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THE LAW OF GOD

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

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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.

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

FEAR NOT

Brought forth by Rev. M. E. Claas



FEAR not, for strength will be given unto each one that is right with that Supreme Force, God. So again I draw nigh and I again want to bring to humanity that which will be right, that which will help on the upward way, that which will help you in the time when you will need that help most.

Are we not all children of that Supreme Force, God? Are we not looking forward for something that will bring us LIGHT in the darkest hour and is it not the way that we should reach out and be again in Brotherhood with one another?

Are we not always watching and looking for what we might gain here in this material plane and which is needed? You need the material things to keep going, to keep the outer part or frame or cloak in right order. Yet not many have thought of what it means. Is it yourself or is it that higher Force, God, that is sending forth all good things? And yet, when I look about and see how many are going down and down it does not make me anxious when I see how those destructful things are coming upon the earth plane to devour, to destroy humanity.

I again call to you to fear not, for you will be well taken care of if you are right with that Supreme Force. If you are following on the upper pathway, if you are reaching out and following the Law of God, then you are well protected. For then you need fear nothing, for all will come to you, all will be brought to you at the very moment, at the time when you shall call rightly to the Father.

As I look about I see how the *state* of disease is devouring many in the earth plane. I can see how many will reach out, how many will call to the Father, "O help us in this hour of tribulation." I see how many walking out will not return in body—in spirit, yes, but not in fleshly cloak.

It is sad to some, yet I say awaken to those that have brought you fair warning. Watch and be guided by those that want to guide you.

This *state* that is sent on the earth plane to devour will be in the form of sickness, it will be in the form of jealousy, it will be in the form of all sorts of crime. I say it is for the destruction of those who in jealousies are trying to devour one another. They themselves will fall into their own pit of destruction. Those that have brought in all sorts of evils will fall by their own hands and many others will go by that pestilence that is to come forth.

I say you need fear nothing when you bear the mark of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTHFULNESS and BROTHERHOOD. Then nothing can harm you, nothing can approach you or yours, if you are right. Therefore again I bring it let not that *state* befall you and be not lead into these temptations that will draw you down and cause you to become a prey to that monster, disease. It will wipe out many. Many will call that they might be relieved, but their calling will be in vain. "You have not heard, therefore you must take that which has confronted you."

Those that are right with the Father, those that are trying

to go on the upper pathway, they will be protected. They will stand and not fall a victim.

I see, too, how there comes a galloping through your earth plane, that all are nervous of that *state* called death to the clay. It will devour many as it gallops through this entire earth plane. You, too, will know and you, too, will witness many that will be called over the border in very short time.

Fear not, for again you will understand that by following a RIGHTEOUS, TRUTHFUL and BROTHERLY way you will have no fear, for you will be well taken care of. There is no need of fear, for fear will count nothing with you. It will pass by and you will stand there erect as one that is well guarded, body and spirit.

What then do I see that comes upon the earth plane? PEACE will come. It will reign over humanity and there will then be one grand, sweet song. Then all will be in peace and all will be as one large family, brother and sister, one helping another, one doing for the other. That will mean a great deal for then the real peace is at hand and you will be able to speak to a brother and sister in the right way and in the right manner. You will be understood, for then there will not be any hatred, nor malice, nor disease. There will not be that death that so many fear; no need of fear; cast it from you. Let the brightness in, let the happiness shine in every corner and be as I so oftentimes brought it, BROTHERLY.

The Elder Brother, the Nazarene, brought thousands upon thousands with Him, and they stood by Him and were very anxious for Him. But when that malice, that bitterness came, it meant the ending of His career. Let that not be the ending of your career. That will bring you far, far in height, not only when the spirit goes over, no, while you are still in your material clay. Then you can bring to humanity in thought or word and kindness, that which will be helpful.

You will find, too, how peace in your own surroundings will be and all that has aroused in you and that which had formed bitterness in you will form into one grand peace, and that peace will remain.

Therefore I call let peace be with you and let it stand by you and then you will be as you want to be, as you should be—a real picture of the living god. AMEN.

John the Beloved

John was one of the loyal disciples of the Nazarene and one who followed closely the teachings given him by Jesus, whom he loved and was loved by. In his later days he foresaw and foretold many things that are to come.

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.

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AWAKEN TO TRUTH

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AGAIN I draw nigh to the earth plane and again as I look over the whole of humanity I see, too, how many destructions are near. Many of you will ask why should destructions be near. Laugh and scoff, but when you will see what all is coming you will awaken and know that the hour is close at hand, that it is time we draw on an upward pathway.

You may wonder how can the dead return, how can those that have been laid to rest return, and bring these things that are for our own good. I call to each one, the dead do not return, it is the living that return. It is the spirit, that had brought life to the body. That spirit goes on, for there is no destruction of life.

There is too much vileness going on about your earth plane. There is too much of that low condition surrounding this earth plane that is drawing down the best that is within humanity and causing it to sink to the very depths of destruction.

Think well. It is that the hour is near that humanity might awaken and look forward for something that is worth while.

Why is it that so many are upset in their every day conditions? Why is it that so many have rest neither day nor night? Why is it that so many go about in fear and yet have not committed any crime? What is it then that annoys humanity? It is the conscience, the conscience that had forsaken that Father, that living God. They have forgotten that the Creator existed. They forget that they are a small atom of that God. They think they can make all themselves.

Deceive not yourselves. The very life, the very air you breathe in, if it were not for that Supreme Force, you would not exist. The cloak over which many laugh and scoff has been made in your material plane. When it has served its purpose, when the spirit leaves that clay, that body is useless. It cannot be refilled with life. It is only to either plant again in the earth from whence it came or be destroyed.

The very life goes on and on seeking to make amends for its shortcomings it had made while in that house, in that body, and I dwell upon this that humanity might get on an upward way. Your loved ones hover around you and call. Many hear and many see. Many say, "What is about me that I become so fearful and still there is nothing about." Again many say, "Why is it that I experience that some one had touched me or put their hands on me and still there is nothing about that I can see?"

They are about you. Your own loved ones are trying to get an inlet. Open the door wide and let them in that they might come with a welcome. It will help them to come on the upward path by gaining that small part that they might be able to make amends for their shortcomings. They want to make amends for the misdeeds done.

This message is brought to you that you might be uplifted, that you might think of what you have been doing and what it will mean when you too are called to make amends for those deeds. Follow the Law of God, the Ten Commandments that had been given to that brother in those days far back that they should be for all humanity.

If you abide by that law you will also be a regular follower of the law of humanity. Then you will be following right and when you follow right you need no law, for then everything goes on the upward pathway, and all will be in brotherhood one with another. Every one will be righteous and

truthful, and by following that law you will find that it will lead you to that higher point, the point the Elder Brother, the Nazarene, had brought to humanity when He was here in this material plane almost two thousand years ago. He still returns and brings these points.

I call again that you might be on the upward path and that you will let your light shine before you, and that you will not wander in darkness when you come over the border. The earthly journey is short, but think what it will mean in that all eternity, that is, the time.

Many will say, "Why look forward for that time when we are no more in body?" I say it is well to look forward to that time when you will wander in darkness and you will not have the opportunity when you will want to get in touch with your loved ones that remain in their earthly cloaks or bodies. When, like you, they open not the doorways. Then it is a sadness and a sorrow as you have so often read in the History—gnashing of teeth and lamenting.

Think not of a burning hell. There is no hell. It is your conscience, your life, your spirit that tells you the wrong points of your earthly travel. On arriving over the border you will see all your deeds, whether they be good or whether they be of evil. You will understand those deeds that had not been done and those that should have been done. It is an open book.

There is no judge to judge you, therefore, be not deceived. Your own self, your own spirit is your judge. It is the spirit, the life that knows. It is the eye on arriving over the border that will bring back past times, past deeds. These are the points and I say, **AWAKEN, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.** We can turn from our ways, we can get on that upward way and be happy and we can reach higher in a most wonderful manner.

Think not that you cannot have your pleasures in this material plane if you follow the Law of God. It is here for humanity, it is a beautiful plane for humanity, but humanity has drawn away from the Father. Think not that when a loved one returns to bring to you the points of truth that you must give up your pleasures.

Follow the Law of God, be on the righteous pathway, and you do not have to give up your pleasures. Be on the right path whether it be in play or in work. Do not do the things that will cause you to be ashamed to stand before that God, the Creator. You are part God, therefore be the part in an uplifting way. You were sent out that way and in freedom, therefore, in freedom come back again that you might say, "Father, I have gone forth and traveled the earth plane, and I am returning again and I can stand before you and you again can take me in the fold."

These are the words and thoughts that humanity should have, not that it is "I" and "I" again, "what I do." Remember it is not "I," it is the spirit that draws you on the upward way. Many will say, "Why is it that we are drawn down and down? We cannot reach out to certain conditions." I call to you, be not depressed and displeased, for the time is coming when each one will rise up and have opportunity. That is the purpose of those so-called dead bringing help and those points that will uplift humanity while traveling this plane.

I call again that the all powerful God looks to each one to help. I call, too, that the all powerful God help those while they travel in their earthly cloak so that on arriving over the border they can say, "It is done, it is finished," and that they may find peace. **AMEN.**

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

ENLIGHTENED SPIRITUALIST

By William A. Hovemann



NE of the greatest handicaps we have that hold spirit communication to be true is, that the English language does not define the great difference between those communicators that seek material gains and those that seek spiritual upliftment. One of the most difficult problems is to persuade newcomers in the field of communication to desire and expect such messages from the spirit side as will prepare them for the great hereafter, rather than to be told it would be more advisable to sell their real estate now or a year hence. In other words, the average so-called spiritualist is not enlightened as to what lies before him in the hereafter. He is convinced that he can get in touch with those loved ones that had passed on and from them he seeks material advice and profit.

The sincere communicator for truth and light enters his meeting place, or his closet, to commune with the high spiritual forces to learn how to live this earthly life and thereby prepare himself for that long life which is to come. In seeking the highest and most uplifting, he is following out the teachings which Jesus of Nazareth had brought to humanity nearly two thousand years ago, but unfortunately through the ages these teachings have been misinterpreted. Those that claim to follow the teachings of Jesus and yet deny spirit communication are not the least consistent, for did not Jesus bring the point of wisdom, that God is a spirit and they that worship God must do so in spirit and in truth?

Remember we are all mediums, or contacts, more or less, dependent on the development. Some are gifted, it seems, more than others, but every one can develop. It is sad that any power should be used for material gain. In doing so, the way is barred to get in contact with the advanced spirit forces capable of bringing upliftment to humanity. Like attracts like and the selfish in physical body can only attract the selfish in spirit which do not bring the truth. The material medium or instrument therefore is a detriment to the hungry for spiritual food, both in the messages which he conveys and in the effect his work does have on the spiritual seeker of truth. Due to the vast difference of instrumentality, the unconvinced is apt to class all communication as the "bunk," although in his ignorance he is a communicator each time he offers up his prayers. So there is a need for some one to coin a word that will mark the difference between material and spiritual communicators.

HEDDING CAMP GROUND

Eternal pines, sun-kiss'd and starlit corridors of God,
Whose cloistral paths by high and low on equal plane art trod,
Here, cares of earth are set aside and men with children romp,
To learn anew, simplicity outweighs a world of pomp.
These temples echo shouts of joy and ling'ring laughter's lurk;
No thought there is of weariness, no drudgery to work.

How often in the graceful sway of tow'ring tops on high,
Just when the whisp'ring winds throughout the rustling needles sigh;
The Everlasting Arms stretch forth in comforting embrace,
And with the music of His voice bring wondrous rest and grace;
Oh, lordly pines, for God, indeed, a habitation true,
Where Jesus Christ so often walks and holds communion, too.

AMOS.

TESTIMONIALS



OODHAVEN, N. Y.—Having had a sudden death in my family, which sad occurrence medical science could not explain, I naturally turned to my spiritual adviser for comfort, which he did not, or could not, give me, leaving my mind so confused and my heart so sad that I was almost distracted. I was earnestly entreated by a friend to visit a medium, or contact. After much persuasion I did so, and received comfort and understanding. I resolved to treat the matter in all seriousness, for I was determined to know the truth and to seek for it until I possessed it.

I was led after my first visit to attend a meeting conducted by another spiritual medium, who told me without any hesitancy that the intense craving of my better self to know truth unadulterated would be satisfied and light would begin to shine in a certain place. How well I remember the message, it being a Thursday evening. On Saturday evening of the same week I found myself at a certain place which I had never heard of before that day, and believe it or not, I also found at this same place the medium who had given me the message on Thursday, although he had never visited it before. I did receive light and more light at this particular place. My message was not only true, but I have found truth, for the doors were opened to my knocking and peace and contentment are my companions, while the doubts and fears of my earlier life are buried forever.—MR. R. T.

COMMUNICATION

How often have I stood beside,
Trying hard to make you hear,
Laying on your cheek my hand,
Wishing that you would say,
Glad I am that you are here.

Talk to me, for I can hear;
I will answer to your call.
Just to hear you call me,
Brings reply from over here,
May God bless and help us all.
By W. E.

MORNING ANTHEMS

Daddy, dear,
Ever hear
Joyous anthems ring,
When at morn
Songs are born
Ere the birds take wing?

Mother, dear,
Oh what cheer
Feathered songsters bring,
Praises rise
To the skies
From each leafy swing.

Jesus, dear,
God is near
And in everything.
So at dawn,
Darkness gone,
Songbirds hail the King.
By UNCLE AMOS

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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 V — Commandment numbered three — 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. The

two previous commands warn us all that we must not trifle with God or His wondrous works, and now we come to the command that neither must we trifle with His name.

God is Love and when we use His name let it be in Love. God is Spirit and in Spirit and in Truth we should call to Him. God is Supreme so we should understand His name is above all, above everything, all highest.

His name is too great to misuse or besmirch. Whether we call Him God, Jehovah, Creator, The Great Spirit, Supreme Force or Allah, let it always be with reverence. His name is holy, sacred, pure. We must be neither careless nor unthinking when using His name. Our ignorance and foolishness in the right use of His name makes us guilty of direct violation of His Will.

To call rightly to Him is to bring ourselves closer to Him. He hears us, so let us be as little children calling in innocence and purity of thought, giving praise and thanks, all knowingly. In this manner we do not take His name in vain and accordingly His blessings come forth.

His name must not be used flippantly. Neither must we in careless manner associate His holy name with profanity. Therefore, be it in speaking or be it in writing, violate not the Law. Discourage violators at every opportune occasion, for the offender needs to be reminded that his vulgar habit serves not good.

LESSON VI—Part one—Commandment numbered four—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 THE STRANGER THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES. One day should be held apart for God. It makes no difference what the name of that day may be, so long as we hold it out of Glory to the Creator.

On this day we must not do those things which we do and can do on the other six. Participating in sports, theatricals, merchandising or other conditions of labors for the material at the sacrifice of the spiritual self should be avoided. We must not give cause for others, whether of our own household or of another, neither must we subject the beasts of burden to labor for material or selfish purposes.

The sabbath day becomes a day of worship. In it we proclaim God and His blessings. We see the beautiful creation about us and more closely then do we reach to its uplifting power. In our communing direct with God on this day especially set for Him, we do those things pleasing to His Spirit, and in turn we clear our own conscience of any misgivings that lurked about.

Let us define a case of labor. Eating is not labor, whereas preparation of the food for eating is. We must not undernourish the body on any day, but being free of certain labor

on the sabbath is no reason why we should overdo the few necessities of such a day. The main point is we must keep the day HOLY, for GOD and for SPIRIT.

LESSON VII—Part two—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. The day is for God and not for man, although man shares in its blessedness when that day is rightly revered. God proclaimed a sabbath day for man to hold. This day should be held in remembrance of His blessings and we can best on this day give thanks and to sing His praises. Our actions will, however, speak louder than words.

Instead of grumbling, let us meditate righteously, that is, Spirit to Spirit. It is not our clays or bodeis that hold the spirit or life that worships, but it is the Spirit that should on this sabbath worship the one loving, living God. While we are thus strengthening the inner self, we are strengthening the outer.

The sabbath or holy day is also a time in the realms for the spirit loved ones who have gone on before to reach higher and get closer to God. They have not any material temples or places of worship to enter in, but like we they worship in spirit.

The week of seven days as the calender is now arranged gives us six days for useful labor or occupation for the material welfare and one day set aside for the spiritual upliftment. By doing the little things well will we be able to take care of the big, and by obedience to the command, we soon shall come to know every day a day for God.

LESSON VIII—Commandment numbered five—HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE. It is for us to obey our Heavenly Father, and we perfect ourselves through honoring our earthly parents. Honor to earthly parents should be now and before they pass over the border.

Our earthly parents can do much for us as is their duty and opportunity, and unless we properly do them honor and stand by them we can hardly come to appreciate what our Father in Heaven has done and will do for us. So we should begin right at home by being dutiful and honorable in return. Do not call them the "old man" or "old lady" any more than to take the name of God in vain. Trust them and be not deceitful. When they become old and feeble, help and not forsake them.

Overlook their shortcomings and bear them no ill will same as they have done you from infancy up. Wait not for special days to give honor, but make every day a thoughtful one for them. Speak kindly and bear patiently and defend them against malicious and spiteful attacks from others. Do all these things and more that are true, good and noble while in their material presence and out their sight. More especially do them honor when they have passed out of body.

Then the good deed you did in beginning are easily continued and comforts are yours and theirs in spirit.

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OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

COMPLEXIONS

THE HABIT of using cosmetics is increasing among girls and women, judging by the sales of powder and rouge. Elaborate beauty parlors abound to beautify the complexions of the fair sex and those who refrain from the use of cosmetics are considered oldfashioned. The common practice of adorning the face, among young girls particularly, is disgusting. Many high schools have forbidden the use of cosmetics among their students, and with good reasons.

The claim that cosmetics containing oils are beneficial and not injurious to the skin is not of importance. It is more vital to realize that our girls and women were not born with a case of rouge in their hands and should be naturally attractive without artificial aids. It is true that lovely complexions were lost in the past due to the modes of living, and it is to be hoped that artificial complexions will soon be discarded in favor of sane living that will ultimately produce complexions far above the chemical laboratory product.

STEALING

IN EVERY business will be found those things that have a fascination upon the employees and which either are in the stockroom or the office. Screws, nails, small hand tools, brushes and other items are stolen "because they might come in handy around the house." Office supplies disappearing through the practice of stealing include such items as twine, paper, stamps, pencils and elastics.

Working for a livelihood and to take something that does not belong to us is all too often overlooked as being deliberate stealing. Many times it is of no value to us and lays around and we do not know what to do with it. This places a blemish on our characters. After all, honesty is the best policy no matter where we may be. With a good clean character we can go anywhere without shame.

It is our observation that the employer should place greater safeguards about his property and which may be scattered about. This, in a measure, will remove temptations from the weak character. The real solution is that not one of us, whether employer, executive or employee, should take anything that does not belong to us personally, nor give approval to any such actions.

SPIRITISM

A COMPILATION of religious statistics would indicate that there are less than one hundred and thirty-three Spiritualists and approximately four thousand Sunday School members in the United States. In comparison with other memberships the numbers seem very low indeed.

There are, however very great numbers of them that have been overlooked. This is due primarily to two reasons, the first of which is that they have been included under other names, and secondly, many do not profess their interest and association with its phenomena. This latter reason is to be regretted.

The hundreds of thousands who will not admit their connections publicly but will do so privately are needed to help stamp out imposters and false teachers. Much rather they do it

helpfully than to have the other memberships from positions of alarm bring about unfair criticism.

The principal workers for the cause of truth and understanding know of this more than does the average layman. Regardless of what may be the station in life of those who now hide their identity, they should let their TRUE LIGHT shine—not under certain conditions only, but always.

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. ECCLESIASTES 5:4.

If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shall bear it. PROVERBS 9:12.

Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. I CHRONICLES 29:13.

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.



ROOKLYN, N. Y.—I have read your magazine with considerable interest and it is very much to the point. May I respectfully inquire if you are teaching the Bible?—MRS. E. F.

We are not teaching the Bible, but are bringing out many of the spiritual truths of that Jewish History. It is our hope to remove all doubt and opinions regarding most points, and our source of information is the same as the lectures appearing in the fore part of every issue of this magazine.

SPIRITUGRAMS - No. 3

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

1. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
2. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.
3. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.
4. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
5. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6. Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.
7. Have mercy upon me, Oh Lord, for I am weak: Oh Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.
8. Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust.
9. Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.
10. I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 2 follows: Psalms 55:8, 77:5, 34:12, 141:1, 138:7, 9:2, 15:2, 21:5, 94:14 and 2:11 respectively.

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EDITORIALS

REVIEW

IN REVIEWING what has already appeared in the first issues of THE TRUE LIGHT, it is to be seen that already a very great amount of Truth and Wisdom is recorded. So much so that it is of vast importance to re-read each copy not once again, but many times.

For those who are unable to do so, we give briefly some of the many points that have appeared. Every one must be carefully thought over if the best help is wanted.

Our spirit is part God which is within all of us and is first sent forth to the material body pure and without sin. It must return to God the same way, no matter how long it takes to fulfill its mission of again purifying itself. Our bodies do not suffer when we are called back but it is the spirit that must make right the wrongs taken on by the body while on this journey of the earth plane.

Our bodies must be made strong to care for the spirit within each one as our bodies take on all material conditions whether good or evil. The spirit should remain master over the material. It is not the spirit that dies but the material body that was created by man and must remain with man. The bodies without the spirit or life are useless.

By following God's Law and being truthful and brother loving we help our spirit selves to fulfill its mission on this

earth plane. Think before doing evil if you would be just with the spirit. The spirit loved ones who have gone on before try and inspire us how to do good so that we are not drown downward. By accepting the inspirational guidance sent forth by the loved ones we will be happy when called over and can face God without shame.

We are all God's children and should pray to Him and ask for guidance, for it will be given if we will follow in the righteous pathway. God is Love. Our unhappiness we bring upon ourselves. If we follow rightly we will cast off this condition and bring on the happiness and prosper.

Now is the time to get what we will for the justice of the spirit. By making right the wrong the body has taken on will make it so much easier than when the spirit goes on and only then tries to make it all right. It is a sad condition when the spirit stands without the body not knowing how to go on. Then the spirit realizes that the part God that was within a body still lives on.

These and other points are what will be for our good. Try for yourselves to take out these points. We wish for you every comfort.

THE TOURIST

A RECENT headline in a prominent daily newspaper states that approximately \$650,000,000 will be spent this year by American tourists and a good part of this staggering figure will be left in France. Mr. Julius Klein advises the Paris club that \$250,000,000 will go to France, meaning high retail profits, this year.

Touring has its charms, we all admit, and to many the satisfaction from visiting foreign points and countries is well worth the expenditure of money and time. Some countries figure the money spent by tourists as their largest source of income and cater to the sojourners from other lands.

The thought is prompted that with all this lavish outlay of gold, mostly crowded in the few summer months, in visiting places of interest both in this country and abroad, why so few have inclination and time to learn about that country beyond the physical side of life, having more alluring and beautiful spots in its higher realms than can be found on this earth plane. The reason is that the wonderful spirit lands not being advertised as are the earthly scenes of beauty are not so well known; and those who have had glimpses of their beauty, either in dreams

or in passive moods, do not commercialize them.

Reference is made in the sacred history to the Heaven we will enjoy as a reward for well doing, but how few hold a real desire to know what lies beyond the veil. It is not inquired about and it is taken for granted that in some mysterious way we will arrive there, possessed of full wisdom. If one should lecture on, or teach something, of the future life, he is more than likely to be ridiculed, whereas a lecturer describing his travels to different parts of the earth would receive our respectful attention and a good fee for his services.

The well-to-do in earthly goods are able to travel extensively as they choose. The well advanced spiritually are able to see the spirit realms while here in body and to permanently enjoy the grandeur of the higher realms of spirit life after they have cast aside the earthly conditions. It is advisable for all of humanity to learn something about the spirit lands. This can be done by attuning our thoughts to the spirit side and to open the doors of understanding to contact from those who have passed on. Try it reverently.

SPIRITUAL TOPIC

IT IS with a feeling of satisfaction that one can watch the real live interest that is being aroused in topics religious. This satisfaction comes because there is the genuine and earnest desire for knowing both sides of the questions. It will be in this way we can hope to eliminate doubt. Once this demon doubt is eradicated may it remain so for all times.

The radio contributes a great portion toward creating discussions as all branches of the Christian and Jewish faiths are presented. The newspapers and periodicals take up all sides for general consideration. Active revivals give impetus to the onward procession of the truth enquirers who it seems are wandering away from church memberships. These are the signs that people are beginning to think. It is our impression that the Pastors are doing more than their former share.

One can find his way into the business and professional offices and there hear the discussions that are entered into same as in churches or in the homes. The spiritual subjects surely are all absorbing, too. When members of the same family will consider differing viewpoints, it positively indicates that people are not only beginning to think, but are thinking for themselves. Rightly so, we say.

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Too long have we listened to arguments of bigotry and tolerance. The thought of having others pray for us or even against us, especially when we have not given our willingness and approval, does not meet with our intelligence. It is becoming silly for us to look for some one upon whom to unload our own iniquities. All of us to do just that surely would overcome a multitude of saviours, and we might then discover it more needful than ever to locate many more additional saviours for each coming generation.

Fundamentalists and modernists have added considerable to the spiritual topic, but the power of their arguments is weakening. Darwinism, atheism, wars and the like are no longer fuel to the fire, but are becoming effective extinguishers. Who will say what it is all coming to?

Many are now saying, "Probably Through the genius of some person the truth will be disclosed." We say this—truth has been disclosed before and in every age but it is not fully understood, so let not truth be withheld any longer. Stop guessing.

The vague theories of man about truth must be overcome with truth itself. What the truthfinder knows, many others are prepared to know, and they in turn who are equally wise will help in the preparedness and progress that is for all of humanity, not a single one excepted.

To some types of minds this may seem like the impossible, yet the possible is very easily conceived of if we will confidently try. The keynote is, Know Thyself First.

A REQUEST

OUR SUBSCRIPTION list is increasing and we find it necessary to remind all subscribers to keep us properly informed as to removals. Only in this way can you be assured of receiving your copy.

We do not want to burden the postal authorities any more than is necessary, for it clutters the mails to have unclaimed matter about. Besides that, you should be as anxious to receive your copy of each issue same as we are anxious to be able to send it to you.

While we are on the pleasant subject of subscriptions, have you sent in the names of those to whom you would like to present one year's issues? An annual subscription makes a fine birthday present, also, your relatives and friends whom you do not see, for they are so

far away, could be reached so easily. Thank you.

THE JOY OF BEING THE EDITOR

Getting out this magazine is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious. If we clip things from other magazines, We are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.

If we stick close to the job all day, We ought to be out hunting up news. If we do get out and try to hustle, We ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, We don't appreciate true genius. And if we do print them, The magazine is filled with junk. If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up,

We are too critical. If we don't, we are asleep. Now, like as not, some guy will say We swiped this from some other magazine. WE DID.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

Leon Brittell

THE FEELING that the Universe is one and that all life is one, especially all human life, is the Cosmic Consciousness. It is a feeling of brotherly love; a feeling that you must share all good with your fellow man; that you must rejoice at another's good fortune or feel another's disaster.

The one who has the Cosmic Consciousness cannot take an unfair advantage of his neighbor. He cannot prosper and see his neighbor in adversity.

Those who have the Cosmic Consciousness are very few in number. Those who have it are indeed Christians. The one who has such spirit sacrifices all personal ambition for the good of ALL. Very few can truly say that they have this type of spirit. The writer cannot say that he is perfect in this respect.

No doubt, in the Celestial Realms this rule of perfect love is the law, but before a soul may enter that blessed abode he must be purified in the trials and fires of human life and in the lower astral planes.

It is the law of love instead of selfish competition. Were every individual on earth to have this spirit and makes this rule the guiding law of his life, the earth

would soon become a veritable paradise.

This is the chief trouble on earth today. There is too much selfishness and not enough love. Let the race or group advance together instead of one individual advancing at the expense of others. If a purifying calamity ever occurs it will come because of man's inhumanity to man, because of his selfishness and greed, his failure to obey the Law of God and his failure to recognize the principles of Righteousness, Truthfulness and Brotherly Love.

RELIGIONS

The dictionary defines a religionist as "one bigotedly devoted to a religion, a zealot, a devotee." This definition is all embracing and well applies to the one who cannot see good in any religion but his own. However, the time has passed for one to physically force his religion upon his neighbor. It is interesting to note that religious systems, or combinations of them, are analyzing and discussing the different religions of the world. This is one step in the right direction, for it takes the religionist from the narrow confines of his own faith, to view the hearts of men as reflected in their beliefs or creeds.

Series of lectures are broadcasted on different religions, and while, of course, the object is to leave the impression that a certain faith is the only proper one to mould character, nevertheless, seeds of tolerance are being sown that will bear fruit in the harvest of love and brotherhood.

THE TRUE LIGHT does not stand in support of religions that were founded by men, for religions and men will change, as they always have done. It realizes the limitations of men, however good their intentions, but can only support whole truth as based on the Law of God. The solid rock of justice is the refuge of all who find wisdom, and the sinking sands of theology are to be avoided. The light of wisdom shines to clear the visions of our minds, and in this light we see without prejudice and grow more brother loving day by day.

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THE WARNING

By Frances G. S. Howe



ANY times has the premonitory of death been the subject of discourse, but as is usual with subjects we do not quite understand, we either veer from them or explain them lightly. But I believe we each and every one have a spiritual warning a short time before the event.

This is an experience in which I was deeply interested and more or less concerned. My grandmother and I were so alike in our dispositions and our fondness for the same things that we understood each other to the extent that one might almost say we thought the same thoughts. At least, we could always understand the other's viewpoint.

I had been visiting my aunt in Tarrytown, and while there a gypsy fortune teller stopped at the place. When she caught sight of me she droned out in that sing-song voice that seems habitual to the band of Romany.

"I won't tell your fortune. For little girls should not be unhappy, and I can see black clouds hovering near, and sickness, and death."

Of course, I was frightened for a few minutes, but, being of a happy and carefree disposition, with which it was impossible for me to be troubled over anything for very long, I soon forgot.

My grandmother and her sister were visiting at my home at this time. And as soon as I had returned from my aunt's, they told us that my grandmother had decided to leave immediately for home; and in spite of all our entreaties in view of the fact that she had intended to spend at least a month with us (the first week of which was hardly over) some inner urge seemed to be impelling her to return.

We were very much worried, for my grandmother had always spent the winter season at our city residence. Her home was in Gloversville, N. Y. The place had been in the family since the first settlers came through Johnstown and straggled into what was then called Stump City, which later developed into Mittenville and still later became Gloversville. Grandmother was far more attached and loyal to the old homestead than she ever became to the new home, which, in a way, was no more than natural, and I could readily understand her attitude.

Still she had always cared so much for the social side of life that we could hardly believe she would voluntarily relinquish the many delightful affairs that my mother had planned in anticipation of her visit and also in celebration of the first year after my formal coming-out party. A debutante enjoying her first season was as nothing in comparison with the enthusiasm of my grandmother. She imbibed with an unquenchable thirst all the events hitherto given in my honor. Nevertheless, she seemed homesick, and, in a way, my mother and father sympathized while not wholly understanding her attitude.

The day dawned when we could keep her no longer, and her sister (who had come from the West) decided to leave at the same time. There seemed to be an undercurrent of unrest, of something we could not quite explain in a satisfactory manner even to ourselves. But of which I was intensely aware.

My father left for business at nine o'clock, and the train they had decided to take left around ten. So my grandmother

and I stood at the window watching father as he walked down the street. We could see him from one of our library windows until he passed the third block, where he had been in the habit of turning and raising his hat before he passed from sight. This morning while we stood watching, I wondered why she didn't cry as she usually did when she was leaving to go home. Grandmother was so fond of father. It had always been in times past a very sad occasion. But this time was entirely different from the preceding ones, for as we stood at the window grandmother just looked, and looked with her soul in her eyes, as if she couldn't let father go from her sight. But never a tear or a word that she wouldn't see him again. We watched, and twice it seemed that he would return, but in reaching the end of the third block he raised his hat, and disappeared from our view.

Grandmother stood still, and there was such an unaccountable feeling in the air, the same as I would feel had I blundered into another's room and found them at their prayers. I waited, and after a while timidly touched her arm; she turned with a sweet and serene countenance. And swift came the thought wave impelled from her mind, she never expects to see him again!

When our emotions are stirred to the depths we are very apt to converse about trivial and unimportant things, and this time was no exception; grandmother and I were soon in the midst of a heated discussion as to the advisability of my wearing a pink or pale yellow gown that evening.

Ten o'clock found us at the station, and, the train being on time, grandmother and my aunt were helped aboard; as my grandmother kissed me it seemed as if she was trying to tell me something. She probably was herself unconscious of the thought, but she seemed to tell me to keep her secret, our secret. And when I kissed her good-bye, I felt then that it was to be forever, as far as this world was concerned—and it was even so!

Grandmother arrived safely, but early the following morning had an apoplectical stroke and passed quietly into the oblivion of the dreamlands of the unknown before father could reach Gloversville.

It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. ECCLESIASTES 7:5.

And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. I JOHN 5:6.

For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was seen with the Father, and was manifested unto us. I JOHN 1:2.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. GALATIANS 6:7.

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. PROVERBS 25:28.

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. REVELATION 7:12.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. I TIMOTHY 4:15.

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KNOCKING

FREQUENTLY we hear the expression "Every knock is a boost." This is far from the truth. Knocking or criticising is not the least uplifting, either to the person you are criticising or to yourself, the criticiser. We are prone to value ourselves so highly that we do not see much value in our neighbor.

Criticising from an artistic point of view is proper if our intentions are above criticism. If we can improve anything, or the method of doing it, let us offer our suggestions in a kindly manner, without offense.

One of the worst habits that we have acquired is that of criticising. It is so easy to do and we like to indulge so often, that this habit has grown on us with the passing years.

It makes no difference whether we criticise thoughtlessly without intent to injure, or criticise from the basest of motive, we have sent out the poisonous shafts of thought or deed that find their mark and leave the scar.

The mean habit of criticising is found in all walks of life, and, since habit is not limited to any race, color or creed, we find humanity without love for one another.

Due to this habit, homes have been divided, fraternal organizations have disbanded, friction and hard feeling has invaded our temples of worship, yes, warfare has resulted and many other low conditions have been hatched from this monster, criticism.

The great teacher of Nazareth, when amongst men, taught us not to judge, lest we be judged. These words of wisdom are in absolute agreement with the Ten Commandments or Law of God.

We are part God, created in the spiritual image of the Supreme Force. Each time we pass judgment on our fellow man, who is also part God, we judge our Heavenly Father. Have we the right to judge the Supreme Force, God? No person who is sane would dare assert it is right to judge our Creator. We do this very thing each time we judge our brother and sister.

If you have carefully weighed all the facts of the matter to the smallest detail and feel that your opinion is correct, do not pass judgment, for the very thoughts and deeds of the one you would accuse are recorded on the pages of his own life book, to be read only by the all-seeing eye of God.

Let us briefly trace the principal reasons why we criticise our brother and sister. Invariably we have forgotten that they are part God, and when we see with physical eyes the apparent defects of another, we have simply measured by physical standards. The spirit, or real life within, has been overlooked.

Often we have exclaimed what a wonderful personality that person possesses, as we are attracted either by the form, the face or the voice. Due to the attraction of the physical, we hesitate to criticise one so favored and would lavish judgments on others that did not appeal to our physical likes and desires.

We have been swayed by the eloquence of the preacher as he thunders forth his word pictures, appealing oftentimes to our physical senses only, when he maliciously condemns those who do not agree with him, and we judge the purposes of the honest, unsought minister or priest up there in the woods, who teaches humanity that we should love our God with all our heart and our neighbors as ourselves.

We judge the methods by which the rich have acquired

their wealth and use it. We judge the poor for being poor and have very little good to say of those who comprise the middle classes. What right have we to judge the wealthy? We do not know their trials and tribulations. Why should we condemn the poor? If we knew their cares and crosses we would assist them more than we do.

Let us break this habit of criticising at once. It has retarded our spiritual progress long enough. We want to reach the highest point of spiritual development, when our disrobed spirits have reached out from their earthly bodies. You can be sure, brother and sister, that there will not be any judging of one another in Heaven. If we do not love our neighbors as ourselves while we are living here in body, we can be equally sure that we are far from Heaven.

If we have not thought along these lines, it is either because we have not been taught along these lines, or because we have attached too much importance to our physical bodies, which at their best function for a brief time and then are returned to mother earth to crumble into dust. If ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

It is more important that we value the life, the spirit within and know that the man-made body of ours is secondary and of little account. If we will begin to do this we will love our neighbor. His faults will disappear. We will then be willing to analyze ourselves. Oh brother, we will all be surprised when we see our own shortcomings. How imperfect we will find ourselves as we stand under the light of an honest and personal investigation. The result will be appalling. We will then decide to be more charitable in thought, word and deed to all humanity. We will be ready to join our brother in his gladness and sympathize with him in his sadness. We will be happy children of the Supreme Force, God. Earth will be what we vaguely understand Heaven to be. In the plain language of the times, stop your knocking.

T. R. W.

PSALM 15

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbor nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own heart and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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.

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THE SPIRIT SIDE

By T. R. Wall



THE ORIGIN of the belief of the indestructibility of spirit is lost in antiquity. The teachers of all ages taught the survival of the spirit after death of the physical body. There were many beliefs relating to the destination of a departed spirit, from the Heaven of bliss, down through the stages, to a hell of fire and brimstone. However, the most important fact for us to know is, that spirit, or life is indestructible and necessarily must function after departure from physical body in conditions suited to itself. Right at the onset we urge all to find this fact for themselves and we do not ask anyone to simply believe it, or to take our word.

Creeds formed by the so-called holy men of the past, chosen to teach humanity, were unreasonable and absolutely in opposition to the Love of God, which they proclaimed. The church fathers taught that if little children were not baptised they and their sinning parents would suffer the eternal flames of hell. Heaven, or Zion, was reserved for the faithful, who had regularly attended church services and had complied with all articles of faith and ceremony. Fear having gripped the hearts of the faithful, the spiritual instructors set out to keep control over their flocks and invented further terrors, until the temples of worship were seats of ritualism and form, resulting in the elevation of the teacher and the subservience of the flock. Obedience was the name of the whip used to keep the sheep within the fold and the sublime teachings of the master teacher of Nazareth, in his sermon on the mount and in all of his aids to uplift humanity were obscured. Instead of love, as the Nazarene had taught would earn our reward in Heaven and that we should become like little children, pure in heart, to see God, our pious fathers consigned to hell the millions of human beings not agreeing with them.

Such destructive teachings quite naturally had their destructive terminations and were responsible for the formation of other creeds or beliefs that contained sufficient of the older faiths to be equally destructive. Being at variance with each other, disagreements arose and bitter feeling often resulted in actual warfare, under the banner of love and brotherhood. Due to hate and strife families were divided, all because one person believed a little differently than another. There were, however, exceptions to the rule, those consistent individuals who could not subscribe to a policy of love and kindness under a cloak of ecclesiastical power and found little comfort in any form of church service whatsoever. Again the destructive teachings bore fruit of its kind as many made gods of materialism and repudiated the Supreme Force. As the numbers of backsliders increased, the churches predicted terrible calamities, which, of course, did not materialize, thereby giving fresh courage to others in their search for truth. As the power of man-made creed weakened, many clergymen became less arrogant, and indulged in social activities with their flocks, while their style of dress both in public and in pulpit became similar to that followed by the layman. We find that the fear of hell fire has practically been destroyed in its hold on the followers of various faiths and today is seldom mentioned in many temples of worship. While this vicious doctrine of eternal damnation was ebbing out, many of the lowly flocks quickly grasped the sig-

nificance of the change and in the joy of religious freedom consigned all superstitious forms to the rubbish heaps. Believing that they were now out of bondage, they no longer feared the results of their sins. Each was to obtain the full and plenty of an earthly life, regardless of the methods employed and brotherly love and righteousness as proclaimed in temples of worship and in fraternal halls was not taken seriously. These virtues were admitted to be proper for the preacher in his pulpit, but could not be practical in the busy world of materialism. The pendulum swung to the other extreme as men and women drifted from the faiths of their youth and, sad to state, many repudiated the Supreme Force, God. The founders of creeds were primarily responsible for this regretful condition, because they founded on special privilege and selfishness instead of on love and justice. Subsequent teachers made similar mistakes, and when the pendulum of thought did move in the minds of men, they brought forth teachings designed to please and to retain their followers, although insisting on the observance of traditional forms of worship. Elaborate sermons were prepared on current topics for the sole purpose of amusing the audiences, and many worldly methods were followed in temples of worship which had been dedicated to the Living God. Church attendance was considered more vital than spiritual growth and worship continued to be a matter of custom. Revivals and drives were frequently resorted to in hopes of arousing interest in church activities, but forgetting the most important fact that man is part God, created in the spiritual image of the Father and the Creator of all requires no special form of ceremony in which to converse with His children. Humanity must call to the Father as loving children, in simple and direct thought and not through man-made forms.

The devil of the theological seminary as preached in the days of the past has been taken away, just where no one seems to know. However, we do not escape the harvest that we sow, be it good or evil. If we reach high in this earth plane while in physical body, we will reach high in spirit life. Our spirit homes are nicely suited to our spiritual development and we will not own mansions in the skies when we have really earned but modest cottages.

The Supreme Force does not compel us to do anything distasteful to ourselves, and if we do not want to exercise our free will for the highest things of life, which are unquestionably based on the Law of God, we take the consequences. One child of God is as important as another. No special act or dispensation can save us from our shortcomings, or sins, and symbols and forms will not aid spiritual growth. The Nazarene taught, as we sow, so we reap, and did not teach that his blood which was shed by the high priests of his times would wash away all spots and permit the spirit to again stand pure before the Father in Heaven. He did preach and teach and heal (that was his mission as a saviour to humanity), that there is none good but God and to see God we must become as little children and keep the Father's commands. How simple these sublime teachings of wisdom! Why so much confusion about simplicity? Who said anything about hell fire and the host of impossible things? As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is.

Humanity has lost its hold on spiritual things and is travel-

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ing downward at a fast pace, living only for the present day of gain and pleasure. It is obvious to any thinking person that there will be a readjustment. Our civilization is not dissimilar to previous civilizations which reached their highest point of material accomplishments and luxurious splendor, but unable to continue further, were drawn down by their mistakes to destruction. The modern way of living under high pressure is not conducive to spiritual development, regardless of any cult or creed, for we are going in the same direction as our predecessors, along the road of a forgotten God and his Law, and disaster is just ahead of us unless we change our ways. If you doubt the truth of the foregoing, look for the signs in the sky, in the elements, what is happening in different parts of the world, and review history in the light of understanding. Notwithstanding all of the comforts of our surroundings, there is little contentment in the land. Dissatisfaction abounds in all walks of life and the real happiness from within will not be found in the possession of earthly goods, or in the rounds of passing pleasure.

To those who will carefully weigh all the facts, the foregoing will ring true, be their church affiliations what they may. We therefore urge all of humanity to realize now and for all time that the Ten Commandments are the only laws ever given by God to man to be followed each day of our sojourn from our Heavenly Home, and have never been changed. Our Father in wisdom knew the paths which his children should follow while traveling the earth plane. He gave the children special instructions to avoid danger, just as you would give your children if they were leaving your home for a temporary journey to a foreign land. If some of us have forgotten the instructions which the loving Father gave us, it behooves us to study the Ten Commandments to find our homeward path.

The orthodox churches are complaining bitterly of dwindling membership. One of the great metropolitan daily newspapers recently printed reports from statisticians of different creeds, giving the losses in church membership for the past year, and the figures were appalling. These reports admitted that thousands had drifted from the folds and pointed to the discovery that members are straying from the flock while pastor and church are busy with matters of far less moment. It was declared that "This must seem a grievous thing, demanding immediate attention from those still of the fold."

What will pastors and their superiors do about such a grievous thing? We can be certain that they will not analyze themselves or their teachings by an honest investigation or accept suggestions from any of the wanderers from the fold, who have reasons for their departure. The blame will be placed on the progression of thought and our spiritual instructors will again attempt to stop the wheels of progress. They have already placed some of the blame on the world war, which they indorsed and supported themselves in every country of the world, in absolute violation of the Law of God and as ambassadors from Heaven they should have followed the law and instructed their flocks to do likewise. If a shepherd senses the true situation affecting the grievous thing complained of and offers a remedy to stop the growing evil, he is labeled a radical, or modern, to be shunned by his fellow pastors, and if he should voice his views a little too loudly, he may be unfrocked. The motto seems to be, obedience to the beliefs of the past, as founded on authority and harshness. It is sad that our shepherds stubbornly adhere to out-worn creeds of men and refuse to preach truth to their remaining followers, even after truth has started to shine in their very midst. Manifestations of truth are observed day by day, and if our spiritual shepherds are too

blind to see them, even in their own homes, the flocks seeking green pastures of truth and brotherhood will stray farther from the fold.

Here and there stand out children of God, both preachers and laymen, who realize that humanity can only be saved from approaching destruction by their own efforts in well doing. We prayerfully appeal to these progressives not to hide their talent of understanding, but to help spread the light of truth which has been hidden through the ages. This is not an attempt on our part to close the doors of any sanctuary, if we should be so accused, but it is an open invitation to all creeds to join us above the limitations of man-made forms, and give humanity the real manna from Heaven. This must be done before it is too late, ere the night cometh when man can work no more. The twilight of indifference to God and his law is casting its shadows and humanity is now faltering in the gloom. We must hasten and bring light to the straying. Place the "Greater Light" on the heights above the differences of men; to lead humanity back to God and not to the out-lived creeds now crumbling piece by piece. Teach and preach to humanity to follow the dictates of the inner self, that God-part which counsels in wisdom not found in books and forms and which sent forth pure must return purified of earthly shadows, through the only purification process, the Law of God. Live this Law and the eternal spirit will take care of itself, both in this material world and in the spirit world we will soon enter.

THE FLOWERS

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."—Matt. VI. 28-29.



WHEN the Nazarene spoke of the lilies of the field, he wanted to direct the attention of his hearers to the beautiful adornment of flowers covering the earth plane. And when he directs us to notice how they grow, how numerous, varied and attractive they are, and how with such exquisite skill they are fashioned, he surely expects us to learn a lesson from them.

If we studiously considered this phase of God's handiwork, we would find the study not only pleasant and interesting, but we would do much for our spiritual growth by developing the powers of observation and discrimination. For if the keener development of these faculties enables us to correctly classify flower and plant life, would not the practicing of these same powers aid us when in our earthly journey we are called upon to discern the right from the wrong, the true from the false.

Flowers are most interesting to the botanist not only for their beauty, but for the marked characteristics that they display. These markings classify them as certain sorts of plants, belonging to certain families. However, irrespective of class division, all the flowers strive to grow and thrive that they might form the fruit, the essential part of which is the seed.

When we look at the little seeds and then think of the steady growth that culminates in the attractive blossoms, we must pause and glorify the Creator; for it was the life He implanted in the tiny seeds that started the growing. This life is the essential part of the seeds. The botanist calls it the germ or embryo or plantlet in the seed, ready to grow into a new plant when the seed is sown.

After being sown, the seed containing the germ or embryo imbibes some moisture through its coats and swells a little. The

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embryo feels the warmth and gradually wakes from its long sleep and stretches itself. This pulsing life of the seed pushes its tiny stem through the seed-coats, and the two leaves that it bears straighten themselves and so throw off the seed coats as a loose husk. Thus the seedling plantlet stands revealed, ready to further the work laid upon it by the Supreme Force. May we in our earthly cloaks as spontaneously respond to the demands made upon us by the Divine Will.


It is interesting to note that although alive, a seed may be dormant and feel neither the summer's heat nor the winter's cold. Still, it lives on where it falls, in this slumbering way, until the next spring, in most plants, or sometimes until the spring after that, before it begins to grow.

So the God part within many individuals seems to be in a drowsy state. This has been brought about by the individual constantly refusing to listen to the dictates of the inner voice, until the remonstrances of that God Part have become so feeble as to be hardly discernible above the clamor of the outside conditions. Cultivation of the habit of listening to the inner self and of the habit of constantly calling on the Creator for guidance and strength, will break the shackles of the material conditions that hold the spirit down and keep it undeveloped. Thus the spirit awakens to the realization of its earthly mission, stands revealed in the sunlight of God's love as a bulwark of purity and strength against all down-pulling conditions.

So we see that according to God's purpose, the object of the flower, the fruit and the seed is to produce, protect and nourish the germ or embryo. The object of the embryo is to grow and become a new plant. In the same way a mission is laid upon each one of us traveling in our earthly cloaks, and may we fulfill it in as beautiful a way as the flowers.

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ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS

 O YOU attend services in the Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist or Scientist Church? Are you a church person or not? Why do you follow the faith or teaching in which we find you today? These and many other similar questions are asked daily even of our own spirit selves. Must we fall in line with the masses and answer, "It is the church of my parents," or, "I was raised in that faith."

Sad it is, but true, that so many accept that which is placed before them, that which has been taught them from their very childhood. The Holy Scriptures admonishes us. "Seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, ask, and it shall be given unto you." Most of us read these words, hear them and repeat them, still when old age or bodily death comes upon us, we are still what our ancestors were because we did not seek.

You ask me as does my better self why I believe in spirit communication. You ask can those long gone on with our forefathers return to communicate with those still in body, and why. I give the true facts.

From my very childhood I was reared in the teachings of a Protestant faith. I was faithful unto my church, was a strict adherent to its laws, rules and regulations. The Sunday School, choir and other organizations were my pleasure. Was regularly and punctually present whenever these met or assembled. The most ardent workers for the church always found me in their ranks. Being held in high esteem, positions of honor and trust were mine. These facts are pointed out to the reader to show it was not an easy matter to change my opinions.

In my early youth, with friends and companions, we visited a seance of a Spiritualist Medium. It seemed a huge joke, and we considered it an evening's amusement, except for one thing. The Medium in charge of the meeting tried her utmost to explain spirit communication, its possibilities under proper conditions, its benefits and the general misunderstanding of the people at large toward this blessing, which dates back to our pre-historic times. Still, our minds, especially that of the writer, could not recognize such facts. The meeting opened with prayer and devotional songs, and ere long I found myself being addressed by a loved one through the Medium. I could not and would not acknowledge such a possibility, which seemed to create a sad feeling in and about the many of those present who seemed to know better. But my spirit loved one was determined that I must receive the light, the knowledge, the understanding—for God does not want a single child to stray from the light. And so it was that my dear one sent the message to me, that Life exists beyond the grave. That spirit communion is possible between the material and the spiritual, and one should always send out the best thoughts to those who have gone before, be they friend or foe. "I will also prove to you that we can guard and protect our loved ones who are still in body—for mark my words—there shall occur in not so long a time a certain change in your material life—from one to another" (here the kind loved one explained in detail an occurrence which happened two years later). Also that three conditions would enter my life. I dismissed the thoughts after the evening and felt we will let good enough alone.

As a few years went by, I realized that what my spirit loved one had told me had taken place. It could not have been a guess, for so accurate were the details that I found myself back at the meeting-room, in thought, and what I had laughed at was a serious but true realization.

To explain in detail what my kind spirit friend told me would require much valuable space, but it would be how three of the four prophecies have come to my very being. I thank the Supreme Spirit, God, that the loved one came to me with the Light, that light which cannot be extinguished—Truth.

"Seek and ye shall find"—I began to seek. I had received the light and was in search of more light. Then came the day when I had to choose between my hundreds of friends, my church, my position on the church board (for I was a deacon) calling on the one side, and, true and proven facts, and my spirit friends whom I could neither see nor hear nor feel, on the other side.

Where are my loved ones? They are wherever and whenever they can guard, guide and protect me. They bring wisdom and understanding, strength of body and mind.

I do not profess any faith but to follow the Law of God, the ten commandments, and to follow the teachings of the Nazarene. Every man is my brother and every woman is my sister, for we are all children of the one Father.

Why all these creeds and dogmas? Should we not call to the Father in a childlike manner and should we not follow in the way of Jesus of Nazareth? Do right and shun the wrong and know there is no death. Seek the light. Be not a Catholic or a Lutheran or a Methodist because your mother was one. Pray to God that He may enlighten you to walk in the right path, that you may receive the light and understanding from Heaven.

Do not take my word for it, nor do not take anyone's "say so," for you are responsible for your own soul. Are you seeking, are you knocking, are you asking?

THE WHITE QUILL

SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality is that which is within and which is not patterned after man, but is in the image of God, and so shall shine with that spirit-part, the LIGHT. He who follows in the way of God goeth the way of wisdom.



IFE on this earth plane in the man-made body is ever awake and ever willing. Life looks to the one and only master, God, the Giver of that life. It is not denied that man or the fleshy finds the wayward things of life's travel but to say that life or that God-part within is evil, is the condition of error surrounding Truth.

The diamond in the earth below is the pure and strong substance regardless of the outer surface or earthen covering. That diamond released from its prison pen is the same as before exposure.

In this manner may we come to understand more readily that man should not say he is Divine within and almost immediately after such worthy thought, resay that the evil is of the spirit.

While many of us making our journey do place varying constructions upon the truth about life or spirit, and upon the meaning of man, let us proceed from the point beginning with God and not beginning with man. God created life and it is everlasting and indestructible. When first sent forth, it was with purity, wisdom and power, and these conditions are ever present despite the outer or surrounding conditions.

Every spark of life that was first sent forth in Love was alike, and the Supreme Force, God, sent not one that was an iota different in what-so-ever way. The tie that binds is never severed, no matter where the life may be. The Love and Justice of the True Father freely brings to each of us the opportunity to again re-combine or re-unite with Him.

That some of our brothers and sisters in spirit may make their way back soon is because they cast off the conditions of man ere they are bound by them. The heavy wall of darkness with which we ourselves surround life obstructs the progress of that life. In other words, our misdeeds and shortcomings retard our spiritual advancement.

Our return or the onward and upward pathway has its beginning with our first earthy journey. Many feel it begins at the time of so-called death and that then is the second or re-birth. This is far removed from the whole truth.

This earthy journey is beset with many dangers, but the inner voice or spiritual self knows best and prompts one. It is this prompting that guides us back to the Father if we will but listen and follow. It urges us to look to God and to know more and do the bidding of the commands of that Father. When we respond we find our material selves reach out for the refined atmosphere and surroundings. We abide by that inner yearning to follow on a righteous, truthful and brother-loving pathway. We find that not one of us is forsaken and so look ahead. We seek to find out about those deeds that were not done but that should have been fulfilled with understanding. We find that man cannot lay claim to having founded truth,

but that its origin is with God, and that we must not belittle that which cometh of God.

So it is that one true to Spirituality does all he can to develop the higher spiritual faculties. It brings about the condition of Peace, Happiness and Contentment and which is the harmonious result of overcoming the materiality.

When by means of wisdom and understanding we destroy the unwelcome conditions of materialism, such as selfishness, greed and bitterness from our own very midsts, we soon are able to spread the influence of helpfulness to others who are trying to seek the higher attributes of life. Our example of service and sacrifice help bring the victory to our fellow man. It is not that we suffer their burdens, for this could not be done even though in great measure we were willing to assume them.

Every individual must unto himself reach the one goal. No matter what his race, color or creed, he can depend on none save God and that which is within. Taking comfort from the teachings of the Nazarene, He who was an example for all mankind to emulate, man of himself is as nothing—it is the God-part within.

Those who experience this spiritual upliftment soon find greater capacity for higher influences and vibrations. Under such conditions man comes to know those things that so few today have understanding of. It arouses within us the personal responsibility for error or sin and we proceed to overcome them. We see in

our mind's eye and hear those beautifully inspiring things.

Then mere beliefs are completely swept aside by the flood of confidence. We are here reminded of a message brought from beyond the wall of darkness and which is given as a comfort to those who would understand and who seek truth. It follows:

"If you only believe in God then you only believe He will do certain things for you. At other times you will believe that many things would not be done, but when you have confidence in God, then you KNOW not anything is impossible."

Spiritual knowledge is the greatest of all truths. It is for each one of us. The wise will reach the destination set by the Will of the Father, whereas the slumbering one ponders over the stumbling blocks set by man and mammon.

Every properly constituted man in this or any other time knows that he must get on his way and should travel by the shortest and fastest known route, the route given us in wisdom from on high. That leads to the victory of the Spirit, and when the Spirit conquers it spells the defeat of the un-Godly.

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It seems difficult for man to think for himself. He has never done it to any extent and rather likes the idea of leaning on another for support. He usually follows the crowd which sways his emotions. The sterling worth of his individuality is tarnished with another's thoughts.

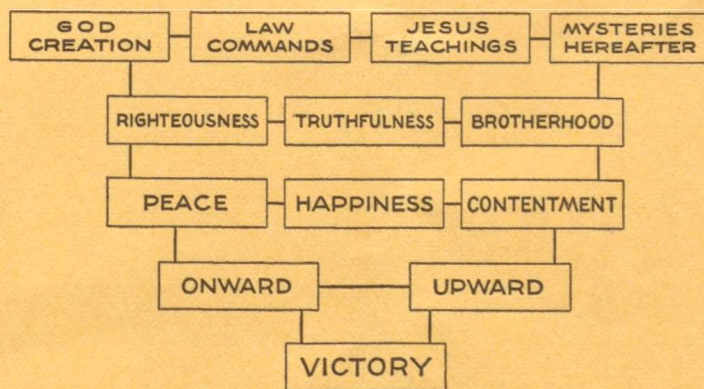


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