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THE LAW OF GOD

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II.

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANY-THING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH. THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM NOR SERVE THEM; FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE ME AND SHOWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

III.

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTY THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.

IV.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOR AND DO ALL THY WORK; BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, THOU, NOR THY SON, NOR THY DAUGHTER, THY MAN-SERVANT, NOR THY MAID-SERVANT, NOR THY CATTLE, NOR THY STRANGER THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES: FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, AND RESTED, THE SEVENTH DAY: WHEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND HALLOWED IT.

V.

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

VI.
THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII.
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII.
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

IX.
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

X.
THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, NOR HIS MAN-SERVANT, NOR HIS MAID-SERVANT, NOR HIS OX, NOR HIS ASS, NOR ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOR'S.



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PLEASE, GOD, GIVE ME LIGHT; HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL

LIFE'S DEEDS

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas
(An Abstract)

AGAIN I draw near this material plane and call to humanity, Awaken. Happy am I to bring you what it means to follow on a righteous pathway. It means a great deal to many but little to others. As I look about humanity it seems they are just striving to gather in materially. They care not for a brother, friend or one who is down and out, as you call it. Still they would call themselves righteous. They say, I am doing what is right, I am not stealing from any one, I am not taking what is not my own.

Still, with their own very selves, with their own thoughts they are stealing and taking what is not their own. They call in their own very selves, "I will see it through, I want my way, I want my will be done." These know not that in the twinkling of an eye all can be over with. What then?

They stand apart from their bodies and will see themselves as they really are. Then their spirit is downcast and they see their life-book before them with these things they did and placed there on record. What then?

Not that there is a judge who will judge you for that record that is before you, O no, it is yourself that is the judge, your own conscience will condemn you, for what you do you take with you when you go over the border. Nothing but yourself, your life, your thoughts are there. You cannot blot them out. What you have done to harm one here in your material plane, you will again have to return it ten-fold. It is so hard for the spirit to make it right in that way for to those they would want to return will not accept them. Many stand and knock and are not understood. They stand and they are saying, "I am living, I am existing, I am not dead." So many times they stand there by those who remain behind.

Hundreds and thousands hover around and many who have gone over with crime and with shame stand about this material plane and still want to practice their low doings, their crimes, and I say well to be aware, well to awaken to the fact that those need the help of each one of you. If every one will throw out their best thoughts and will call to that Supreme Force, God, for help, the help will be there, it is for the asking. Ask and it shall be given unto you.

Be watchful for those things that are the smallest. They are the ones that draw you down, and as I come to this point, let us know what it means to be righteous and to follow the Elder Brother. I would say bear that cross. When I say cross it is our cross that we burden on to ourselves. Not in a burdensome way let us give and take and humbly follow in that righteous, truthful, brotherly way as did the Nazarene. When we do that we will find conditions will then be right with us.

What is mine is thine, so sayeth that Supreme Force. "Is not the spark of life that is sent forth mine? Did I not send it forth?" The material clay in which that life is planted is earth made and must again remain in the material plane, but the life, the very spark of God, belongs to that Creator and must again return spotless as it had been sent forth. Otherwise it means a returning and returning and if we are not acknowledged how can we then reach forth?

That is why the Elder Brother told His disciples almost

two thousand years ago when He was in the material plane, that they should call to the Father. He told them they should not look down or away from one who has a shabby coat or had on a ragged dress.

They who are well dressed and have much to draw from in this material plane may not be so far superior. It is not the coat that counts. It is the spirit within the body that bears witness, not the coat. Much rather have the ragged coat with the beautiful spirit than the spirit encloded in silks and satins and jewels, while underneath there is a ragged spirit. You cannot tell from the surface or the outer part. There is too much to cover over, to make smooth, as if there were but the very finest spirit within.

It is time we awaken for to be righteous means a great deal. Follow the Elder Brother, for we must then take up our cross, and those of us who have been so well provided for here in this material plane and who horde and keep it and only look to satisfy their very own surroundings, should look deeper into conditions. I say woe to those who will not make better of their opportunities. They will stand in shame when they are called over for they will then hear that cry of anguish, "O that I had done differently, I understood it but I did not like to leave all my material and follow on the right pathway."

Did not the Nazarene forsake wealth, forsake His noble home, His richly attired place, and go amongst those who were poor and who did not understand the ways of following rightly. He went forth to enlighten humanity and after a short space of time He was no longer wanted. Humanity did not want righteousness. They wanted what would bring great pride, great vanity, great honors here in this material plane. They pampered themselves for all those conditions believing it is time enough after they were over the border to reach out and get on the righteous path. They say, "There are many like myself and I will not be a bit lonesome."

This is the time for an awakening. To those who have well prospered, who have gained and gained materially and who in their selfish and unbrotherly way think only of their own surroundings, I call, awaken. You have many amongst you that are downcast, who have no homes, whose surroundings are unpleasant, and who in their small and narrow way just trip along knowing not what the next day will bring but hoping that the Supreme Force will send them the help and will shelter them somehow or somewhere. Ses, there are hundreds and thousands, and when I look to those who have accumulated so much and thinking only of their own surroundings, I call, change from that way. Leave today by itself and when tomorrow comes again, go and take your cross and follow the Nazarene as He leads. He will lead you right and you will reach to that high and fine goal, and from there nothing will be taken from you for you have done much in small things, you will hear the answer, "Your reward awaits you." I bring this in response to a special appeal, a special request that I bring this point.

God Bless you today. Spread the good news, tell it to your brother, your neighbor that they should awaken and get out of their selfish and narrow ways. The day of reckoning is coming and you will judge yourselves. You will have written it yourselves upon your own life-book, your very doings,

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your lying, your stealing, your very ways of casting those from you. Again, you too will have written down your good deeds, the kind thoughts, the loving words you have sent to one or another, that you have given to a beggar or have made someone happy.

All is put to the balance and you will find then how your spirit will bring forth every word, everything that has been done here in this material plane. That is why I bring it, that you may know how to reach forth, and when you think it over well you will say "It is well. How is it that that force could exactly bring what I had been thinking about?"

Reach out, help those who are calling to you, help those who are about you and who are weeping and lamenting, some for food, some for drink, some in illness. Gladness and happiness will be yours for what you had brought them. Do that and you will find in that way you are following on the righteous and truthful way and in brotherhood. Then you will be ready at any moment that the call may come for you to pass over the border. AMEN.

APPOLIOS OF TREON.....

Brother Appolios was a Greek who traveled this earth plane at the same time as did the Nazarene nearly two thousand years ago. He was an inspirational speaker and brought forth the spiritual truths same as did the Nazarene, yet they never saw each other in body. On hearing of the passing out of Jesus, he, like Paul, was a most willing worker for greater good, and still works for righteousness sake and for the upliftment of mankind.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)

IT IS ALWAYS a happy moment when I can draw nigh and reach to those I love. When we reach out to those we love it is not only meant for they who are nearest to us, who are bound to us in this material plane. No, it is to all. We reach in brotherhood, in sisterhood.

Many of your loved ones stand and look on and know. I see how many a father and mother, sister and brother and child—you could call them in by the scores—they stand and reach forth that you might listen to their biddings. They bid you to be of good cheer, to follow on the right pathway, to be brotherly and truthful. Then all will be fine.

There is not anything impossible with that Supreme Force, God. He can send forth the most Mysterious things. He can bring forth conditions that will open the eyes of many. But how many are grateful and thankful for all these conditions? Many will be glad that they had turned to the upward pathway and reached to that higher Light, that they may be blessed in that day when called over. There many will stand rejoicing.

Many more will stand in sadness and desolation. They will not know where to turn, they will not know what to say.

I call if you are right, and you are truthful, you will find it will lead you on and on and you will be uplifted. Follows the Commands of God. He had sent them forth, and when you have gone as far as you can, then look to what the Elder Brother did.

Would He do as you are doing today? Would He go on the same pathway as you are going today? Would He reach out as you are reaching? Many will have to answer no. We would be more mild, more kind and tender in spirit and in heart, and I say it is but a simple thing. We can reach out in the right pathway, be kind, be true, be brotherly.

So many will say, "If only I could see a great miracle before me then I would become awakened and would reach out." Many miracles are being performed in this earth plane. Yet, they turn their backs merely wondering how it was done. Many more miracles will be performed. They who do them are having great things brought forth to them. The Elder Brother did not want great praise nor great comment for what miracles He did. So would be His answer, "No I am doing it out of brotherly love, I am helping my brother and sister on their pathway if they would but reach forth."

That is the way He brings it when He reaches out in those lower spheres, when He reaches to those who are downcast in spirit, to those who think there is nothing more left. Well for humanity to get on the right pathway and follow His teachings. Then you will find there would be no place for evil, for illness, for sorrow and sadness. No, we would throw such conditions aside. We would not let them enter, we want peace, contentment and happiness. That will be the way it will ring in those days when we reach onward and uprightly.

I see too how many will turn to the upper way and will call to that Supreme Force, God, "O help us in our tribulation." They will be heard and the great Spirit will show blessings down and will rescue them. When that hour comes and you see how all is coming, then forget not that you too are a child of God, and you too must not forget a thanksgiving prayer of praise.

So many have been brought on the upper pathway. These too stand not thinking what it all meant, and I see again in the distance how the Elder Brother stands and calls out, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" That will be the awakening point out of that downcast way, and remember, even if conditions will bring us oftentimes sadness and upsets, nevertheless the spirit bears record of what we are doing, and so hold fast to the right, and be even more uplifted. That glory, that praise and that thankfulness which then comes to us will be as a blessing from those higher spheres.

Take it with you, think it over and ask yourselves are you following on the pathway as the Elder Brother would follow. Each one can follow the right pathway if they want to. If you are right with God and you are right with the Elder Brother and trying to follow His way, if you are right with your fellow man you will find it will be an easy way. Set forth and try in earnest to do those things that the Father wants us to do. Follow the Law of God and abide by it and all else will be gathered up for you and you will have what is needed, you will have what will make you happy, you will have what will bring peace in your surroundings. AMEN.

JOHNNY.

Brother John passed out of body not many years ago while still a young boy. He has made fine spiritual progress in the realms, and is happy in spirit that opportunity is his to lecture and bring forth messages for the spiritual upliftment of those who remain here in body.

LOST SOULS

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard



WE FREQUENTLY hear people spoken of as "lost souls," which causes us to wonder to what degree a soul can be lost, and just what is meant by the term. Most persons so using the term "lost soul" intend to infer that the individual must pay forfeit through all eternity for being un-Godly in their habits, and for disobeying the law of church, which they interpret as being the Universal Law, or WILL of GOD.

Now, the laws of church are but the human interpretation of biblical laws that applied to people living many centuries ago, and being badly interpreted by scholars who either erred in translating from the original texts, or who, for reasons of their own injected the wrong word, which met with their personal approval, rather than the correct rendering of the original text; and thus we have rules that are attributed to God, which more often confuse the individual in their search for hidden meaning, than make clear to him what the author really intended to convey, who registered the original script, either in hieroglyphics, ideography, or other symbols representing occurrences, which by interpretation became language; but may be so changed by the translator by a mere suggestion or injection of a word to mean anything that the interpreter wishes to convey; and the whole subject matter takes on an exaggerated meaning; or the meaning may be lessened until the original importance is lost in the present form.

Unfortunately, that happens to be the position of too many religions—they accept the literal translation of the bible, and attribute it to God, and are bound by the acceptance of the literal translation to judge of all things and their quality or fitness by the passages they choose as texts to guide them.

Any false note entered by translation, either through ignorance or by intention, has caused much heartache and discouragement to many earnest souls, who have had little training in the higher or spiritual teachings, and consequently do not know how to deny these charges made out of malice or because of ignorance. But once we consider the true value of the word "lost," we know that to be lost does not signify a thing cannot be retrieved, but it is for the time being out of place, or in a state of readjustment, and as soon as the adjustment is made, that which was lost becomes a factor of energy according to nature's law, while at no time is it or can it be destroyed.

There is no such thing as destruction—but it is possible for a thing to change from its present form and become in form quite different, as all material as well as spiritual matter is constantly doing. Again, we are told that spirit is not substance and that it is not matter, but the majority think in terms of substance, material or spiritual, and it is best that we apply such terms as will be understood by the majority of our readers.

We have now reached the point where we may consider in point the possibilities of a soul being what has been termed as lost. In the first place, no soul is lost, in so far as its actual spiritual development is concerned, for a soul is exactly what its previous experiences have made it, no more and no less, and it is but a matter of time for every soul to reach the point in its unfoldment when conscience will awaken to the necessity for a greater degree of understanding, and a broader field of activity; and gradually, as consciousness bestirs the mind, that natural control of action in the physical life of the individual; the spiritual nature will also awaken and assume its responsi-

bility to itself and, incidentally, to its associates; after which coordination of faculties, including desires, will respond to that touch of the higher spiritual faculties in bringing the solace of knowledge, and later, wisdom concerning the relationship of the individual to that of the God who conceived it in His Cosmic Garden of human flowers, for, like the lily, there may be seasons when no blossoms grace the withered stem, yet the spring will again bring forth the beautiful flower, so characteristic of purity and innocence, which in turn will bless all those who look upon it, and which will gladden the sad heart of the mourner with a promise of the resurrection, more cheering than any faith of creed or dogmatic creedal law of church or state.

In fact, there is no such thing as a mislaid soul (lost soul), for coordination is the law of nature, and nothing can be misplaced that God conceives, although to man it may appear to be out of order, yet in all nature nothing can be out of order, for, according to routine, if one thing did not respond to its natural position, then the whole system would necessarily be disturbed and the entire group be thrown out of balance. Man, as spirit, is as true to his natural position as are the stars in the heavens, but he can advance his spirituality in proportion as he is willing to raise above the sordid materialisms of earth-life, and rise to that point where material wants are second to spiritual; then has he found his own soul, as it were; not because it was lost, but had become fixed as a star, and by his own will, which he inherits from God in His likeness, can he attain to the spiritual strata where he is coordinate with divinity.

Then, and then only, is the relationship between God and man accomplished or established, for soul is no longer subject to mortal demands, but is adjusted to its higher self, prepared to live the God-Principle in the Christ-Life—and willing to assume the responsibility of helping others to find their soul so that they, too, may rise to the heights of spirituality.

Let no one refer to a person as "A lost soul," but remember that all are conceived by God, born under natural law, and subject to growth according to that law. As a man waters the plant, so should we give encouragement to the estranged soul, if we hope to receive the commendation: "Thou hast been faithful—enter thou into the joy of thy reward." For man was not meant to live unto himself, but to be as Jesus lived—for others.

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

PROVERBS 10:12

Humanity sweep out the rubbish, the artificial dogmas and become masters of our fates. Let us individualize, as we were taught, so that we will advance from our drowsy state of false security to the mansions of spiritual achievement. The Nazarene loved humanity and wept because it refused the light. Why continue to make His spirit sad with all of our inconsistencies. "Getting converted" is more than a doctrine, it demands universal justice for all. Let us be converted again, but make sure, you and I, that we make a better job of it than we did in the past.

T. R. W.

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SUMMERLAND

A Page of Instruction for the Young Truthseekers. It is suggested that instructors extend every point made and to regularly review and emphasize them. Supplemental points should follow in due time. The lectures shown in the beginning of each issue are the guides.



LESSON XXXVIII—ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. All good comes from God who is Love, and if we would serve Him as did the Nazarene, we, too, would ask and seek in confidence and find that which would bring us closer to Him. In asking, we do so spirit to spirit. We should first ask for the spiritual things—wisdom, more light, strength and peace. The guidance and inspirations that cometh in response must needs be followed, for we should not ask the Father for anything and then not accept our responsibility for what he giveth us—and His spiritual gifts are many.

Seek after the Kingdom of the Father and His righteousness. Seek better to know His ways and how best to be obedient to His Will and Command. One who will search shall find according to how he would look. It is not another's responsibility but our own, and that which we can have for our journey both here and hereafter will remain with us and bring us on the best way to return to Him who first sent us forth. The seeking goes on to all eternity for the wonders of God's works are infinite.

Knock at the very threshold of the All-Highest and listen when one would knock at our own doorways. The Father does not deny nor forsake His children and so we should not run from Him nor fear Him. As we pass from door to door in our spiritual progress we find that our knocking is not in vain, even when at the very entrance into the Zion. The Father welcomes back home those who want to make the way. It is for each one to go and it is on one pathway that we go—ever onward and upward.

By asking rightly and seeking earnestly and knocking willingly shall we gain entrance into the so-called invisible, and while still in body travelling this earth plane we can have that Kingdom on Earth as in Heaven.

LESSON XXXIX—MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN. The call comes from above, from beyond the realms of man and comes from the realms of the spirit loved ones. The higher the call comes from, the more spiritual are the opportunities. That God-given life that is within man-made bodies can listen for the call that comes to do service for the Father. The call may come often, but we should listen and be ready and willing to answer to any call that comes for righteous purpose.

The talents that are given should be multiplied if we would serve well. These come freely and do not require any material conditions other than to respond. It is in the acceptance of what is given that we must abide, for "unto whom much is given, of him much shall be required" in the way of an accounting. Did we do right or did we neglect our calling, did we give freely to our fellow-man or did we abuse the power—these are some of the questions we should know the answer to.

Prophets such as Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus and very many others are called. They were among the chosen ones who have been the instrumentality by which Truth was revealed. Every race in all generations have the chosen ones,

they are to lead spiritually, not from book knowledge, but from those teachers from beyond the border. They are not free from temptations, and those who will hold fast to truth will increase in spiritual learning. Great are the rewards for those who accept the invitation to do a righteous work.

LESSON XL—HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, BELIEVETH NOT ON ME, BUT ON HIM THAT SENT ME. All life, love, truth, good, spirit comes from the Supreme Force God, Jehovah, and there should be none other. One who is called and chosen has that wisdom and understanding that it is not the "I" but the Giver of that life. We all who have taken on flesh and blood and bone have within the spark, that small atom of the Father. In His image (spirit) are we created. It was the Creator who first sent us forth, all alike, and each one with that same amount of light, wisdom and power. Each one has the same opportunities to grow spiritually.

The Nazarene never taught humanity that He was the one and only begotten son and knew all were brother and sister under the Fatherhood of God. All are spiritually tied with the ever-living, loving God, and return we must, no matter how long or how wayward we may be. Confidence in the Father comes in the measure in which we accept manifestations of His wondrous works. He is all that is pure, wholesome, powerful and mighty in all things He hath created, and it is by looking to Him and His conditions that we see only these things.

Looking to man's actions and creations soon would awaken us to his smallness when we compare with the ways and works of the Supreme Force, God. What good man does is for example and guidance to those who would want to do likewise, and is that we would become uplifted, and, instead of looking to mere man, to look ever higher to that which is beyond.

XLI—I SPEAK NOT OF MYSELF: BUT THE FATHER THAT DWELLETH IN ME. The works of the Father are done through His children, and they who because of their obedience to the Will of the Father are chosen, do many great things. Miracles are performed, evil overcome, enlightenment provided for, spiritual comfort, material ailments cured, that which is beyond is seen as well as to see what lies before one's journey here on this earth plane.

The twelve-year-old boy of Nazareth spoke words placed in his mouth and so, too, later on in life's journey did much come forth from this same body. Many did not understand and so today is He misunderstood, but it is because we reach not the same ways as He did and said we should. He steadfastly communed with God. What was said to be impossible with man proved to be possible with God, and the righteous are the instrumentality by which done.

As Brother Paul describes it, we are the temples and God dwelleth within, and we should know that. All prophets who follow in an upright way will give praise and glory to God and not take it for self.

The Father within is perfect and the outer should take heed to the inner voice. That God-part within has an instrumentality or medium that can bring forth wonders, and the outer should not hold it back. It is for this reason we should be kind to one another, for then we are kind to the Father. It is well that we know ourselves better.

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INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESS

Delivered by Louisa Riemvis at the Brooklyn Day Rally

WE HAVE all gathered here in the name of a glorious truth, Spirituality. All you mediums and workers in the field, greetings. All you people seeking the light of truth, greetings all.

The light of truth blazes the trail to eternity and immortal life beyond the grave. We stand banded together to go forth on that triumphant march that will reveal to mankind God's glorious truth and light. The truth of spiritual communion, and the light of God.

We are on the eve of a great epoch in the world's history. Success beckons us on to further achievement. We stand on the threshold of a great spiritual readjustment, the uprooting of materialism, the overthrow of the dominant lower tendencies in man. The spiritual fires that have lain dormant for centuries within humanity's breast are leaping forth pulsing and throbbing with life into a purifying flame burning the dross that has thus accumulated, revealing to sight the pure gold beneath.

It is the pure gold of Spirituality, the one quality that had never become tarnished with this world's materialism. Spirit is the great teacher, the great leader, the greatest redeemer.

And what is Spirit? God is Spirit, and Spirit is God!

Bring ye forth the spirit within yourselves, and ye have brought forth the God-power within yourselves. Set yourselves a task and say "Within myself God dwells, where He is there must I be also. I am a part of Him and He of me, thus I am at one with God, or Spirit."

The spirit of God dwelleth within each soul, mayhap the soul not so well developed in some as in others, but nevertheless there, even though latent. Thus we see that each one is a brother-sister of the Father-Mother God, all united by a common bond that never loosens its hold, but ever strives to uplift and enlighten the pathway of souls.

Take the illustration of a new-born babe with its purity of soul as it starts out on its earth journey. The soul is pure from the eternal Source, but ere long, through the world's contact, all too soon, the innate purity seems contaminated. But only in seeming. 'Tis not so. For that which is of God can never become contaminated by any contact, be it that of earth or any phase of physical existence. Spirit can never become contaminated. It always will remain sweet and pure from the original Source, God, which gave it birth.

The fountain of God's love ever sends its ceaseless purifying sprays of enlightenment and upliftment out and over the world of doubt, thus revealing many a blessing that would otherwise be lost in obscurity. The spiritual wave that is now passing over the face of the earth comes as a blessing to humanity, sponsored and aided by the angel forces, who have humanity's welfare at heart. Many great benefits will be derived as the soul of man learns to look upward for guidance—learns to distinguish the false from the true. Man is daily learning in this great school of life essential lessons in spiritual unfoldment. Through trials and tribulations we are gaining in wisdom and knowledge. Earth is joining hands with heaven and together will accomplish a great object.

It is fitting here to make mention of our heroic son who accomplished the great feat of crossing to Paris through the air. Our own Capt. Charles Lindbergh. Think you that he sailed alone? Indeed, he did not! A host of angelic forces guided his dangerous trackless path over the ocean's rolling blue into the safe harbor of Le Bourget Field. Spiritual protection

and guidance stood at the helm, and safe he was in the ministrations of the angels.

As he was so ably guided over the stormy sea, putting his absolute trust in the Almighty power of God, so may you, my friends, place your trust as implicitly as did he in the protecting power of God over your life's stormy sea. God is ever the pilot who guides our life's ship safe into the harbor of peace and rest, and so may we all as this God-Fearing son of the soil, march triumphantly on, secure in our faith, knowing that victory awaits us at the end of the road.

And now, my friends, may we all join in a fervent prayer that we may see clearer the light that ever urges and beckons us on, for the day will surely dawn when earth and heaven shall meet midway and rise triumphantly to the skies of revelation and light!

More Light, let there ever be more True Light!

POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS

By W. S. Haskell

A LOT of well-meaning, even intellectual, people seem to have an exaggerated idea of the importance of love in the scheme of life. Certainly love is important, as it is the divine Mother Force that takes an active part in the very first activities of life and continues throughout life. But its importance is not in the nature of a goal to look forward to as the perfection of human life; for, were the emotion love, a feeling, all there is to aspire to, life would resolve itself into a feeling, minus intellectual qualities—a mere sensation without comprehension of life's meaning.

The fact that we were given brains should indicate that they were to be used. The fact that evolution from lower forms to higher is also an evolution of intelligence in the animal to a higher class, seems to show that mental evolution is the one effort of the divine forces toward some definite goal, which, of course, is mental. An understanding of life's pattern, a comprehension of the principles involved, unites man with the principles and enables him to wield the higher forces. Love alone will not do it. Love of knowledge leads to knowledge, but in gaining knowledge we put into operation a different kind of action from that which characterizes love. Love is a universal trait. Animals love, my dog is a great lover of his master; but my dog possesses only the mental capacity of the canine, and he must have something more than love to bring him to the scale of the human understanding. The virtues of love are played upon, often to the expense of wisdom. And God is both Love and Wisdom. Both positive and negative. Wisdom is positive, and love is negative. Wisdom is knowing, Love is feeling. We love to make money, but only intelligence and wise use of our money-making possibilities will do the trick. We need most of all an intelligent comprehension of the laws that govern life. The love and enjoyment will come as a natural result of knowing what the law is and abiding by it, not by ignoring the law. We cannot bridge the chasm of human ignorance with the heart alone, we must use the head, and KNOWLEDGE is the GOAL—WISDOM.

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EDITORIALS**Spiritualism**

SPIRITUALISM is actually the basis or foundation of every religion, cult or sect. The sad part is that it suffers because all other isms suffer. Taking religions as they are today, we find that it is very difficult to understand them. They all have multitudes of followers, and the greatest majority of them will assert they have been such for very many years, still, these followers admit they have very much more to learn.

If it requires ten, twenty, thirty and more years to know what one's religion is all about, then there surely is something radically wrong. It is a sure indication that one had better awaken and look deeper into that which has been accepted on blind faith.

There are over two hundred religions on the face of this material world and over six thousand gods worshiped, ranging from wood, mud and stone, and on up to the moon. Is that right? There is need for a better understanding.

Spirit communication has in every age gone by provided this understanding, but it has been adulterated. From the inspired words given through the mediumship of mortal and from the spirit voice within every son of man, still comes the LIGHT to guide us to greater heights. What then to do with this spirit knowledge—this God given wisdom, is the question each one must answer for himself if he would not wander in the dark.

Anyone who has the courage to fol-

low the advice to seek, shall find. To be sure, there are stepping stones that should lead to more firm footing. The so-called invisible is not so difficult to understand. Should one be afraid or in fear about making the search, then take comfort from those who unafraid and without fear did find and who willingly give to others the benefit of their experiences. It is well to remember that these experiences may be both short and long, and that the longer one has had such experiences, the more secure can one be to listen and follow.

If we were to suggest a time limit under which one might carry on his or her personal search, we would say, let it be just ten per cent of the time spent in following offshoots of the science of spirit. For instance, ten years spent following what does not now satisfy under the suggestion would call for but one year of searching into that which is today called Spiritualism. Here is what one will find:

NO ONE CAN DISPROVE SPIRITUALISM!

An intelligent person could not make any greater discovery of the truth of this statement than could one who might be humble. It is for all. Anyone who would deny Spiritualism would deny truth, and anyone who would deny truth, denies God. There are false teachers everywhere and there are those who will commercialize the gifts of God, but they must not be allowed to obstruct our paths that lead to higher and better things spiritually.

Man did not provide spiritual truth, for God is the source. Man is merely the vehical by which revealed. While man's version of truth will change, truth never does change. What God created is good, and He is the Creator of Spirit and Truth and man would do better to look to Him.

Book Recommendations

OUR library is growing and it pleases us to accumulate books that are of great help to seekers of truth. Those that may be listed by us in this manner have our recommendations. It is quite difficult for us to tell you in few words what is contained in these books. It would seem far better if you would obtain them and read them for yourselves.

The New Light, by George H. Sears, has 205 pages filled with powerful thoughts that would awaken the seeker after truth to greater efforts.

Man: Whence and Whither? By Alcinous B. Jamison, M.D., has 144 pages, and The Making of a Super

Race, by the same author, has 226 pages. Both of these works reveal tremendous spirit contacts not generally found among practitioners in the field of medicine. He is a Psychic Investigator of wide repute.

The second edition of Hartmann's Who's Who in Occultism, New Thought, Psychism and Spiritualism brings a wealth of information for reference purposes. This compilation should be in every library affiliated with the cause it supports.

Serum Poisoning, by Herbert M. Shelton, is a paper cover book of 72 pages just published by The Quest of New York City. It emphasizes the dangers to children from serum and vaccine poisoning. Mr. Shelton has written much for physical upliftment and much of his efforts are directed toward child health and strength.

Any of our readers who are or may become interested in these books can have additional information from us. Your inquiries are welcomed. All of these books are in the language of today but deal with subjects that are ancient and about which we can well afford to know much more of.

AT LAST

WE HAVE sailed the sea of sorrow,
Yea, the rivers born of tears;
And our ship has borne us safely
Past the reefs for many years,
For we trust a Heavenly Captain
To direct our ship of State
Until we shall reach the harbor
With the white celestial gate.
Safe within, I know we'll murmur:
God, I thank you, shut the gate.
By LA PASCALINE.

YOU AND I

YOU and I by the sea,
How happy we will be
When the coast patrol,
On the billows' roll,
Returns to the harbor's lee.

You and I on the shore
Each other will adore,
As the water spills
O'er the pebbled rills
To join the ocean's roar.

You and I in the night,
Our eyes on Minot's Light,
Will eternally
See the one, four, three,
Reflecting its rays so bright.

To R—, D—.

AMOS.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Minot's Light (Minot Ledge Light House) outside Boston harbor, below Boston Lightship, can be seen all along the South Shore flashing its 1-4-3 signal, which lovers interpret: "I love you."]

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Inspirational Dreams

By GEORGE HEALD

DREAMS to me are a mystery, yet a fascination, and again, if one will study them, they come in many instances to serve as a warning. I recall, as late back as 1912, when the world was horrified on the morning of Monday, the 15th of April, of that year, at the news of the sinking of the White Star liner, the Titanic. I remember well, Sunday morning, the day previous to the disaster, and I was then only quite a boy, I awoke from a deep and composed sleep, upon awakening, the thought in mind was, "In the midst of life, we are in death," the next day, the tragedy of the Titanic verified that thought. A few days following the Mayor of Southampton, England, appealed for funds to relieve the distress. Again I awoke from my sleep and outlined a suitable memorial card, including verse as follows:

A stately and noble vessel,
The pride of the Saxon world,
Sailed out from Southampton water
With the Union Jack unfurled.

All hearts were beating high with hope
As she crossed the harbor bar,
For Captain Smith was in command,
A gallant British tar.

But alas, this mighty vessel
Has sunk beneath the wave
And the human freight—God help them—
Have found a watery grave.

I had the cards printed and they sold rapidly, and I was able to send a generous sum of money to the Mayor of Southampton for the relief fund.

Another remarkable inspiration that came to me through a dream was the recent success of our beloved hero, Colonel Charles Lindbergh. As a tribute to him I penned the following verse, entitled "The Valiant." I feel sure that Colonel Lindbergh has a Spiritual Guidance, hence that he should choose the name of The Spirit of St. Louis.

THE VALIANT

The Spirit of St. Louis,
Man-built bower of the air,
Was headed from New York to Paris
With Charles Lindbergh in the chair.

What were the thoughts of that gallant airman
As he set out to achieve his aim?
Would he win out, or lose the race,
Or would it all be in vain?

Of the heroes that tried before him
Perhaps he gave a thought to them,
When over the cold grim ocean
Wondering if its depths would claim him,
and when.

But Fate was kind to this gallant boy
As onward he sped, through the long and lonely ride,
When after thirty-three hours to him came joy,
He had won out, for his courage to decide.

But he was not alone in his triumph
As all the world was with him, too,
And his name will live forever
As the boy of Yankee true blue.

His modesty and youth and calmness of courage
Just made the world love him, so
God bless the Spirit of St. Louis
And all that we can bestow.

There's nothing too much
For us we can do
For the Spirit of St. Louis
And Charles Lindbergh, too.

THE WAY TO DREAM

BENT dreams, broken dreams,
Dreams that make us blue;
These are the dreams of never-land,
Dreams that never come true.

Good dreams, true dreams,
Dreams that are born within;
The only dreams that materialize
Are the dreams that we work to win.

Plan your dreams! Work your dreams!
Then they'll turn to a rosy hue,
And you will discover the land of joy,
The land where dreams come true!
By JOHN L. McCULLOUGH.

DEATH AND TAXES

DEATH and taxes, sure, they say,
As the night that follows day.
Taxes! What are they to thee?
There is Love and Life is free!
Death! 'Tis but an ended quest
Wherein Love and Life find rest.
AMOS.

Excuses

THERE is an axiom that runs somewhat like this: "Never explain. Your friends don't need it and your enemies won't believe you anyway." Making excuses is an admission of guilt and comes either from one who may be weak or ignorant of convention.

As we read the reports from different sources as to the reasons for the falling off in church attendance, we are inclined to suggest that instead of explaining possible reasons it would be far better to provide proper safeguards against continuance. These safeguards are not in putting on dance and movie programs. A house of worship should not compete with the dance hall or the theater.

What is needed is greater reverence for God and His wondrous works and a greater respect for His Laws. These need no one to offer excuses nor apologies.

A firm conviction on the part of spiritual advisors to teach Truth instead of the habits of men will go far to fill the pews. It may be that of those in the pews there are some who would like to hear something of politics or of the sciences, and we ask, what good does it do them? People should and do go to church to receive spiritual comfort.

We fail to see how the church can afford to get further away from doing its duty, which is spiritual and not material. Satisfy the inner or spiritual being of the worshippers and show how they might make their own way. Tell what is the truth and stop guessing about what might appeal most to the audience. Give them what they need, not what they like to hear. It may be slow at first, but we are sure that in due time it will bear fruit and larger audiences will be the result.

THE OLD SANDWICH MAN

HE STOOD at the corner of the terminal
Distributing hand-bills, and he did it well;
Only to women, not to men passers-by,
Performing his duty as though 'twere more high.

Patrician of feature, with kindly old smile,
Clothes faded and threadbare and ancient of style.
As I gazed upon him, my thoughts were quite keen
Of the boy he once was, and the "might have been."

Had fate been more kind, of more generous grace,
Given him his right niche, a more suitable place
(Than between heavy signs, his old shoulders to strain),
The help of mankind, with his God-given brain.

Perchance his dear mother oft looked on him with joy,
Dreaming visions of greatness for her darling boy,
And watched, as I do, o'er my boys, night and day,
And beseech God, my Father, to guide them alway.

To be upright and virtuous and worthy of trust,
Not to drink or gamble, nor be guilty of lust,
To be honest in dealings, all their just debts to pay,
To provide for the future, when they are old and grey.

Also gently their fellow creatures to scan
(For God made us human, both woman and man),
To search for the souls that in their bodies dwell,
And not make their lives a veritable hell.

SAMUEL WOODWORTH BRADLEY.

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THE LAST SLEEP

By La Pascaline



PAGE passed a man reclining in a large comfortable chair in the lobby of a fashionable hotel of the East, intoning as pages do: "Miss Costel! Miss Costel!" His voice awoke memories of the past; and the man stirred uneasily in his chair, and finally called to the page, and when the boy came to his side inquired for whom he was looking. "Miss Mary Costel," replied the lad laconically, and lazily stared at his inquirer. "Thanks," was the brief reply as the man slipped a quarter into the too willing hand, and the boy departed, still calling for "Miss Costel."

The man remained lost in retrospection for a long time, until the thought occurred to him to inquire of the boy if he had located the person whom he had paged. Upon making inquiry at the desk, he was told that Roger had gone off duty. But, nothing daunted, he asked the clerk if he could tell him anything more about the woman, Miss Costel, who occupied room No. X, and, finding the clerk in a communicative mood, learned that the woman had arrived at the hotel some two days earlier in the week, and that she had said it was necessary for her to take a rest, which had been recommended by her physician; and that she wished to have her meals served in her suite; as she wanted to avoid all contact with the other guests, but, that during that afternoon she had ordered a taxi, and, giving the direction herself, had driven away; although two telephone calls had been received for her, she had not mentioned expecting to be called, and no one had seen her return, and she did not respond when the page had gone to her room. The clerk had become anxious about her, and experienced a sense of relief in discussing the situation with a guest, although it was contrary to the rules of the hostelry.

After learning these facts, the man became restless, for to his mind there came a picture of other days; when a pretty, golden haired girl had placed her hand in his hand, and promised to wait for him, while he should go to the big wicked city, where she was so sure that he would make good, and would return to claim her as his bride; and she would go with him; her Prince Charming, out into the world of fashion—for so sure of his success was she that her plans were already formed to prepare herself for that future of grandeur and magnificence.

But once Prince Charming had reached that great wicked city he became so engrossed in the necessity for applying himself to the business in hand, the competition in the great metropolis, that little time was left for writing letters, and, gradually that which at first seemed to be an excuse, became a habit, and finally his letters ceased altogether. And a doting mother, believing that her son was too good for any girl in the home town, and wishing him to marry wealth, and thus become a social ornament as well as a successful business man, encouraged him in his neglect until all thought of the sweet young girl was lost to the clink of dollars and in a lust for gain.

But tonight something stirred in his breast. A longing to see his little sweetheart after these fifteen long years, years full of prosperity and steady gain, both financial and social, now overcome every other ambition, and he found himself in a telephone booth asking for a number that he had not called in fourteen long years. Something was wrong with the connection, but at last he was told that the person for whom he asked was not at home, but would he speak "with Mrs. Costel?" He decided that he would, and the operator announced: "Here is

your party." Simultaneously a voice called "Hello!" at the other end of the line, and the mother of Mary told him that her daughter had left town some years before, and, said she: "When she came to realize that you did not intend to return, she, too, went away to make a fortune and a place in society equal to the one you promised her. She is stopping at the Z— Hotel in New York City."

He gasped. So it was her after all! No wonder that his heart had played up to the old familiar name. He decided that he would wait up until she returned and would renew their old friendship, if only for this one evening. And, sitting down to wait, he indulged in pleasant dreams of long ago. At length he was aroused by someone passing his chair; for the fragrance of the presence was like no other. He raised his eyes to behold a beautiful woman, her golden hair piled high upon her proud head, her blue eyes bright with an unusual light, and, recognizing his sweetheart of other days, he sprang to his feet with the cry: "Mary Costel!" The beauty turned and looked haughtily at this stranger who dared to thus address her. Then she drew back with one word that spoke volumes: "You!" Hatred, deep and terrible, was expressed in that one word, and he, too, drew back. Then with a cruel smile she commanded him to follow her. They entered the lift, and she led the way to her suite, and, taking a key from the mesh bag on her wrist, she unlocked the door and bade him enter.

Once within the room, she turned upon him her flashing eyes and continued: "So, you have dared to seek me out! You, who led me to believe that you were my Prince Charming; that you were coming to the city to earn wealth that you might supply my every need. And when you gained the wealth for which you came, and long before it was won, you had forgotten the girl whose future you had darkened. At last I came to realize how little your promise had meant to you, and I decided to come to the city, make for myself a place, and, having won my way, to show you that a woman's life need not depend upon the love of any man. I came and soon found that my strength was unequal to the strain, unless I resorted to drugs, as so many others have done. I became an addict, and that is why I came to this hotel. I thought that I could shut myself away from the terrible drugs that have made me their slave for years; but I find that I am bound to them as helplessly as though I were in a prison cell. You are the Cause! You destroyed my dreams of love and beauty, leaving me nothing but the sordid objective life of materialism; robbed of every ideal; and only the hope that I might forget. But, one lesson I learned; though my soul is helpless to retrieve the past; nothing is worth the price except it makes one better and nobler. Your wealth can bring you nothing but suspicion, doubt, and uncertainty; while if you had been true to your higher self, we might both be living happily in a home surrounded by children, and living over again our youth in the pleasure of their smiles. I do not blame you altogether; but had you never given me your promise my life would never have become the wreck that it is. GO!" And she pointed to the door, saying, "Never again in this life seek me out, but in death you may claim the spirit that you failed to appreciate while in this life. Farewell! GO!"

With bowed head, he fled from the specter of his youth, never stopping until safe within his own room, with the door locked. Then drawing a handkerchief from his pocket, he mopped his brow. There was no sleep for him that night. He paced the floor, or sat in a dazed state wondering why this thing had come to him after all these years of continued prosperity, and questioning how he was to rid himself and his conscience of the terrible responsibility that the story of the woman

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had cast upon him. It was eight o'clock and he heard hasty steps in the corridor. Going to the door to inquire the cause, he saw Roger, the page, hurriedly passing his door; and was told that Miss Costel had been found dead in her bed by her maid that morning. Following the page to the door of the suite from which he had been ejected by her harsh words but a few hours before, he saw the form of his sweetheart lying upon the bed, a smile upon her lips; and he remembered her words: "But in death, you may claim the spirit that you failed to appreciate in this life." The guests wondered why the stranger sent such a beautiful floral piece in the symbol of a bleeding heart. But no word escaped his lips concerning the past, for away in his heart he locked the secret that to him was now sacred. The doctor had said that an overdose of morphine was the cause of death, and claimed that she used it as a cure for headache.

Three months later, as the man sat in his richly furnished bachelor apartments, he heard the door open, and, turning he saw the spirit of his sweetheart coming toward him, with hands outstretched and a smile upon her beautiful lips. He sprang forward, but she vanished, and he heard a voice say: "You may claim the spirit when you, too, become spirit." With bowed head the man uttered these words: "God grant that it may be soon." Years passed, and the man had only the shadow of his sweetheart as a memory to cheer his declining years, but every night he left the door ajar, ever in the hope that the beautiful spirit would return to renew her promise. But never again did she come to him, and he was forced to spend the years depending upon a promise as she had done years before.

God's Law compels justice, and none can escape their obligations or responsibilities of promises made to God or man, and all are subject to the one WILL.

GETTING CONVERTED

RECALL the revival meetings held in the church which I attended in my youth. Our preacher, a sincere, kindly man, had labored to have the meetings well attended. Special speakers and special music had been provided; in fact, nothing remained undone to gather a spiritual harvest. The sermons were vigorously delivered and one would have to be a hardened sinner if he were not moved by them. The strains of the music also had their influence upon the minds of the listeners and practically all present joined in the song service. It was during one of these revival meetings that I resolved to turn over a new leaf, and I openly confessed my sins. My pastor assured me that all that was necessary for complete conversion was to believe that I was saved, since I had renounced my sins and there stood a new creature without taint. I did not understand the workings of the plan, but since I was assured that my future life was well taken care of, I had no misgivings. I joined the church, like many others did, and called myself a Christian.

There is a mighty army of men and women whose experiences are similar to the one described. Can we honestly say that we are without taint and our sins have all been washed away? Are we immune from sin? Or must we openly confess that the effects of our conversions have worn off with passing years? The best way I know to answer these questions would be to refer to the membership records of our different churches and note the names of those who were prominent in church work and who now are conspicuous by their absence. If we could personally interview many of these brothers and sisters we would learn that they hold little interest for spiritual things.

Sincere clergymen have endeavored to arouse interest, for the condition gnaws at the heart of honest men.

What can we do to remedy the situation? I certainly would not advocate periodic conversions, for this method would require periodic revivals and would result in more disappointments. There is something radically wrong with our conversion process, or the results would be different. If we are searching for truth that will stand the acid test, we cannot accept a belief that we are sinner today and saint tomorrow, just because we have adopted a dogmatic idea. Such a belief is no longer being accepted by any thinking person, for it becomes too easy to close our eyes to all of our imperfections and to feel we have reached the heights sublime. After the so-called conversion, there is a tendency to be sympathetic for the brother who does not agree with our plan of salvation and we consign him with his sins to the lowest depths. At least this has been my personal experience, for I became quite narrow and bigoted after my conversion, feeling that my brother outside the fold was hopeless. Think of the thousands of human beings who have a similar view, and we know the reason for our religious denominations.

We cannot expect harmony in the world when our work shop is a place of confusion and our very thoughts are out of tune. Tell the average person that you know how good he is, that you honestly can find no faults in him, that he possesses all the qualities you approve of and before you realize it you are dealing with a conceited individual. He likes to be flattered, rather than censured, and this is exactly what we do each time we assure folks that our plan of conversion creates new men over night. If we are bent on continuing this fallacy we must expect conceit and selfishness among men. We cannot get away from it, for "getting converted," in its popular sense, is a limited idea and will never fit in the edifice of universal brotherhood. How, then, can we reasonably expect humanity to become converted from the errors of their ways? By searching for truth themselves until it has been found and then abiding by it. Searching is the word to use; searching is the thing to do. Search among the pleasant walks of nature, search in the blue firmament; search under the differently colored skins of our brother-men, and search in the deep recesses of our divine spirits. Truth shines in these sacred places. It is true that the light will dazzle the unaccustomed eye, but with practice one can enjoy the golden rays.

I want to be converted from all the limitations of another's mind. I will search to know the things to accept and the things to reject. Suggestions from others (however desirous they are to help us) are not to be taken as final. We must, after searching, satisfy ourselves that the suggestions offered are entirely truthful and will assist, not hinder, our spiritual growth. It is necessary for the analyzation of every condition in our pathways. Independence is required in spiritual effort, as in any other, perhaps more so, and to feel the deep longing for wisdom that guides is the true cry of spiritual independence. It soars over man-made barriers to the Author of Wisdom. In this manner we start our spiritual journey which leads on to perfection. We have become converted from a dependent being to the true child of God, able to think and to act independently. Let us be called truth-seekers, without a creed, if you will, but the fact remains that we have a personal creed which has been built up, piece by piece, through the fires of actual experience. Independent thought is moulding our destinies, for we can only subscribe to what we know to be truth. We refuse to be swayed by our emotions and our personal creed we live daily, for we cannot help living what we believe.

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The outstanding thought which the great Teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, brought to humanity was that individual effort will produce individual results. He, unlike his predecessors, individualized religions, and nowhere in his teachings can be found the intent to shift the responsibility for sin to the shoulders of another. The wisdom of the Master Thinker came from our Father; it was the reward of spiritual mastership and it clearly defines true brotherhood. If brotherhood means anything worth while, it means that there cannot be preferences before God and man. Jesus held firmly to this spiritual view when he said "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." It was another way of saying that we are all equal children of the one Father, entailing no class or creed distinctions, but the true plan of salvation, viz: sowing what we reap is open to all.

Friends, to my way of thinking, all that we need to do is to make the correct start. Perhaps many do not like the idea of being disturbed for, as a rule, we are not anxious to make changes of any kind. It is so easy to follow the old ruts of life that we question if there are any better roads to travel. We are not progressive at best, for we are tied by the strong bands of custom. Nevertheless we must break the shackles of error and stand released of all incumbrances before we can exercise our God-given free will. Some folks will absolutely refuse to entertain the idea of religious freedom and, like the slaves of old, cling to their beliefs, which they have never investigated. Others of broader view and, perhaps, larger experience, are hungry for spiritual food, the light of truth and righteousness. To the progressive I sincerely urge that you exercise your divinity. Take nothing for granted, for by perseverance you can prove all things. If you hold to certain beliefs, write them in black and white before you and analyze them at suitable times. As truth shines erase from your list of beliefs those items which you have found to be untrue. Blot out the things of man's concoction, which could not be approved by the living God. You are now on your way, brother, and as you reach higher spiritually your list of beliefs has been tried and found wanting. In fact, the list at this time will show many erasures.

There is nothing in the world so difficult to do than to build a personal creed. As we pluck the wrong ideas from our spiritual structure tender memories are disturbed; even our own loved ones may turn their backs to us. We must press on, without fear of ridicule, for ridicule has always been heaped upon men and women who advocate a higher level of spiritual life than the one most popular. Indeed, the progressive always appears peculiar to the fixed mind, but as we are spirits in flesh, atomic parts of the Supreme Force, we will reflect our divine origin, awaiting with patience the individual effort of our brother-man, as our Heavenly Father waits for us to rise higher and higher to perfection.

Friends, reverting to our list of beliefs, behold how small it has grown. Notice the items which we have struck off; the forms and ceremonies, the cramped ideas of vanity, the restricted plan of salvation, or conversion, and the moth-eaten fabrics of tradition. The remaining beliefs are the guides, the true lights for spiritual progress and spiritual development. Love is the key note, for we now love truth because it is truth. We find no fault with justice, the universal law, for our brother-man is entitled to justice and our Father is just. We will also be just and make good our shortcomings, seeking neither preference nor privilege. We have been converted to love and justice because we honestly searched. Our elder Brother, Jesus of Nazareth, showed us the way. We will follow the same road.

T. R. W.

MAN AND THE PHYSICAL MOLD

By Geraldine Wood



MERSON said, "The world proceeds from the same spirit as the body of man." This is true. Everywhere in nature we see spirit, life, struggling through matter. Spirit, the omniscient, the omnipotent, the omnipresent, seizes upon, ensouls, and vivifies matter. Spirit is the divine builder of every living form. The earth holds countless millions of living forms, each representing a spirit entity. All this life is from the Creator, and, as all life is from Him, unto Him it must return when it shall have completed its evolutionary journey through all the various physical expressions of life on up to and including the Divine.

Spirit, the builder of every physical form, builds always in accordance with the pattern which heredity gives; builds a tree, a flower, a human form. Spirit is the perfect builder, it is the pattern which heredity gives, that is imperfect.

The human organism is the most complex and sensitive of all the physical organisms. Through it, and because of it, we become conscious of our divine origin. We feel within us the budding of that nature known as the divine nature, and with it an upward drawing toward the source of all being. But while we remain with this imperfect mold or form given us by our earthly parents, we can by no means realize nor attain to, the perfection of this divine nature.

The personality which we build up here belongs to the form which we inhabit. All of our message work tends to prove that both the form and personality of the individual persist beyond the grave. Death has but released us from the heavy outer flesh, and these new bodies of ours belong to that state of matter which is so raised in vibratory power as to be invisible to the human eye. All the matter of which earth is composed was once in this state. These new bodies of our friends can, and do, materialize for us at seances, so that we are able to recognize them.

Our first expression of life beyond earth is on the astral plane. Every physical form has its astral counterpart. During earth life these astral counterparts remain within the physical form and are identical with it. During every life period, the spirit builds this inner form or mold for use on the next plane of consciousness just beyond the present one. These forms, of necessity, follow the outline which heredity has given us and, as long as we remain on the earth plane, each form is but an expression of matter raised to a still higher vibratory power. Thus it is that all life can, at last, be translated back into that state where matter is no more and spirit is all, for the two are not identical. Spirit is self-existent, but the form is temporary and earth given. All physical forms of life must persist beyond earth until their evolution is complete. And, at death, physical man has just begun his evolutionary career.

He must live many lives on many planes, each more advanced and less earthly than the last. And so it is that when we cite our destiny afar off we begin to lay aside the merely human for the divine nature. To fully unfold this divine nature is to become like our Creator. The time will eventually come for every one of us, when we shall have laid aside every vestige of the material self including the human form. As we proceeded forth and came from God unto Him do we return, but perfected, individual spirits of a like nature. And who shall say what further glorious destiny may then await us! Perhaps to be messengers of His to men, perhaps to go on to new forms of life on other more advanced planets than earth!

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LOVE

By A. Rissmeyer

LIFE'S JOURNEY on this earth plane is what we ourselves would have it be. There are many tasks we might accomplish and it is well to become prepared or better able in doing them rightly, for some conditions arise to obstruct our advance toward doing better things. Love will overcome any obstacle that might come into our pathway.

We should not create hatred or animosity among the great family of God's children traveling in man created bodies. Love should predominate everywhere. It almost makes one think it impossible as it would be with the equality of talents, education or of wealth.

In the full enjoyment of the gifts of heaven and the fruits of industry, economy and virtue, all should guard against any evil that exists from abusing or from violating the Law of God. There certainly would be fewer difficulties and less opportunity for misunderstanding if we would use that tongue given to us for a righteous, useful and necessary cause. Small as the tongue is, it can do much harm if used otherwise.

The Law of God makes the impossible possible. All have that law, and it matters not if it came through Moses, Buddha, Jesus or Mohammed. It is a great principle, a great blessing, and if we would confine ourselves with equal courtesy, combined with kindness, all would equally benefit by its wisdom.

That law is known as the Ten Commandments to both Hebrews and Christians. It consists of the dues we owe to our Life-giver, and what we owe to each other. Should we break one part we damage the whole law. If we will think it over we will find it is the selfish or material desires that make us break that law.

True love is the fulfillment of the law. All should strive in sincerity to uphold it. If enforced here we shall continue with it hereafter. It may then surprise us to see how much we really could do that heretofore was considered impossible. The more we would try to learn the divine ways of the Father, the more we would understand His commands.

Let us not be as the foolish man who when asked how he would pay his dues to God, replied that He is the only one he can run away from as all others he cannot escape. How long we can escape from God is known to those who understand that what we sow we reap. Do we love God and do we love our fellow-man?

OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

Kindness to Animals

CHILDREN seem very fond of animals, and the more homely these animals are, the better the kiddies like them. They handle the animals with deliberate care and the response is in kind.

Anyone who will watch the sympathetic actions of children as regards animals can learn a fine lesson of how to live and let live. The other day we had occasion to hear an infant child plead for a cat and a dog that were out in the rain. This little one felt sorry that they could not be taken in out of the rain.

Such consideration for life, regardless in what form, is deserving of emulation on the part of elders.

The Big Navy Bill

THE United States Senate at Washington has begun debating the navy appropriation bill carrying a total of nearly \$400,000,000 for naval expenditures for the fiscal year 1929. This is a large sum of money that could be appropriated to other causes if that condition existed of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward All Men.

Reductions in armament might pull down expenditures such as is proposed in this bill, but the partial scrapping of these ships of war on the part of the large naval powers of the earth is only a step or two in the right direction. The other steps are the complete destruction of every ship of war everywhere. The total costs of all nations to support their floating instruments of torture and death is tremendous. It would be a very great relief to all mankind if they had no such burdens as these.

While we are philosophizing on the subject we can imagine the echo from the supporters of the "big navy" idea. They are not friendly toward improving such conditions. Instead, they are very critical. The hope of the Observer is that eventually there shall be no more need of these ships.

PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

LESSON V

THIS is our fifth lesson and we are about to consider the nature of clairaudience, or what is known as the voices. Quite naturally, persons unacquainted with clairaudient manifestations will expect to hear the words spoken in natural voice tones and will listen for sentences to be uttered by spirit loved ones, or even to enjoy regular conversational privileges. All such expectations only lead beginners to disappointment, and frequently discourage them when they learn that much of the clairaudient contact is more like thot words than they are like utterances of the throat organs.

Very little of the spirit language is given as tonal vibration, any more than the usual clairvoyance, is seen as **ACTUAL MATERIALIZATION**. (Consult lesson four, for clairvoyance.) And right here let me warn you against forming mental pictures to please your fancy, since it is easily done. Ask for no special thing, but accept that which is given, only after the mind is empty of all personal interests, if you wish to advance as a psychic. Too many people delude themselves into believing the pictures they conjure, to satisfy some personal whim is psychic vision; when in reality they are mental images created by selfish desire.

To become reliably psychic, one must subordinate all personality of a dictatorial nature, as to whom may speak, act or present the picture, and if the prayer given in the first lesson is used in opening the developing hour, and earnestly, and honestly adhered to, you have thus created a sacred contact with true spirit teachers. It is the teachers that train you, and not relatives or friends, who as yet are too mortal to be capable of knowing the law, or of teaching it to others.

Do not think that because a person passes to spirit planes they immediately become celestial beings, worthy to return as teachers and direct the earth friends. They require time and experience to perfect them there, the same as they would here.

Learn to accept the thot words registered by your brain, and by checking up the results you may determine if you are developing the sixth sense to a reasonable degree.

Close as usual.

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SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 11

Each sentence is taken from one of the inspired Songs of David. Do you know which ones? See answer in next issue.

1. Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee do we give thanks: for that Thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.
2. Thou art the God that doest wonders: Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.
3. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.
4. For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.
5. We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
6. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.
7. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
8. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
9. This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.
10. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 10 follows: Psalms 79:9, 107:21, 112:2, 84:11, 111:6, 126:3, 104:10, 121:3, 118:8 and 147:1, respectively.

THE FLOWERS

PLANTS are attracted to certain localities and certain kinds of soil, wherein they grow to the best advantage. Some choose wet or dry ground, according to their degree of thirst. As the evergreen plants and trees have leaves of hard-polished skins, which do not allow the water in the plant to evaporate, they do not need so much moisture in the soil. Also we find that in the driest, hottest and stoniest soils the cactus and stonecrop can thrive.

According to its habitat, a plant may be known as a woodland plant, a field plant, a rock plant, a waterside plant, a hedgegrow plant, or a plant of some other dwelling place. These plants are fitted for growth under such conditions and do not thrive elsewhere. The seeds of one plant forced to grow in another habitat may sprout, but would never become full-sized plants.

It is the will of the Creator that we make our sojourn here one of happiness, with truth and righteousness for our guide; but as we are sent out with free wills to travel this earth plane, it falls to the lot of each one to choose his path, be it one of upliftment or one of destructive conditions. In our early youth, we were subject to our elders, who had much to do with the selection of our environment and the conditions enveloping it. But as we reached the age of self-dependence, we found we could to a certain extent choose an environment pleasing to ourselves. According to our degree of thirst for righteousness, do we gravitate to the particular level that attracts us. As the Nazarene said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Some may climb to the hilltop to behold the lofty view, while others are content to remain in the valley. As we do not stand still, we either

progress spiritually or slip backward, piling up one shortcoming after another. It is well to seek out conditions conducive to spiritual growth, and stand alert and watchful to combat the daily problems that confront us.

In the Divine Plan, each one has a place wherein he fits to the best advantage. Each one, in an earthly cloak today, is traveling this earth plane for a particular reason. Therefore, it would be well to reach out to acquire the light of wisdom and understanding to guide us in our search for truth, that we might fulfill our life's mission.

There is a proper flowering time for all plants and, if the weather is seasonable, the flower buds due at that time appear and open up to view. If the season is late in arriving, then the flowers will be delayed in blooming. With garden annuals, there is no getting ready beforehand, as the seeds are not sown until March or April; but with the bulbous plants, and spring flowering trees and shrubs, there is preparation made for this flowering time the autumn before, when a new set of roots were provided and the flowers were formed in their buds. During the winter, there is a resting time, but when the warm spring rain soaks down into the soil, and the sunshine sends out its invigorating rays, the flower buds are called forth and appear.

As there is a flowering time for the flowers, so there is a calling over time for us. As we do not know when that time may be, it behooves us to make preparation for it and stand in readiness. When the spirit eye sees the messenger from the far-off shore, standing there ready to guide it over, and when the words of encouragement and welcome fall on the listening ear, the spirit, long imprisoned in its house of clay, emerges forth and rises to a higher life. Then it sees how the beautiful deeds that marked its life's journey stand out like magnificent blossoms, beckoning it onward. For the accomplishment of these noble acts, through righteous living based on the Laws of God have made it possible for the spirit to reach out higher and higher, ever nearing the goal, where all who have washed their robes combine with the Father, the Supreme Force God.

A. M. W.

THANK GOD

THE news reports advised us that when the trans-atlantic fliers arrived at Greenly Island from Europe's shores, the fliers sent forth their thanks to God in two languages. It is safe to conclude that many folks who had followed the perilous flight of these brave men, extended their best wishes for a safe journey. In doing so and when thanking God for safe deliverance many languages were employed.

Do we daily thank God for all the blessings? Our Father is the perfect provider and humanity realizes it more as danger lurks near. It has been said that the most sincere prayer-meeting was held during the storm at sea, when the safety of the vessel and its passengers was in doubt. It is not consistent to call to God when our lives are in jeopardy and offer little if any thanks when we are not disturbed. Be consistent with our thanks to the Father. Thank God when the sky is clear and our ship of life sails smoothly. Thank God when the storms of adversity beat upon our frail bark and we are almost engulfed by disappointment and heart-ache. Give thanks for our birth-right, our latent powers to conquer and rise over every obstacle. Thank God for light, that we are able to understand life and to find our way.

T. R. W.

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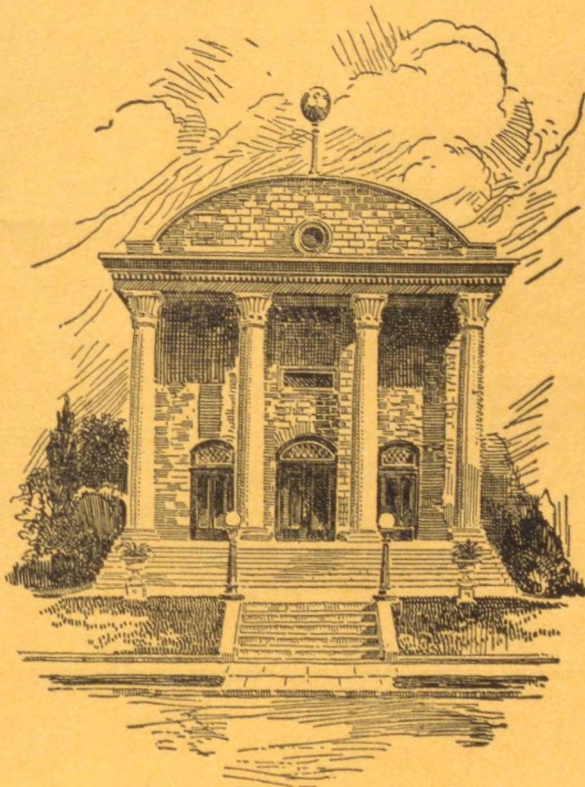
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