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THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTYLESS 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.

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## A TIMELY WARNING

Brought forth by Rev. M. E. Claas



**W**AKEN, ye that travel this material plane, for you have been sleeping long years. It is time that ye awaken now out of your slumber, for is not the time set? Is it not there when each shall call to those that stand about, "Come forth and give a helping hand, for we are in great need. We need now your protection. We need now your help."

You will wonder and you will think why did not each one reach out in the right time, why did they not reach and get on the pathway that would keep them now from going downward. It will not be long when many, many will call, "If I had been but taken into that great beyond years back, then I would not have had to witness all this that has come upon humanity."

It is well that we reach to a higher and better source, that we call to that Creator, to that God who had sent us forth. To you that see and look not for a Higher Being, to you I would call, the time, the day of reckoning is there, and you will find yourselves in great agony, waiting and not knowing in which way to turn, and in which way to go. For there are many that have the thought that after the so-called death there is simply nothing, that while we are here in body we simply exist and after we have left this earth plane, after the death has entered in, then there is naught that can bring forth another being.

I say, think not and be not deceived in that day, for you will find yourselves the same as you are today, but in what condition? You will then call to the mountains and hills to cover you, for you will not then stand there and look to the Eastward way that brings us that living Jehovah. You will not look then, for your eyes will be dimmed with sorrow. I call to you who have not understanding, reach out ere the time of reckoning is there.

I see how many will reach out and I see how many will go down into the very depths of destruction. I see how many will rise and many will call to that Creator, "Have mercy on us, for we did not understand. We were led in a different pathway. We did not think conditions were as they are." But then it will be the same as those that had thought themselves wise and had forgotten to fill their lamps, and trim them, for when they came forth for the oil for the lamps, the doorway was closed upon them.

Therefore, be on watch and be cautious. Follow the Law of God and abide by it, for God is all over. He is within each one, each person, each sister, each brother—each one has that part God within, that part which we must one day return the same as it had been sent forth. Therefore I say, be on guard and watch, for it is not anything to mock and sneer at. To you that have not understanding, again I call, be cautious, for you know not at what moment may be the moment of reckoning.

You will say, "Who, then, will reckon for us," and I call again, your own very self. There is no judge to judge you but your own conscience, for know ye that after the so-called death

has approached and the life has left the body, it must again return from whence it came, and with it you have your conscience, your thoughts. Think not that after many years of trials you can then forget and erase those thoughts. Oh no, you yourself have put it down. You have got it down upon your memory, whether it were right or wrong, whether it were good or evil—every deed.

Again I say, be cautious and watchful, for the time is there and then you will be happy if you have followed your God. Think not that all seems to strive for nothing. Deceive yourselves not, for even if the body is created here in this material plane, the life cannot be brought forth. You can mould most beautiful things, ye that are moulders, ye that are artists, ye can draw upon paper and canvas beautiful flowers, yet you cannot implant life within, no matter how natural you may draw it or bring it forth. You cannot blow in the breath of life, therefore, think not that that life that is within you passes away when death comes.

It goes on its way. It must make right its shortcomings, it must reach to those that they had mostly harmed when they had thrown obstacles in the way. To them they must return first. It is a hard problem, for in as much as you do not accept your own loved ones who knock at your door, probably by a light tap or sound, or something of that sort, you will find the doorway closed to you also. It is a hard problem. I call, open the doorways wide that your own loved ones can again re-enter and bring you that peace and contentment.

Again I hear, "Why is it then that it has not been brought into existence these past hundreds of years?" I say it has, for those that have gone over the border have returned. They have ever been with humanity, but humanity would not accept them, just as they would not accept the Elder Brother's teachings in the time when He was here amongst men almost two thousand years ago. They did not want that to be brought forth. They did not want the truth, they only wanted that which would draw down humanity. They wanted deceit, malice, jealousy. No matter what came or went, that is what humanity wanted.

The truth few care to hear. The truth few want to utter, and why? In that day to come the truth will count with you, and if you have been truthful and in brotherly love here, you will find how it will find you on the other plane.

The Elder Brother, He stands so often at your door, and do you open unto Him? Many will say, "Yes, do I not go on the Sabbath to my meeting places, to those places where we can worship that God?" Very well, you say it very nicely, but after that day has passed, after that meeting has been over, have you thought of that God, that Creator? Very few I see. Simply going forth and back avails you nothing. It is the way you want to travel here, whether on the day you go to your meeting places or in the day you go earning your livelihood.

Do you call to the Father in sincerest simplicity? Have you brought to Him the desire as a child would bring to its father, as a child would offer to his parent in the earth plane? Have you called to that Father in that way?

"It is all too much to do. We have not any time. We have to go on our daily way and it avails nothing. That God



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does not hear us, does not open His ears to us," you bring forth. I say, if you will call to the Father in truth and honesty you will find how that Father will shower blessings upon you. He will send those forth that will bring forth contentment, for that is what the Father wants—that no child be lost.

They cannot stray. They must return even if it takes thousands of years; they must combine themselves with that Supreme Force. And that is what I would bring again today. If you follow on a righteous, truthful and brotherly pathway you will find how all will be with you. You will find how you will have your everyday needs and more so, for God does not weigh by an ounce or by the inch. He sends forth overflowing full measure. Perfection cannot be brought forth in humanity, but be as near perfection, to that Father, and we will find how our days will be long upon the earth plane.

This earth plane is a beautiful garden, and if humanity would but look about and see how everything is created there, they will think back that there is a Higher Being, there is Something. Some know what the Something is, they must admit that there is something that is more than nature. Again I say, beware lest you again fall into temptation, lest you again fall into the trap of violence. Think it well.

Help those about you, not only your loved ones that are about you. Think of one, too, who would not have one to help him or her. Do your part, for then you are on the brotherly and sisterly way. That is what the Elder Brother brought forth so often. He told the disciples if they followed His teachings they would be able to bring content to many, and they did, and they would be able to do still greater things than He had

done while still in body. He went ahead to prepare that pathway, and you will say, "What pathway was it that He prepared?"

He showed that humanity must get right with God and all brought forth into one circle, one family—sister and brother, yet humanity does not want to accept it. "If I have a little more than you I step back because I cannot associate with you, you must have it the same as I. I will not bend myself to ask that one to help me or be of service to me. I am afraid they will turn me down or cast me away." The Father, He sees. Your own loved ones stand there and bear witness of what confronts you in this material plane, and you will find if you travel on the upward pathway, following the Law of God and abiding by it as near as you can, and follow the Elder Brother's teachings, you will find how conditions in the material plane will alter, will bring you great peace and contentment.

This I wanted to bring you, for I see how many are in doubt, how many look forward that after we have journeyed here for a short time we are cut off and that is the ending. Deceive yourselves not, for the ending does not come. The life goes on, it must find itself where it was sent forth and that One is the Great Jehovah.

Follow the Law of God. Those mansions are prepared for each one; build your foundation here while the time is yet ripe that you can then, when you reach to the other side, have a beautiful mansion that is so often spoken of. Build them, for then your building was not in vain. AMEN.

APPOLIES OF TREON

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HOW wonderful are Thy works, O Thou Great Creator. It was in wisdom that they had been brought forth, and when we look upon these works, the beautiful earth plane and that is therein, it is marvelous. Yet humanity cannot understand how and why and where it all came from, and yet, Thou Father of All, have done these things in such a wonderful way and brought forth so many things throughout the earth plane.

It is for humanity to enjoy them, that is why each and every thing has been created. Yet humanity does not want to understand that it was Thy wisdom that had brought forth all creation. When we look about your earth plane and see how much is coming, how these great electric storms approach and many would want them put aside, yet it is with Thy power, at Thy command that they are here.

Many throughout the earth plane say it is just the cold air and warm air coming together and creating the storms. If it is this, then why is it that humanity does not stop these storms, especially those who have means that in their riches could pay any amount to have these storms put aside, and yet there is none that can stop them. It is Thy way in which Thou would have humanity recognize that there is something, that there is someone far, far superior than they who travel the earth plane.

These are the words I bring, and I say in wisdom all has been created, all has been made, and yet humanity understand it not. Why weep and lament when you think it is yourself, your very self who bring about certain conditions. Why is

it that you weep and lament. Why not reach out and bring forth your own way and conditions, the ways you would want to travel on this earth plane. And yet not one reaches out to such a condition. In wisdom I say again, Thou hast created all that is in the sea and the earth and all that is therein, and humanity would like to destroy many parts if it could.

But we need not destroy, for that destruction is not far off, and it will be again the weeping and lamenting and gnashing of teeth. It is not too late, my dear brothers and sisters, it is not too late to get on the upward path, to follow RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTHFULNESS and BROTHERLY LOVE. Do likewise yourself and you will find soon that those in your surroundings will be on the same journey, on the same goal that leads upward and onward to that everlasting light. It is useless to weep and lament, for what does weeping and lamenting bring one. It only brings sadness and discontentment. Be in gladness for having the opportunity of reaching out farther, the gladness of being able to bring humanity the right point, the everlasting point.

These are the words I leave with you, and I hope that many of you will reach out to something that is far better, far sweeter, far nobler than to simply go on your way in discontentment. Be not unhappy with those that are deceiving you right and left. They, too, will have to make right for their shortcomings that they had brought about, that you had not just known or understood. They are those conditions that learned men, college-bred brothers and sisters, have brought you, and they have left out the most important part, the part that would uplift you, the part that would bring you farther



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and father to that higher goal. There is that opportunity, that chance that one receives, where one can reach out, and yet most times that opportunity is being neglected.

I hear how many say, "Why do they bring forth those that have been dead, that have been long sleeping in their graves." I say, it is not so, it is the spirit part that returns, it is the life and not that part which is dead.

Reach out to something better and this better part will lead you on and on. Follow on that path. Do not shun the opportunity to follow the Elder Brother. Follow the teachings of the Nazarene and you will find you will get strong. Strength will lead you. It will bring you sight, hearing. It will bring you many, many things that you will be happy and glad of, when you are called to bring forth those things that had been best for humanity. These things that at the present moment you think so little of will mean so much.

The Elder Brother always followed the Law of God. He told the disciples, "Follow that law, abide by it and you will rise to a high state." Be as those that followed and reached out to something far better than those that had neglected the better part. Awaken, my dear ones, awaken, the time is here, and as I bring you this message of peace and contentment, I say, mould yourselves into those righteous ways and truthful ways and then you too will stand as a messenger, you will stand as a prophet bringing good tidings to those that are downcast and downhearted, and I know God will be with you. AMEN.

PAUL

## SUNSHINE, SANDPILE AND SHOWER



ETTY and Patty and Alfred  
Went down to the sand pile to play,  
Said Betty to Patty, "Now, really,  
How long do you think we can stay?"  
Came quickly the answer from Alfred,  
"I guess, for the rest of the day."

Two little twins and their playmate,  
So happy with shovels and pails,  
Were busy modeling sailboats  
And kittens without any tails,  
While pine-needles acted as whiskers  
And maple leaves gladly were sails.

Now what do you think could have happened  
To check all this wonderful fun?  
A shower sprang up in a jiffy,  
And MY, how the three had to run!  
But raindrops are greeted with laughter,  
When washing the face of the sun.

By UNCLE AMOS

## CONTACTS BY WHICH TRUTH IS REVEALED

By George Fuchs

THE truth of things spiritual have received much abuse. One without personal and positive experience in the reality of spirit communication should not become misled by those who themselves lack sufficient knowledge. He who brings condemnation before having taken opportunity of thoroughly learning the great spiritual benefits is passing up a great privilege.

Harm has also been wrought by those who have attempted to capitalize the gifts of God. In some instances the help that could be given the seeker for truth was withheld until a large sum of money could be extracted. The results are that many were driven away rather than to invite them to further findings.

Every laborer is worthy of his hire, and the workers of truth require material needs to carry on. Those who give them freely of a portion of their worldly goods that these needs are satisfied and who do rightly by what enlightenment they obtain in return, deserve thanks and encouragement.

There are many not yet acquainted with the mediumship by which this enlightenment may be had. They should be approached to share in its blessings. Most would soon discover that it is an old established institution but now viewed in just a different light.

In considering the subject of mediumship, it is, as known to us, not as it should be carried on. In order to help the willing searcher, let us begin to know that there does exist the instrumentality or contact by which truth has been revealed and is still being revealed in like manner.

Varying names have been given such as have brought forth the messages of Truth and of Love. In the Biblical references they are called prophets, seers, scribes and apostles. The modern names are witches, clairvoyants, mediums and psychics. Throughout all history they were subjects of scoffing and ridicule. It is interesting to note that some have more power and wisdom than others. Some operated under conditions unfamiliar to others. Let us take some examples from the Bible.

When the righteous living and thinking man Noah was told to build an ark and prepare for what may come, he was obedient to the command given and did not question the inspiration, for he knew the source of all good. When safely within with his family, the waters began to rise, and only then others found it too late to take similar heed of the warning.

Jacob had a vision in the form of a dream which appeared during his flight from Canaan. The ladder extending from earth to heaven given symbolically was interpreted to mean the promise of God to those of His children who would return, step by step. We read of the forewarning which came in the form of a dream to the Pharaoh and which Joseph interpreted as meaning seven years of plenty after which would come seven years of famine. By heeding that warning total starvation was prevented.

It was Moses who came down from Mount Sinai with the Laws of God. He had hearing, for it was the voice from the burning bush that came forth. No doubt it was the same with Abraham, for that righteous man also heard and was obedient to what he understood was the best.



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To this day we read the inspired Songs of David, we know of the fiery prophet Elijah, the witch of Endor and the inspired wisdom of Solomon. Daniel is another contact who could both see and read the writing on the wall. Skipping along, we come on to that time when the coming of Jesus was foretold.

In this time there were many psychics. The three wise men who followed a light to the birth place, furnishes another form of contact by seeing the light that guides.

The child Jesus at the age of twelve spoke to the learned men words that were not His alone. The man Jesus foresaw

betrayal and the destruction of His earthly body. This was in addition to having seen denial by Peter. There were those that saw the transfiguration and, after death of the body, the ascension. His spirit was again seen by Thomas, who doubted the sight, yet Mary Magdalene had neither doubt nor fear. She was not drawn away from the reality of spirit communication.

It is so throughout the entire History. What John Divine foresaw and related in the Book of Revelations is with us now. What was then to be for the welfare of humanity is still more so now, for there are not such outstanding contacts now as then, and they are needed.

## 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 I—GOD IS LOVE.** We speak His name in praise and glory. God is Spirit, Life, and is Supreme. God is the Creator of the universe—this earth plane and all spirit realms. He is everywhere and knows and sees all. We therefore must not mock nor scoff at His wonderful works and Ways.

We speak of Him in the name as the Supreme Force, the Great Spirit or Jehovah, and know Him as our Father Who is in Heaven. He sent us first forth, and a Spark of Him is within each one. That small Atom or spirit part that is within each one of us must one day return and re-combine with that Father, in the self-same pure and perfect manner as when we first began the journey about this earth plane.

Not one can re-unite with the Father unless cleansed and purged of all earthly conditions. Our beginning for that Power is according to our travel here followed by our traveling through the spirit realms.

He is the source of Wisdom and Truth, and the Giver of Light and all Good. **GOD IS LOVE**, He is just and merciful, and most certainly is not to be feared. We must have confidence in Him, our Father.

His loving kindness and goodness is for us to understand and enjoy if we will but call to Him, Spirit to Spirit, and be ever ready and always willing to welcome those blessings He has sent and does give. It is when communicating with him Him, then, that we give thanks.

Our Father has commanded us to go on our journey obedient to and abiding by His Will. Freely do we make our return to Him. It matters not what the color of the skin of that outer or man-made body may be—it is the inner self that must keep strong and firm, that must become worthy and again unblemished, ere it can be received back by the ever living and eternal Father of us all.

Without Him not anything good could be done. He provided the means whereby we can do mighty things. His Law, therefore, is not changeable.

**LESSON II—Commandment numbered one—I AM THE LORD THY GOD, THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.** It is the one and only true and loving God that gave the command and the one who rightly demands what is best for His children. It is He and only He we must worship and must worship direct and not through anything nor through anyone.

There is none other so good and true and loving. He is

Supreme, and be one young or old, rich or poor, of whatever race, color or creed, all must be obedient to the Father.

Then do not forget God. We cannot serve more than one God, and so must not set any other gods beside him. Be they gods of money, clothes or persons, or of any other material things or beings, it is beside the Living Father. Worshiping the gods of mammon avail us nothing, for such gods cannot do anything.

Know God as God is. Be not afraid nor ashamed. Acknowledge Him and stand firm for Him, our Father on earth same as in Heaven. He is first and always should remain so in our everyday way. When He sent forth this command it too was an invitation that we reach to Him in that way best for our spirit selves.

Listen to the God-part within and it will prompt us. It knows better than to deny The Supreme Force. Be not held down by the false gods.

**Lesson III—Part one—Commandment numbered two—THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANYTHING THAT IS IN THE HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATERS UNDER THE EARTH.** There is only one ever living God and we should have no earthly images.

Images have no kingdom, power or life and can give no light, life, truth nor wisdom. We must not mock God's works. We can not call to these images in thought or in word and be understood or heard.

Neither should we make any likeness of anything that is in the spirit realms. Those that have sight and see must not mimic or imitate what is revealed before them. Those out of body and journeying in the realms are not to become the objects of ridicule.

Not of those living things in the waters or of this earth plane are we to in any ungodlike way to belittle. Even in our earthy clays we resent ourselves being pictured other than what we know ourselves to be.

**LESSON IV—Part two—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 SHOW-**



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ING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDS. In making images in violation of the command of the Father, there comes with it additional error. It is that of bowing and serving the images.

We are not asked nor commanded to bow down even before the ever loving God, but to look up to him in the same love He has for us. Doing this does away with those iniquities we would otherwise bring upon ourselves and our loved ones that follow.

Serving images is not serving God. We will never see God through images. Why wander in such darkness and bring about an overcast condition upon our children's children simply because we will not know the truth. It is for now and al-

ways that obedience to God and keeping His commands brings rewards that man could not give, to say not what less any man-made image could do for our spiritual welfare.

If it is light, love, wisdom, help of good sort, peace and contentment, happiness, health and comfort that we seek, there is only one source from whence to receive, and that is from the Supreme Force, God, direct, not through any intermediary or instrumentality. Our earthly joys and pleasures go on just the same so long as we do not overdo them.

God must not be forgotten. After all, what we do is to please Him. Let us cast out all mockery and deceit and shine forth with that ray of light that will brighten our pathway. Let us remember it was the true God that commanded, not any image of anything here or hereafter.

## CREED, or SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By Richard Thomas

**I**N THE past humanity has placed too much stress on different creeds and dogmas and not concentrated to any extent on the development of the spirit. This condition largely results from force of habit, but had its beginning in the distant past, when humanity did not have available opportunity to concentrate on spiritual matters. In those misty days of darkness, education of the masses was not as common as it is today and the clergy did most of the thinking for their followers. By having become dependent upon his spiritual teachers for guidance, man was therefore subject to the thoughts of another, who may be right, or wrong.

It is for these and other reasons that humanity values beliefs or creeds more than the spiritual growth of the individual.

Generally speaking, creeds or beliefs are inherited, like politics, from our parents. There are, of course, exceptions, but we usually follow the beliefs of our parents. Our forebears usually adopted and followed the religious beliefs of the particular location in which they were born and raised. To put it in other words, our creeds, or beliefs, are more or less geographical. We all know that not one child of God will be forever barred from Heaven due to his place of birth.

The creeds that we followed in our youth were not by choice, for we were too young to choose. As we grew older in years, there were articles of faith contained in our creeds that did not appeal to us as being just. When we earnestly sought truth and justice, we were admonished by our spiritual instructors to accept unreservedly every article of our faith. This was obedience, to be sure, yet it was blind obedience and did not answer the fair questions that arose in our minds.

As our Creator, the Supreme Force, has equipped us with a mind for the purpose of thinking above and beyond the animal life over which we have dominion and has created us in His spiritual image, a little lower than the angels, let us honestly and reverently seek truth and seek until we find it.

We have been told repeatedly that we are children of God; then we need have no fear when we seek truth and righteousness.

Let us examine our creeds as critically as possible and discard those articles that do not square with our sense of justice. As a matter of fact, some of the articles that were frequently emphasized in former days have almost been forgotten, while others are being revised to meet the changing conditions.

We seek truth, and, while there are spiritual rewards deriving from spiritual growth, our most intense desire of the inner self is to know truth because it is truth and for no other reason.

We want truth to be our constant guide and companion. We will then be positive and not uncertain; for to be positive is to possess a contented state of mind. If we are positive, we cannot be controlled by someone else.

As we search for truth, our strongest traits of character will be tested. Many beliefs and thoughts of our early life will have to be brushed aside as chaff. There will be times when we will feel sad and hold doubts of the result of our search, but since it was doubt that caused us to seek, let us press on, reaching for the light of truth that will make us free.

If we continue our search with an open mind, light will begin to dawn and through the blackness of the night of doubt and fear we will feel the reassuring presence of that better self which leads us on.

When we know truth, unadulterated and untampered truth, it satisfies our better selves as being just and reasonable; it raises no questions that cannot be answered intelligently. By asking, seeking and knocking, the door of understanding will be opened to us, for the Supreme Force, God, denies nothing to His children who seek in a righteous manner.

The very first step in our search for truth is to study the Law of God, or Ten Commandments. It is proper to start with the Law which is not man-made, but was given by God to man. Here we find truth unencumbered by personal opinions of any man or age. We must not alone believe the Commandments to be truth, but we must live them from day to day. We cannot help living what we know to be right, if we are seeking truth and righteousness.

We can find nothing better than the Law of God to live by, and there was nothing better ever given to humanity.

We know that this Law is based on love and justice. We know that we are responsible under this Law for our sins, and this is justice. We realize that we cannot expect, nor should we expect another to bear the consequences of our transgressions, and this is also justice.

By studying the Law of God we further realize that we are not perfect and nothing will ever help us to arrive at a perfect state but our own individual spiritual growth.

We also discover from our study of the Law that we will



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not be spiritual, regardless of what we believe, until such time that we can master every material condition of life that draws our spirits down.

Brother and sister of every race, color or creed, we will progress spiritually when we love and live the Law of God. Each time we violate one of the Commandments we have stopped growing spiritually. All the beliefs and dogmas in existence will not help us one iota unless we follow the Law.

The Law teaches us that the Supreme Force, God, shows mercy unto thousands of them that love Him and keep His commandments.

We are part God, why should we not love our Father in Heaven and keep His commandments? We should please our Heavenly Father by obeying His Commands, just as we pleased our earthly father when we were obedient to his commands.

We want to develop and progress spiritually. That spirit within us, that part God is willing, but the flesh is weak. We will follow the Law and progress *spiritually*, for there is no other way.

The greatest teacher of all time, Jesus of Nazareth, urged all humanity to abide by the Law of God. It was His mission to teach humanity and show us the upward pathway that leads home to God.

Let us remove all obstacles of faith that hinder our spiritual progress. We cannot live by faith alone and we cannot leave our earthly bodies when the call comes, relying on faith. We must know, possess that wisdom that every child of God can have who obeys the Law.

It has been said that there is nothing new under the sun. We are not offering any new thought or mode of conduct for your guidance and practice through life. The Ten Commandments have been the True Light to shine and guide humanity through the centuries. Unfortunately, humanity has followed man-made dogmas and laws. It is now time that we please our Heavenly Father who sent us forth. Adopt the Law of God as your creed or pattern to live by. It contains the best in all creeds. The Law will help you to return to the Father's House, that abode of many mansions, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

## A PRAYER

Oh Father! send us that inspiration,  
That we may help our fellow man;  
Reach to them from end to end,  
Let them hear the call for all.  
Loved ones come to one and all,  
Guide us if we will but follow,  
God, thou Father to us all.

By W. E.

## OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

## TWO MORTAL PICTURES

**A**N OPPORTUNITY was had to go through one of the hospitals of a big city and there many scenes were viewed. It was in an institution for incurables. One outstanding picture was that of a young man resting on a wheel chair, his lower limbs having been amputated. Sitting by his side was a devoted wife doing some sewing.

Both had smiling faces and happiness just radiated from their beings. Playing on the floor nearby was a little girl about three years of age. This child had the same happy and seemingly contented feeling as exhibited by the elders.

What a brave family was here gathered, only to be separated when the visiting hour was over. Then the father would have to go on into the long and dreary hours that follow, and the mother and child must go back to the lonesome and incomplete place called "home." Inquiry developed that daily is this loyal act performed, urged by the hope that some day they can again be re-united in that home.

The other scene was in one of the beautiful parks. The day was hot indeed and those that had gathered here found shaded places on the green lawn.

Here, too, was a father resting comfortably, but on the

cool grass. The mother also seemed joyful of the opportunity to be with her mate. And romping around both of them with a ball in one hand and a flower in the other was their daughter of about three years.

It was a picture of perfect peace and happiness. All three just seemed to make the most out of their surroundings, and it was good to see it. These are everyday occurrences, and the thought that attends these particular observations is, that we should give a word of thanks for all blessings bestowed on us.

## CALLING NAMES

**O**NE of those disagreeable conditions is to hear people call others out of their proper names by using vulgar and unfriendly substitutes. Too frequently the Irish, the Hebrew, the colored man or the German, as well as many other nationalities are abused and annoyed by improper epithets. There are improper designations made to people of different religious faiths and of varying stations in life.

In some quarters a girl is always referred to as a "flapper," or the seller of reputable wares as a "robber" or the policeman as a "grafter." Many instances could be named, but they are not worth repeating.

It is in this connection the younger generation are follow-



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ing in the footsteps of the older. Such disrespectful terms are not used in journalism and neither should they be used in conversation.

### CHAIN LETTERS

**S**HOULD government statisticians ever find the means to calculate the number of chain letters that annually find their way into the mails they would establish beyond doubt one of the greatest revenue producers in the postal service. Incidentally, it would furnish interesting data to the paper-making industry.

The system seems to be that a mystic quantity of letters are to be written by each one of those receiving one from another person. The superstitious ones in turn must write the same number to their acquaintances, and unless done within a specified time, not only will the chain be broken but "evil and hard luck" is the penalty. At least, that is the warning.

If the gullible will continue the chain then great blessings will be their reward. This is the claim made in each of such letters.

The writer has received such letters and promptly dispatched them to the waste basket. Intimate acquaintances have done the same with the ones they have received, and we have still to trace any "hard luck" to such actions.

## ENJOYING LIFE

George Heald

**I**T IS appalling to read daily in the newspapers of murders and suicides. And what is the solution? In my humble effort I will try to illustrate the fact that there is a remedy for those unfortunates who contemplate to destroy their own lives and to those seeking the destruction of life to others. It happens to both rich and poor alike.

First, that we understand how to enjoy the full measure of God's creation—the beautiful earth plane we live on and those wonders the sun, the moon, the stars, and God's nature in providing the necessities of life for our subsistence.

Secondly, that we show more respect for our parents, relatives and friends. Thirdly, that there be closer supervision of parents toward their offspring, and which is vitally important between the ages of twelve and sixteen years.

Those few years are, in my opinion, a safe guidance to a girl's or boy's career. The Bible should be re-read to them either at home or in the schools, and impressed upon them during these years. We are God's children and are upon this earth plane to enjoy it in preparation for the more wonderful life that is in store for us in the hereafter. Life is a beautiful song if we will try to keep in the right tune and remember to live for one another.

Summing up, you will then find that the world is grand and that each day life will be more interesting in its Spiritual progress.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. JOHN 4:24.

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish. PROVERBS 19:9.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

An opportunity is offered to all our readers to send any question of spiritual nature they desire answered. Question should be written on one side of paper and in ink and must be signed by the enquirer with address.



PROVIDENCE, R. I.—My husband is a member of the Owls Society but has not attended any of their meetings for quite a while. Well, on Tuesday, July 5th, he dreamed that a member of the Owls was trying to take him under control, and wanted him to promise he would attend the meetings. Then he came to tell us of it (still in his dream) and to prove the voices called upstairs and asked, if he promised he would attend at least every three months would that be alright. A voice answered, "Yes," and another voice said, "That will be perfectly alright."

So now that proves the Spirits can talk to one. This all in his dream. At supper time he was telling me about this dream and how peculiar it was, that he had never experienced anything like it. We laughed about it to think what strange things we see in visions and dreams. Well, picking up his evening paper to read, almost the first thing he saw was an announcement about a gentleman we know—a member of the Owls—(clipping enclosed) who had passed to Spirit life. What did it mean: coincidence, manifestation, or what?—MRS. E. C.

Some dreams are the result of an upset physical condition, whereas others are premonitory. It has come to our attention that in the latter condition it is so vividly shown that the voice or conversation is heard. While the body may be asleep, the spirit is never-the-less awake, and oftentimes communes with another spirit that is either in body but wandering for an instant, or with one out of body. It is as thought transmission. The effect of its power seems to manifest itself more strongly when a spirit loved one is about to leave its earthly house and begin its journey homeward. Such thought or spirit communication is directed to another spirit that is in receptive accord and who may be willing to comply with the request made in the spirit way. Your case seems to indicate that the spirit of the fraternal brother came to the spirit of your husband, with the message that soon he would be unable to attend the meetings in body, and before the promise to attend as in his stead was given, your own spirit was called to and your spirit gave answer that it would be perfectly alright. Although the spirit of the brother has passed on, it will give him comfort if your husband will comply with the request made at a time when the wandering spirit realized its mortal helplessness. Send out your best thoughts to that one gone over, and again his spirit thoughts may be directed to you both, especially since it is known that you recognize there is no death of the spirit (merely of the body) and that there is communion between the living, thankful to God for such opportunities when they appear. We warn you of one condition—never promise while in spirit communication to do anything that is not absolutely spiritually right nor to do anything you could not fulfill for the best purpose. You make no mention of yourself having any impression of your part in the affair and that would seem to indicate that your own spirit has not reached the point where it remembers what transpires while its body is at rest. Thank you for this very interesting question. It is worth much thought and study and in such a manner as will enable the development of the spirit becoming master over the material at all times.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. PROVERBS 22:1.



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### Age of Service

WITH this, the second issue of THE TRUE LIGHT, we come encouraged by the kind greetings and expressions of good will from many who received the first issue. We realize that we are in an age of service and unselfishly do we want to be of spiritual and real help.

THE TRUE LIGHT is to be published every month, and will contain sermons and articles prepared by specialists in the field of Spirituality. Already have we come to understand that this phase of the world-wide crusade for TRUTH is not alone the product of the brain, but the result of inspiration.

It is not difficult to understand the need of service in this direction when we carefully consider the lecture in this issue titled, "A Timely Warning." It agrees with what many of the theologians have dared to voice.

This magazine is to be as a helper in any cause that makes for the upliftment so many are seeking. It is to be as a tower of TRUTH built on solid foundation, and so will not crumble so long as maintained on truth.

In connection with our work there is one request to make, and it is to young and old alike. Every time one begins to read a page of this magazine or finishes reading that page, repeat the words found at the top of each page, namely, "Please, God, Give Me Light; Have Mercy on My Soul."

By doing this the inner self will be

served. In this way will we be true to ourselves, and so, too, can we then be true to others. That is service offered in the spirit of cooperation which is genuine and of lasting duration. The need of knowing of this service is so that on going over the border one will not stand in ignorance, not knowing which way to turn nor whom to go to.

It is for us to think and do those things that are for the best during this earthly journey here and the spiritual journey hereafter.

### Your Vacation

THESE are the days of vacationing, when we hurry off to the beach or the hills seeking rest or pleasure. We are busy buying suitable clothes and other articles to make our vacation as complete and as pleasant as possible. Some of us have been busy for some time, making the arrangements as to where to go, how to go, and if the place selected for our vacation has not been visited before, we look forward with great enthusiasm and hope.

It is a blessing that we can relax from our daily tasks to seek quietude and health building of our minds and bodies.

The Supreme Force, God, has given us the beautiful creations of this earth plane to enjoy in a righteous manner. As we go forth to mountain, valley, or seashore, let us not forget our Heavenly Father, from whom all blessings flow.

We have the opportunity at all times to reflect upon the everlasting love of God; but in the busy workday of life, when we are under high pressure earning our bread by the sweat of our brow, we have not taken the time as we should, as happy children of the heavenly Father, to contemplate upon the higher and better things of life. Our Father has been crowded out of the busy scenes of our daily ways, so begin now, brother, while you are away from the familiar scenes of home, and take time to be holy. Continue to be holy.

If we cannot feel the presence of the Supreme Force as we stroll on yonder cliff to take the panorama of loveliness, or gaze out over the rolling waves of that great expanse of water, then we will stop and look into the eyes of the wild flowers and listen to the happy songs of the birds.

If we cannot admire the perfection all around us, reflected in the mighty oak and tiny dew-drop and in all of smiling nature, let us call to the Creator of All to give us light to enable us to find our way.

Let us take the very best out of our sojourn from home and the very best is a contented state of mind, that peace that passes all understanding. We can only acquire this happiness from pure thoughts, holy thoughts for ourselves and for all of humanity.

Brother and sister, don't forget to plan for your spiritual journey when you leave your house of clay. If you found it necessary to spend considerable time preparing for your short vacation, you will need a lifetime of preparation for your journey to the spirit realms, and prepare well, that there will not be any disappointments and sadness in your spirit homes. Live the Law of God in all seasons of the year and each year of your earthly sojourn, so that when your disrobed spirits rise from their temporary homes of clay they will soar to those beautiful realms of spirit existence that eye hath not seen and where the Heavenly Father, the Supreme Force, God, giver of Life and Light, abides with His Children of Light.

### Poetry

THE cheery thoughts brought out by the poets point us to a way of making our daily tasks both lighter and brighter, and of making us more considerate of the happiness and comfort of those with whom we associate.

This periodical brings some of the work of poet and philosopher to its readers for just one purpose. Their messages are given that life might become just a bit more sweeter every day for those who enjoy reading the poems. At first it seemed to us that the words of the poems were much different from our regular and daily kind of reading. Now we are coming to know them to be just simple words differently arranged but with a much greater power for expressing the beautiful and the good.

Life is worth while when we secure those things that vibrate the love chords within. The inspired words coming now in prose and then in rhythm seem to do just that. There seems to be no wearying of their reading. More and more we find ourselves in tune and in harmony with the mission of the poem as actually we want to live in the manner in which the message directs.

Many are gifted with the genius for writing the gems that come from beyond the realms of man, still, with all the volumes upon volumes of poems that grow never old, always more are forthcoming. What interests us is why the language



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of the poet is called creative imagination.

As we attempt to learn more and think more of the sweet poems given apparently for that mind and body pleasure and satisfaction, we cannot help but feel they are so very real and not of imaginative source. After all, life is real, and anything that is real requires reality for its very existence. The inspirations of the poet are as a life-giving substance. Those who partake of its pleasant and stimulating power avoid the unreal and the deceitful.

There is little or no wonder at this, for the gems given through the poets are so noble in character. They speak of God and His wonders and of man and his needs to know what is for his best. They speak precisely and the words of guidance are worth knowing.

THE TRUE LIGHT has received original contributions from several poets, and it is with pleasure that more are being sought after. We feel our readers appreciate poetry, and it is for us to keep pace with them.

## AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

**I**N THE darkness of the night time  
Came an angel winged on thought,  
And it lingered by my bedside  
Radiating love unsought.

I was all unworthy, mortal,  
And it left me, fading far  
Into its celestial home place  
In vast regions of a star.

Silence o'erpowered my senses,  
But my brain seemed all on fire,  
And the goodness left unuttered  
Seemed to come from heavenly lyre.

If I ever reach the thought plane  
That will bring my spirit rest,  
Shall I not then hear the voice, too,  
Of that angel of the blest?

It is only our own bodies  
That we can't put out of mind,  
And they keep us from the blessing  
That the veil but holds behind.

When we lift our thoughts above us  
To the realms of infinite light,  
And our prayers are most unselfish,  
We're attuning with the right.  
By FRANCES G. S. HOWE.

## Just Good

There is good in all things. There is always good in sunshine and it is always welcome, also the rain which is for the good of our earthly welfare. There is always good within us and it is good our loved ones inspire us to bring out that goodness.

## Gleaned From Our Mail

Space does not permit us to list all of the good letters that have come to us unsolicited, but gladly give some extracts by way of indicating to all that were so thoughtful that we are thankful. Should any of our readers note that theirs is not shown below, it is because the selection made is without favor. We do, however, want to let our choice, in so far as location goes, indicate the satisfaction we enjoy in having found new-made friends that are at distant points.

Newport, R. I.—I was especially pleased, and I wish you every success.

Boston, Mass.—THE TRUE LIGHT appeals to me.

New York City—I am delighted to know that you are bringing out THE TRUE LIGHT. Such a paper is sorely needed.

Melrose Highlands, Mass.—I need the uplift of a good paper, and, in my way of thinking, I feel this is the paper.

Newark, N. J.—THE TRUE LIGHT is very interesting.

Albany, N. Y.—I rejoice at the appearance of your magazine and trust it may continue.

Providence, R. I.—I should be pleased if you could send me a few to get subscriptions.

It was especially pleasing to receive the following letter, which is shown in full. While it may be the expression of just one individual, it coincides with what has been told us by many of our more closely situated friends.

"Of all the Spiritual literature, THE TRUE LIGHT is the best I ever read in my long years of Spiritual Research. It is a magazine that every man, woman and child can read without hard feeling for their own religion. The truth is for everybody.

"I wish you Godspeed, I know success is yours.

"With my best thoughts, I am, in Brotherhood, yours."

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Wonders of the World

Man is always interested in ideas, and those that bear the label of being the latest variety command most attention. The reasoning powers with which man is equipped are put to the test many times during the course of day.

Quite often such reasoning along the "usual" lines is given a rude shock. It finds us at times without the circle of complications and in the midst of the natural, or what we have been viewing as something so old that it is not to be thought of.

One such shock still rings in our ears. It came from the lips of one who was standing on a soap box at a street corner. We repeat it as closely as we are able to recall it.

"Men think themselves great creatures. They get up in the morning as if in their greatness they could rebuild the city in which they lived and have it exactly to suit their own selfish needs. They would have the subway train just outside their homes ready to whisk them to their destinations of joy and pleasure and sometimes through the fogs of the day. In their greatness they forget there is a Greater Being. Let us see how great is man.

"Who put the oil in the ground, who put the ore in the hills, who put the coloring into the growing things above the level of the ground? Did man do these things? Did man bury the coal so that he would have to find where it was hidden, then go to dig it out again?

"My friends, it was not the great I am that did these things. Not any more than that man put the radio in the air. What is it, how did it get there? The radio has been there always, but it was not man who put it there.

"Stop and think of these things. Man has been inspired to find all of these wonders, to control and harness them. Man should not then go about laying claims on the wonders he has performed when in reality he was only bringing them into focus."

After hearing what the speaker said up to this point, the shock was enough to cause one to consider not the greatness of man but the greatness of Nature. The Truth of it all seemed to become more clear. It is that God is Supreme and man would do well to abide by His Will. It is that Light will glory the gifts of God to man and guide us to even greater things.



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## TESTIMONIALS



EDGEWOOD, N. Y.—If you have watched a little babe in his cradle you must have noticed how the little one laughs and carries on in a most happy way. Folks say it is playing with the "angels." Rightly, it is playing with one that has gone before. Such a spirit loved one is then with the baby. All babies are clairvoyant, but most of them lose those gifts with the learning of speech. Some re-develop those gifts in later years and become interpreters (mediums) and can so bring messages to us Spirits here on earth still traveling in the body.

Up to my sixteenth year I have conversed with those that have gone out of their bodies, but I had no knowledge of those truths. Going into the world and coming into contact with the material habits and temptations of life soon caused me to lose those God-given gifts until in later years and after my sad experiences I have, by concentration, developed those gifts again.—MR. C. L.

WOODHAVEN, N. Y.—One day, while out on an automobile trip, I suddenly asked for Divine guidance at the moment, not exactly knowing why. It was but a few seconds later when three other automobiles came together at the crossing ahead, then I realized how close we were to an accident and I then realized it was impressed upon me what was best for me to do. Since that time I try to follow out all impressions given me and that I can understand may be for good.—MRS. M. V. B.

NEW YORK CITY—This testimonial which I make is of particular interest to me. Without doubt, many of your readers will find there have been similar experiences in their own lives. May it be helpful to all. I was not at any time in my past twenty years of life considered religious. In my heart I was not irreligious. From one church to another would I go, and to the lecture halls or any other place where spiritual comfort might be had. All the while that I was going to these places I was able to take a little good out of each. However, not one single church, sect or cult held me strong enough. Sometimes I felt it cost too much. It was not that I wanted too much, but certainly much more than I had up to then.

I was about to give up and avoid everything that smacked of religion. Really, I had lost faith. Suddenly there seemed as if something came over me. I was again being drawn into my former interest, but my attitude was so different. It was so nearly like the hard worker within the church that I used to call a hypocrite. This new light that was dawning upon me prevented me from thinking lightly of the honest intentions of the spiritual advisers. I became more in reverence before the men of the cloth. Furthermore, I became active in one church I finally found had what I needed. I ceased to become flippant about the work of the churches and stopped ridiculing certain conventionalities. I refused to belittle the efforts of a struggling congregation or group. These things being avoided have given me some reason to think better and to be more sincere.

Now, instead of working up to God through man and his faults, I am making my way to God by God.—MR. W. U. C.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ROMANS 8:14.

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. MATTHEW 26:41.

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER



YOU do wrong making fun of people,  
Remember they are God's children.  
What soever you sow you reap—  
Do good to all whether you like them or not,  
What you do unto the least of these you do unto Me.

Glory be to God on high,  
That sends us down to earth  
That we may help where others cannot,  
Where trust and hope and love alone abide,  
Where friend and foe no longer hate,  
But love and trust each other.

Let this be in the hearts of all—  
Love One Another  
As God Loves Us All.

By W. E.

## SPIRITUGRAMS—No. 2

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

1. I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.
2. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.
3. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?
4. Lord, I cry unto thee; make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
5. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and they right hand shall save me.
6. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O Thou Most High.
7. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
8. His glory is great in thy salvation; honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
9. For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.
10. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 1 follows: Psalm 57:9, 35:28, 100:5, 144:15, 57:2, 104:4, 136:23, 18:32, and 16:9 respectively.

## POWER OF OUR CREATOR



AM the Alpha and Omega.

The Power is in all and over all. I created the blossoms of the field and all living things. Yea though the world laugh and say it cannot be, but my works will go on.

Where else is the power to make things grow, to purify the air, to let the sun shine, and the rain come. Where?

They try various ways to create, to imitate, but their efforts are as nothing. Without my guiding hand they can do nothing worth while. What is the Power that makes the rain and sunshine? Can the humans accomplish it?

NO.



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## A SERMONETTE ON DIVINE CALLING

By W. D. Gressinger

*Many Are Called But Few Are Chosen.*—MATTHEW 22:14.



WE NEVER realize while we travel this earthly plane what we are chosen for and what lies before us in our map of destiny, nor of what value we are in this great universe. That is, among the human family allotted to practice Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which are Divine attributes and the foundation of every virtue. As we strive to practice these commendable virtues and calling upon the Divine Force for guidance unto that straight and narrow path of righteousness, we may near the call.

The neophyte traveling on with fearlessness and guided in the faith of which he searched in a meek way, doing and giving the best he knew how to reach out to humanity, he necessarily gains one point of that far off shore from whence the voice came. Still guided in the faith and trust in God, he fears no danger but sets out in the field of labor with a new tie.

He continues on his way overcoming all obstacles and never tiring in his faith and trust, he sees in the distance that great and wonderful light, not that hieroglyphic light which illuminates the great orbs of the day, but that great ecclesiastical light.

God sends forth the light, the calling, and he answers that call, thus accepting the mission of giving to mankind such light as he receives through the inspirations and manifestations. He continues on his way, spreading the light and truth to the multitudes and to those who have drifted astray from the straight and narrow path of righteousness, bidding welcome to all who will come.

To those of us who follow there is a fund of pleasant research in the offering which cannot fail the active searcher for truth. It is all according to the extent of our labors that we may find that which may have been bestowed upon us. Let us consider some of the advantages that come as a result of the chosen few.

If one would embrace the great principles of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTHFULNESS and BROTHERLY LOVE there would come every benefit spiritual upliftment might impart. Expanding genius would soon be imbued with all the vigor of the healthy intellect matured and ripened by the rich increase of spiritual knowledge. The mind would rapidly continue advancing to a higher degree and would ultimately be prepared for the full indications of complete and never fading glory when time would seem to be no more.

Truly a source for gratification. One could use its lighter shades of enjoyment as merely relaxations until the hour of graven labor has expired. But while here in the body and in the employment of time, let us pray as did the Psalmist—Open Thou mine eyes, O Lord, that we might behold wondrous things of Thy Law and learn what we want to know.

Being further inspired to a higher degree of intellect, we are enabled to gather many into the fold, ever admonishing, if we seek the right pathway, the brighter and greater the light will shine.

Still journeying onward, we hear in the distance the gentle voice—O blessed is he whom Thou chooseth and caused to approach unto Thee, that he might dwell in Thy court, for we are satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy

temple. And so we become more confident of the progress to that higher realm. We come into a newness of life. It is like the one who has been chosen and who has done such wonderful spiritual work for the upliftment of humanity by great sacrifice, that all who want to reach out can find the righteous path, and great will be the rejoicing of that one and the followers.

Does it ever occur to us what a wonderful blessing it is to be called and to be one of the chosen few? It is through such an instrument you and I and many more have been able to reach out and communicate with our loved ones, that they may receive that light which no mortal has seen. When we look around us and see the wonderful works of God as displayed we should realize what a wonderful light it is to stand in, before all, and say, I have served God in all my doings. It is like standing in the immense arch of heaven.

### LIFE'S RELAY RACE

*(A Wee Tribute to the Largess of Friendships God  
Has Strewn Along the Pathway of Life.)*



THE Grace of God for aye abounds,  
And Peace serenely crowds out strife,  
As He so kindly me surrounds  
With friends to watch the ebb of life.

In eyes I love I see the tears  
That tell I have not long to wait  
Ere I shall look down through the years  
To laugh at fear and play with fate.

Ah, why these tears? Is it because  
For me you mourn the things undone,  
The many wrongs, the broken laws,  
The good well meant but unbegun?

Then mourn not, friends, 'tis ne'er too late  
To plan to run where others fail;  
The laws of justice ever wait  
That wrong may lose and right prevail.

Your kindness found in me the good,  
Your love has helped me set the pace,  
I could not, even though I would,  
But finish well life's relay race.

A hundred fingers reach to catch  
The hand that waits a single touch.  
Eyes front to him who toes the scratch!  
I glory to have run with such.

AMOS

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser;  
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. PROVERBS 9:9.

He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets:  
therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. PROVERBS 20:19.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? I CORINTHIANS 3:16.

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. I CORINTHIANS 6:17.



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

## THE FLOWERS



OD in his wondrous grace not only gave beauty of form and color to the flowers, but he breathed into their very selves a touch of His ever-present Love, and the flowers responded and diffused the atmosphere with sweep perfumes.

Man has attempted to imitate God's flowers, but has not, and never will be able to inject into his imitations the fragrance peculiar to each blossom.

Flowers spring up in the valleys green and low, on the mountains high, and in the silent wilderness, and each one takes on an individual charm adapted to its colorful surroundings. Along the frequented paths where we are accustomed to see flowers in abundance we do not always appreciate them fully. The little flower blossoming forth on the ragged edge of a precipice catches the glance of the mountain climber. At sight of the lonely blossom he must pause a moment and pluck it, and wonder that it grew and thrived so far away from man's habitation. And in the silent wilderness a touch of color is like an oasis in the desert to the thirsty traveller.

There comes to mind a little poem that the children all know. It is entitled

### THE VIOLET

By JANE TAYLOR

Down in a green and shady bed  
A modest violet grew;  
Its stalk was bent, it hung its head,  
As if to hide from view.

And yet it was a lovely flower,  
Its color bright and fair;  
It might have graced a rosy bower  
Instead of hiding there.

Yet there it was content to bloom,  
In modest tints arrayed;  
And there diffused its sweet perfume  
Within the silent shade.

Then let me to the valley go  
This pretty flower to see,  
That I may also learn to grow  
In sweet humility.

The Supreme Force, God, not only put loveliness in growing things, but he also implanted healing properties in them. Our forefathers utilized the healing herbs and did not depend upon a drug store as we do today. Instead, they went out into the open and discriminately gathered herbs of all sorts and carefully concocted simple healing and curative potions.

If we mortals would learn to take advantage of God's gifts as in herbs, in the fresh air, and in the renewing vigor emanating from the rays of the sun, we might prolong our journey here in healthier bodies and sound minds. This would also mean more happiness for ourselves and others.

When the life of a flower passes out, it blossoms in the vast beyond in greater splendor and size. There, in Spirit Land, the blossom, through the so-called death transition, is now in a rarer atmosphere and delights the eyes of those who have shed their earthly cloaks of clay and taken on glorified bodies. As in the earth plane, the flowers harmonize with the

rest of the landscape in producing one grand sight that cheers and comforts those who are making good their shortcomings and working their way back to the Creator, the giver of all life.

What a restful feeling they must arouse when the disembodied spirits rest by the wayside after a return from the earth plane whither they had gone on a mission of helpfulness and good-will to their loved ones. We like to think that these flowers in Spirit Land bring back memories of favorite flowers on the earth plane and spur the spirits on to reach higher and higher, gaining in wisdom and understanding and thereby enabling them to bring good and elevating inspiration to those still in their earthly cloaks.

A. M. W.

### UNDERSTANDING

The one that we treasure has left our embrace,  
And the chair that is vacant is in the same place.  
For the step that is missing and also the face  
Have charms that none other in this life can grace.

We mourn for our loss and wear deepest of black,  
Surrounded with gloom and the cheer that we lack.  
For custom decrees that respect we must pay  
And so we go sorrowing day after day.

Our loved ones have taught us that realms in the skies  
Are awaiting for all as the worn body dies.  
The silver cord breaking, our spirit then flies  
To its own destination and upward it plies.

The spirit has risen, yes, the body decays,  
The body was made for a short stay of days.  
But the life was created in the Father's own ways,  
And returns to its Creator, when all debts are paid.

Reach out, humanity, be determined to win  
Over the earth trials of tempting and sin.  
You are part God and assert with all vim,  
Master that body confining you in.

Make good for the errors of previous times,  
Your spirit resurrecting in happier climes.  
There to inspire your loved ones on earth  
With light of wisdom from spiritual birth.

Let us give thanks, for God's love abounds,  
Our loved ones inspire by sight and by sounds,  
And truth man obscured comes clear from above,  
When spirit to spirit communing is love.

By THOMAS R. WALL

Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. PROVERBS 10:14.

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment. PROVERBS 12:19.

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. JOB 32:8.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. GALATIANS 6:8.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. ECCLESIASTES 12:7.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SERVICES

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### ALBANY, N. Y.

#### The Spiritual Church of the Arisen

Holds services every Sunday evening at  
52 COLUMBIA STREET  
Rev. Milicent Hubbard, Pastor

### ASTORIA, N. Y.

#### Church of the Spiritualist Doctrine

404 THIRTIETH (GRAND) AVENUE  
Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; lecture and message service.  
Elizabeth Marklew, Pastor

#### Spiritual Church of Divine Faith

323 DITMARS BOULEVARD (Second Floor)  
The Rev. Hermine Leger, Pastor  
Lecture and message service every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

### BOSTON, MASS.

#### Unity Church

(Founded May 29, 1883)  
Rev. Frederick A. Wiggin, D.D.  
Sunday services: Jordan Hall, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday message service at 7:45 P.M.  
Recital Hall (this building)

#### Spiritual Assembly

Conducted by Preston E. Gray at  
465 STUART STREET, BOSTON  
(Over Copley Theatre)  
Every Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

#### First Spiritualist Science Church

235 NORTHAMPTON STREET  
Mrs. Julia Lee, President  
Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Vice-President  
Meetings:  
Friday and Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

### BROOKLYN, N. Y.

#### Church of Divine Light

Rev. E. C. Resch  
756 QUINCY STREET  
Services: 7:45 Sunday Evenings

#### Christ Spiritualist Church

James Hedenberg, Minister  
Services:  
Tuesday, Thursday, 2 and 8 P. M.  
1288 PUTNAM AVE. (NEAR CENTRAL AVE.)

### PSYCHIC TESTS

#### Lillie Briton

Graduate of Hunter College  
1267 BEDFORD AVE., NEAR FULTON ST.  
Services: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, 8;  
Tuesday, 2. Private Consultations.  
Decatur 3186

### Independent Spiritual Church

Rev. Dr. Edw. Ortmanne, Pastor  
664 PUTNAM AVE., NEAR LEWIS AVE.  
Services: Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
at 7:30; Thursday at 2 P.M.

### Church of Divine Science

Joseph Borst, Minister  
Monday, 8 P.M.  
Tuesday, Thursday, 2 P.M.-8 P.M.  
754 DECATUR STREET (BASEMENT)  
Telephone, Foxcroft 5168

### Church of Spiritual Truth, Inc.

178 GRAND STREET  
(Between Bedford and Driggs Avenues)  
Monday and Thursday, 8 P.M.  
Messages, Mrs. Mina Stapleberg

### W. M. Stewart

Well-known spiritual mediator of Brooklyn,  
in his new church, 1000 Park Place, between  
Brooklyn and Kingston Avenues.  
Services: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday,  
8:30 P.M.; Monday and Friday, 2:30 P.M.

### The Divine Spiritual Church of the Redeemer, Inc.

Meetings: Tuesday, Thursday, 8 P.M.  
512 VAN BUREN ST., NEAR PATCHEN AVE.  
Trance Medium

### St. John's Spiritual Church, Inc., Spiritualist

1630 71ST STREET, BROOKLYN  
Lillian Johnston, Pastor  
Services: Sunday, 8 P.M.; Monday, 2 P.M.;  
Wednesday, 8 P.M.; Thursday, 10 A.M.  
Lecture and messages. All welcome. West  
End subway, 71st St. Station.

### Cosmopolitan Spiritualist Church

Meetings, Odd Fellows' Hall, Schermerhorn  
Street, near Nevins subway, every Saturday,  
7:45 P.M., and 431 State Street, Thursday  
and Sunday evenings. Mrs. J. C. Murphy.

### Golden Rule Spiritualist Church

Pastor, M. Schorup  
Services: Tuesday, 2 P.M.; Tuesday, 8  
P.M.; Thursday, 2 P.M.; Friday, 8 P.M.;  
Sunday, 8 P.M. Address, 261 10th Street.

### BUFFALO, N. Y.

### Church of Spirit Communion

WEST FERRY AND HERKIMER STREETS  
Theodore Russell, Pastor  
Services: Sunday at 8 P.M.; first and third  
Sundays at 3 and 8 P.M.  
Visitors and workers cordially invited.

### CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

### The First Spiritualist Temple

631 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
Services: Sundays, 8 P.M.  
Leon E. Stevens, President

### Spiritual Mission

FRATERNITY HALL  
Russell Building, 2107 Massachusetts Avenue  
North Cambridge  
Sunday Services: 2:30 and 7:30 P.M.  
Conductors, R. B. Evans and P. E. Gray  
Take North Cambridge car to Harvard  
Square; get off at Russell Street.

### GLENDALE, N. Y.

### Louis C. Lindemann

Healer  
Office Hours: 8-10 A.M., 5-8 P.M.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Other Days by Appointment  
71-49 - 68TH PLACE

### Mrs. L. Johns

2630 (6526) MYRTLE AVENUE  
Meetings: Monday and Friday evenings, 8:15.  
Tuesday and Thursday, 2 P. M. Directions,  
Myrtle Avenue car toward Richmond Hill to  
Schley Street.

### HOLLIS, N. Y.

### Violet Spiritual Church

Mrs. Miller holds services Tuesdays, 2:30  
P.M., at  
192-55 HOLLIS AVENUE, HOLLIS  
Take Jamaica Avenue car to 190 Street, or  
Hempstead bus passes door.

### JACKSON, MICH.

### First Spiritualist Church

American Building and Loan Bldg.  
131 S. MECHANIC STREET  
Services on Sundays, 2 and 7 P. M.  
Dr. Julia M. Walton, Pastor

### JAMAICA, N. Y.

### Church of the Four Leaf Clover

8553 - 144TH STREET  
Rev. M. E. Claas, Pastor  
Services: Sunday at 7:5 P. M. Children  
meet in Auditorium Sunday, 2:00 P.M.

### Kent Thompson Spiritualist Mission

Meetings Every Sunday 8:15 P.M.  
All welcome. Those who attend our meet-  
ings may consult Mr. Thompson privately.  
Voluntary offerings  
137-34 JAMAICA AVENUE  
Queens Boulevard "L" Station



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SERVICES

### JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

#### Spiritual Science Church

111 SO. MAIN STREET  
Rev. Louisa L. Bramer, Pastor  
Sunday services, 7:30 P. M. Lyceum, 6:00  
P. M. Mid-week circle, Wednesday, 8 P. M.  
Phone 2940-W  
Visitors cordially invited.

### LOS ANGELES, CAL.

#### Progressive Society of Spiritual Truthseekers

First Spiritualist Temple, 906 E. 23d Street  
Mary C. Vlasek, Pastor

Sunday services: Lyceum at 9:30 A.M.; Con-  
ference at 11; Healing at 2; Silent Healing at  
2:30; Message Circles at 3:30; Lecture and  
Messages at 8.

### LYNN, MASS.

#### Church of Truth Spiritualists

62 MONROE STREET

Services: Sundays at 3:00 and 7:45 P.M.  
Mrs. M. F. Benson, President

### MASPETH, N. Y.

#### Star of Hope Spiritualist Church

Saturday, Sunday, 8 P.M.

LEHMANN

5727-63RD ST., NEAR FLUSHING AVE.

### NEWARK, N. J.

#### Second Mount Pitcairn Spiritual Church

478 BROAD STREET, NEWARK, N. J.  
Pastor, Rev. A. L. K. Clark  
Sun., Wed., 8 P. M.; Thurs., 2 P.M.

### NEW YORK CITY

#### Spiritualist Church of Advanced Thought

Services: 123 WEST 94TH STREET  
Telephone, Riverside 0756  
Every Sun., Tues. and Fri. at 8:30 P.M.  
Wednesday afternoon at 2 P.M.  
Speaker: Rev. John Hill

#### First Church of Spiritual Harmony

Services: Tues., 2:30 P.M., and Thurs., 8:15  
P.M., Genealogical Hall, 226 W. 58th St.,  
New York City. Tel.: Glen Ridge 10120.  
Rev. Sarah Wenige-Cushing, Trance Medium

#### Progressive Spiritualist Church, Inc.

Services: Sunday, Wednesday and Friday  
Evenings at 8:30 o'clock  
325 WEST 59TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY  
Sunday, 3 P.M. Tuesday, 8:30 P.M.  
398 St. Nicholas Ave., Near 130th Street  
M. H. Fulton-Williams, Leader  
A. D. Williams, President

#### Universal Spiritual Church

Beulah E. Thompson, Minister  
Services Every Sunday, 8:15 P.M.  
AT HOTEL BILTMORE  
Worship, messages, music. All are welcome

#### Spiritualist Church of Psychic Science

Conrad H. Hauser, Pyschic Scientist  
330 W. 89TH STREET Tel. Schuyler 9961  
Message Service: Sun., Tues., Fri., 8 P.M.  
Wed. and Sun., 2:30 P.M.  
Private Interviews and Developing Class  
Arranged by Appointment

#### Spiritual and Ethical Society

Sunday, 2:30 P. M.  
HOTEL ASTOR  
Various Speakers Every Week  
All Are Welcome

#### Spiritualist Church of Divine Guidance

15 WEST 83RD STREET  
Message Service every evening, 8:30 except  
Wednesday. Also Tuesday and Thursday  
afternoons, 2:30.  
Mediums:  
Florence Ayling B. M. Helms

### PROVIDENCE, R. I.

#### The Divine Spiritual Alliance Church, Inc.

Services: 2:30 and 7:30 P.M.  
307 WEYBOSSET STREET  
F. A. Davis, President  
Rev. Lucy B. Moran, Pastor

#### W. T. Stead Spiritualist Church, Inc.

32 HASKINS STREET  
Bible Spiritualist. Affiliated with T.N.S.A.  
Nelson B. Vars, President  
Rev. L. J. Hervey, Pastor

### ROCHESTER, N. Y.

#### Spiritualist Church of Divine Inspiration

Sunday Services at 7:45 P.M.  
Rev. W. Harrs, Pastor  
372 Flint Street

### SALEM, MASS.

#### First Spiritual Mission

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING, ESSEX STREET  
Mrs. Ida Courtis, President  
Circle, 12:30. Meetings, 3 and 7:30 P.M.  
Circle at 6 P.M. Sunday

#### First Spiritual Society

53 WASHINGTON STREET  
Mrs. Ruth Olmstead, President  
Services at 3:00 and 7:30 P.M. Circles at  
12:00 M. and 6:00 P. M. Sunday

### ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

#### The First Spiritualist Church

meets regularly every Sunday at 7:30 P.M.  
Sunday School, 10 A.M. Mid-week Message  
Service, Tuesday, 2:30 P.M.  
Rev. Aldrick E. Hanson, Pres. and Pastor  
Mrs. Fred Williams, Medium  
All meetings held in I. O. O. F. Hall  
104-4TH STREET SOUTH

### WOODHAVEN, N. Y.

#### Spiritualist Church of Divine Light and Faith

Services: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday  
evenings at 7:45; Tuesday at 2 P.M.; Thurs-  
day at 10:30 A.M. All welcome.  
Margaret Hunt, Minister  
8731-89TH STREET  
Forest Parkway "L" Sta., Woodhaven, L. I.

#### Church of Spiritual Enlightenment

Sundays, 2 and 8; Tuesday, 2 and 8; Wed-  
nesday, 10 and 2; Friday, 2 and 8 P.M.  
Charles Winkler, pastor  
8631-91ST STREET, WOODHAVEN  
Jamaica "L," Woodhaven Boulevard

#### Spiritual Light Society

Meetings: Tuesday, Thursday, 8; Tuesday,  
Thursday, 2; Thursday morning, 10.  
Rev. Dorothy Smith  
8734-75TH STREET, WOODHAVEN  
Elderts Lane "L" Station

#### Mrs. Sarah Doughty

Formerly at 3508 Atlantic Avenue, Moved to  
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Elderts Lane Station, Jamaica Line  
Applegate 8018

### WALPOLE, MASS.

#### First Spiritualistic Society

Rev. Sarah Parker Thomson, Pastor  
Sunday Services, 7:00 P.M.; Lyceum, 3:30  
P.M.; Wednesday Services, 7:30 P.M.

### WORCESTER, MASS.

#### First Spiritual Church

G. A. R. Hall, 55 Pearl Street  
Mr. William Ostergard, President  
Mr. William De Roehn, Soloist  
Sundays, Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M.