of an old elm, the good Quaker Penn in his plain drab dress met the assembled chiefs, sub-chiefs and tribal warriors as peaceful friends and neighbors. He addressed them in tones as kind and sweet almost as angels use. He said in substance:

"We are children of the same Great Spirit. The Sun shines and spring times comes to us all alike. We are brothers. We will live together in peace as though one man's body were cut in two parts—bone of bone and flesh of flesh. I will be just and kind and good to you and love you as my soul-brothers." The old chief, sitting a few moments in meditation, smoking his pipe of peace, arose and said:

"This paleface speaks good talk. He calls us brothers. His tongue speaks straight. We love this white man and we will live in peace with him and his white tribe as long as the sun shall shine or these waters roll towards the ocean."

Here was a treaty of peace signed without blood and sealed with the Christly principles of love and friendship.

This colonial community was constituted mostly of Quakers who carried no arms, nor did they construct any garrisons for safety, but, panoplied in kindness and good will, they pursued their peaceful, industrial avocations on their farms and in their homes, and they were neither molested nor harmed by their neighboring Indian tribes. This was a victory for peace—a beautiful, practical illustration of the Christ-spirit, "Love your enemies."

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thread and strung them beadwise
there.
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starlit nights I tell my beads,
And in my calm belief and faith each
is a prayer.
Within the jewel casket of my heart I
keep my rosary—
Such a lonely, failure—broken heart it
was before—
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said my beads,
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forevermore.

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