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THE LAW OF GOD

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II.

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

III.

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

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



AGAIN I draw near this earth plane and it is with happiness. Many will understand and many will not understand, yet I bring to you those conditions that would awaken the thought, yes the thought of righteousness within yourself. As I look about I see how many are not righteous. As I look about I see how many are drawing on conditions that will draw them

down to the very depths of destruction.

Then again I see many that are reaching out to that higher and better way, reaching in that way in which the Elder Brother taught us. He brought us the positive facts of how and in which manner we will reach those higher planes.

Many are mislead and many are being mislead today. They understand not themselves nor even those who are in great places, yes places where they should worship the living God, yet do not worship Him. It is a sad condition that they bring about to humanity. Sad at times many of those that have gone before stand and look on and wonder when humanity really will awaken to the fact that there is an existence, that there is something after the so-called death.

Think not as many say, "After your journey is finished here that is the ending." O no, spirit wanders on and on until it has reached its destination and again returns to bring those words of comfort to those that remain. The spirit returns trying to make those understand that they still live on, that they still are existing, that they are not far from them.

Daily they stand about even in your every day ways but they are not acknowledged. Those who remain simply say, "The loved one has now gone to rest and when the trumpets will blow and the call will come, then the Elder Brother will stand there and call them from the graves."

Be not deceived, for those that are entered into the graves, those bodies will never come forth. They were earth made and into mother earth they have gone and they will remain, not to return. The spirit part, the part God that was within that body, has arisen as soon as the body or cloak had become useless, and it reaches out.

You will say, "How can it reach forth? Many that have gone over the border have done many things that were not pleasing unto the Father and unto the Supreme Force, God." Well you say it, but they must again return and make right their shortcomings, for God has sent forth each spirit. Each atom of Himself sent forth to this earth plane was sent free and again we must return in the selfsame manner. We should look into the facts deeper, for the spirit liveth and God liveth on high, therefore, that part God which is within each one must again return the selfsame way as it had been sent forth.

Many of you will say, "How can humanity then get on the way again?" I say many of you that are in our midst this evening have been here many times before, for your shortcomings have brought it that way. You have looked into your own conditions and wanted the opportunity to again return thinking you would be able to make right your shortcomings from former days.

Still, when you have again taken on form or body, as you call it, you then do not remember what had been in those by-gone days and again the temptations come before you, and in many cases you again fall the prey.

There is one thing, and that is, why not hold on to the grand armor, the armor that every spirit, every person, yes, every child should hold to, and that armor I would call is that law that God gave down thousands of years ago? That law each one should understand, and if you abide by that law you will reach to a higher destination.

About that law you will say, "I have learned that from my childhood and I have tried to follow it, but how can anyone follow that law?" I say you can. If it were impossible then that Supreme Force, God, would not have put that law into the hands of humanity for them to follow it. It would have been another law.

Abide by it, try, and you will find how it will lead you, how it will bring you that peace and contentment that you have not found heretofore. Think of that law. The law each one knows, most know it. Think over it and you will find by studying word for word as you read along you will come to the right points.

How many have not made idols which God Himself forbade? We should make no idols no matter what they are or in what form, we should not make unto ourselves idols. Most of us have made idols of certain things. It might be wealth, it might be clothes, it might be of children, of parents. Understand the very points that God had meant when He gave that law in that time past.

How many revere the word, God? Many misuse it. Did not God say in the law we should not take His name in vain? Day after day and hour after hour His name is taken in vain, which is breaking the law.

When we walk and abide by that law, we will find how our happiness will be here and hereafter, for it can not be otherwise. Then we will make a real sabbath, a real rest day. It must be one day in the week. Look after it and think over it. We should rest and have our servants and our animals released from their weekly burden. Think into all these things. There are those who say, "It is too deep, it was not meant that way." It stands today as it did thousands of years ago.

Go into the other commands God gave. There is the command we should not steal. We can even steal in thought when we are looking forward to something which we ourselves can not possess.

Look deeper into the matter. God has made it so simple for us that we can all follow, even the smallest child if instructed right can follow that law. Not only the child but you yourself have the benefit, for that child will look to you and you can look to the brightness of that Supreme Force, God, and not have to hang your head or have to shrink back.

Try it. You need not take the word of one that has come to bring you this message and with it the peace and contentment to you and the whole earth plane, the whole of humanity. You can go by yourself and try it. The words will come to you; you will think well over what we have said and yet you

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possibly have not known of us, and you will say, "It is so, we have fallen but it is not too late, we can reach out and follow that law and abide by it."

Then we should not kill. And how many kill day by day. And we should not bear false witness against anyone. We should be truthful with everyone. We should be righteous and in brotherhood. That is what the Elder Brother brought. He brought that love. He set the example and we should follow, we that have the understanding and we that want to reach out or try to understand. We should be in brotherhood one with another and not spitefully do to one and to another. Then we are following on the right pathway.

We should not covet. We should not commit adultery, and how many are committing adultery day in and day out and yet they will laugh and they will scoff at what one will bring them when it is meant for the upliftment of the spirit. Deceive not yourselves, for the day of reckoning is nigh. Not that a judge will judge you. No, you, your own conscience, which you take with you when you leave this material plane, will judge. Your conscience will bear witness to your deeds while you traveled here in earthly body.

Therefore again I bring you the warning that if you follow God's law and abide by it and follow the Elder Brother's teachings, all will be well. He taught the right way. He brought brotherhood to one another and we followed Him not, even those that possesseth to be the real followers. It is these that want to stand right with Him, that make an idol of Him. Today He weeps and laments over the way they misunderstand His teachings, the same as many others that have been misunderstood.

You that understand and you that understand not—search and you will find that what I am bringing you is the positive truth, and it is that which had been brought those years back.

It is the same with the child as with the adult, if you will follow on in that way even the child will reach out and understand and receive those blessings. Why is it that even an innocent child can look into that far beyond, and even a child beholds the beautiful paradise, yet those that are learned will say it is a fancy, an imagination. Beware when the day of reckoning comes, for their imaginations will have to be brought back for just as much as it is hard for their own loved ones to reach to them and bring them the positive facts and try to bring them comfort and gladness, so hard and much more will it be for those that thought they understood it all.

Reach back and search and read back into the History where it tells you of the rich man and the poor man, and you will find the words come there.

I say just a point of the Elder Brother that humanity makes a God of. He is part God the same as you are and I am, but you understand yourself not, otherwise you would not say that the Elder Brother was the only begotten son. He was the only son that followed the Father, who abideth by that will, and He had the blessings sent to Him so that He could perform many wonders. And did He not say, "If you follow my teachings you can do still greater wonders?"

In this material plane still greater wonders are being performed, but the eye of man understands it not. They look upon things for the material. They think, "I am reaching in my manner, I am looking forth that I might make my livelihood here. What matters it if I do not reach any other way?" not thinking as John brought it will be said to one and to another, "You have done many things right but you have forgotten the greatest and the best and therefore you cannot reach to that high point." So it will be yet so many understand not. Read for yourselves. You have the History even though it has been revised and re-interpreted, there is something in it you can understand. Read it rightly and with common sense and then you will understand the Word of God.

You will understand the teachings of the Elder Brother. Even as He said in those days when He stood before Pilate and Pilate said, "Are you the only begotten son of God?" and the Elder Brother said, "You say I am." He did not say He was.

Be righteous, truthful and brotherly and you will find your journey here will be one happy journey and when it has ended here in the material cloak you will find that the spirit part, the strength itself, has reached to its destination to the higher and better planes.

This I leave with you this evening. AMEN.

APPOLIOS OF TREON

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

TIDINGS FROM BEYOND

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SO BEAUTIFUL are the works of the Divine Power, God, so beautiful and so numerous that we can hardly explain the height, the depth and the breadth of them! So again I return to the earth plane to bring to humanity the most that we might do. I say awaken, for the time is here when all must reach forth to that better goal if all want to be brought henceforth on the more beautiful pathway.

I am happy to bring you this message. I am glad that I return this evening as one who had been in this earth plane for many years and then leaves off the earthly cloak and now returns again from those higher realms. It is well to sow fine deeds, for what you have sown in this material earthplane you shall reap hereafter.

The so-called death is but a passing over the border, like going from one room into another. This so-called death does not affect the spirit. The spirit is everlasting, there is no death to that. The spirit goes on seeking that which it wants, for that higher plane where it might prepare for better conditions.

These tidings I bring you from those higher shores and it is worth while. I call to humanity, to those brothers and sisters of the earth plane that the spirit goes on and goes on its way. Not that one can purchase their place in the realms, O no, for one must earn themselves their dwelling place. When they have earned it, it will indeed be a palace to them.

No matter how great we are here in this material earth plane, when we have left the earthly conditions and have taken on the better ways, we will then find that all is so different than

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that we had thought. In what way different? It will be in a more beautiful way if we have paved our paths rightly while we were journeying in this earth plane. Again I hear in the distance, "Awaken, ye children of men, for the time is when all must return and bring about those deeds we did not want to fulfill while here in our earthly cloak." Then the spirit must return and return and make it right until the utmost farthing has been paid.

It is in that way we must be on a righteous path before all. We must be right with our brother, our neighbor and our friend. We must be on the square with each one, for it does not avail us anything if we are not on a righteous path.

When the so-called death has approached we start on the journey in the realms and must bring back what had been left undone or that which we did not care to do. These are the conditions that are before us, for we brought them on ourselves while journeying here in the earth plane. We must remove them while travelling henceforth.

We are all children of the Supreme Force, God, and it makes no difference what denomination we are, or whether red, white, black or yellow. It is the spirit within that counts.

It is as when one would take up a book to read. We take it because it has a beautiful leather cover binding and with red and gold stripes, but the contents of the book are as nothing. Again, we take up another book, sort of an ordinary book. It has a pasteboard cover and we then think it has nothing within, but it is filled with wonders—things that would amaze us after we have read it. It is the selfsame way with those who journey in the earth plane and with those who have gone over the border. Many will be cloaked in silks and velvets yet their spirits would have to draw back in a saddened condition be-

cause of the way the spirit had been neglected for the beauty of silks and velvets. On the other hand, take the spirit that is encloaked in flesh, attired in ordinary cotton or in rags but where that spirit is well nourished and well taken care of.

The consequences are that the ragged dressed spirit has ascended high, high in the realms while the spirit dressed in the beautiful silks and velvets has starved out the better self for those earthly conditions.

If we want to reach out to something better we must be right with each one. It makes no difference whether it be brother or friend or an acquaintance. We must be truthful. No matter what we say we must bring forth the truth. Again I would impress upon humanity, "A lying tongue will never enter the Kingdom of God." It shall be left to wander in utter darkness until it has brought forth, yes, returned and brought those untruths back.

When we are trying our best to lead a righteous, truthful and brotherly journey here on this earth plane, we will find that brotherhood, and then we can journey on in happiness and contentment. Then we can reach to some high plane when we are called to step over the border, where there are mansions in abundance, ready and prepared while we had been travelling in an earthly cloak.

Call to God, the Supreme Force, to help you on the upward way. That is what I call to you tonight. 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 were and still are to come.

TRY ME

By W. D. Gressinger



IN THIS earth plane life has many problems that bring success and disappointments. While journeying on our way we acquire different habits which seem to lead us on. How wonderful is the acquired habit of peace and contentment and harmony. Where harmony prevails and the light and happy heart is as warm, in fact equal to the sun at meridian, when one has received a real, true welcome from a brother or sister whom you have found so to be and who has proven it by word and action and deed—it makes one look and think and say, "What can I do to act like that and be a friend to man?"

By asking God to search our hearts we may begin to see ourselves and know ourselves as others see us and know us. In the distance we see the definition of "Try Me and Know My Thoughts," for with good thoughts we may elevate ourselves and our mortal characters to higher degrees. That then would illuminate us in the wonderful surroundings of harmony.

It is so good and so pleasant to feel that one has a faithful friend. When trouble comes your soul to try, you love the friend who stands by until the end. Somehow his sympathy and warm-hand clasp just helps one pull through. So with fervent heart we cry, "God bless the friend who just stands by."

The spiritual teaching of this bring us to the understanding that there is a field of knowledge for the upliftment of our fellow man and not for ourselves alone.

Should we meet with disappointments one after another let us not be discouraged, for these are trials placed before us to try us. The evil is ever tempting, and when we ask for power to overcome that evil and it has been granted, it then

becomes our spiritual duty to give thanks to the Supreme Force, God, and ask for further deliverance. To lift a cup of cold water to the lips of a famishing mortal is but a duty. Being dutiful is not always meant to give alms to the needy, it is done by word and deed of honor, of justice, of purity, of knowledge and of truth. These are labors we are to perform in the preparations we are to make in the weaving of our spiritual fabric wherein our soul is to rest for evermore.

While travelling along with these thoughts in mind success is due. Practising these virtues for upliftment of the spirit and by concentrating good thoughts will we lead on to victory. On the other hand, should one happen to have all that his heart desires and tries to go through life without giving one thought of kindness or, ignoring the appeals of his fellow man or, not even give one thought to the Supreme Force, God, who gave all good one has to see how much good he in turn will do for his fellow man, then downfall is due.

This is a great disappointment in life. Such a one has not served God as he should have, for he simply enjoyed himself in the selfish way. When he nears the time when he will pass out of body then he will call for assistance and would be glad to have a friend who just stands by.

He who has reached as near as he could in the righteous way and who has tried to do good for goodness sake and who searched neither fame nor reward, is sure of both in the end. He is the one who can with uplifted head toward heaven say,

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my thoughts,

for he has been tried and found not wanting.

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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 IX—Commandment numbered six—**THOU SHALT NOT KILL.** All must overcome any feeling of hatred or bitterness or malice, for these unbrotherly conditions breed the lowly desire to destroy. Be master of self, and should any such destructive suggestions come to one, it is well to count up to ten or even to one hundred, which will prevent one from acting too hastily and without due wisdom.

It was not any of us that gave life, therefore we must not attempt to take it. This applies to our own as well as to that of another. Suicide is as serious a violation of this command of God as to go to war and kill, or cause mob murder, or premeditated killing.

After all, the spirit is not killed, as it is non-destructible. It is that the spirit part is severed from its earthly covering and it must go back before its time may be due and before it has had full opportunity to fulfill its mission while on this earthly journey, which makes it so much harder to carry on after it passes over the border.

God is the Creator of Life, the Source and Giver of such Life. It is His Will and not ours. The command is for us to abide by that will, and man-made law which causes execution is direct violation and one causing such either for compensation or otherwise must stand accountable for his individual acts.

Live and let live. Molest no living thing and overcome and help to overcome such waywardness. Better to exile than to execute, to forgive than condemn, above all, to be more spiritual than to yield to the material.

LESSON X—Commandment numbered seven—**THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.** This command means more for elders than for the young. Like all other parts of the law, it must be upheld in thought, in word and in deed. The law of God is spiritual and for our spiritual or eternal good, and one who will overcome selfish desires, lust or animal passion.

Avoid excessive indulgence in intoxicants, obscene literature, careless speech, unknown acquaintances or familiarity as well as to avoid any kind of weakening tendencies to the ungodly conditions. Divorce and remarriage relationship excuse no violator. God's laws are not changeable to man's convenience without an accounting therefore.

Old or young, sensible or senseless, weak or strong, all must choose well either for spiritual upliftment or material degradation. A body created by man in fornication calls forth a spirit and grave responsibilities follow, and it behooves all to care well for both spirit and body. To walk in singleness with God brings power and many other blessings.

LESSON XI—Commandment numbered eight—**THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.** To take from another what does not belong to us is stealing. Better to ask or pay one in position to honor our request. Gambling is a form of stealing resulting from covetousness.

Stealing, whether openly, evasively, cheating or be it in the sneaking and with trickery manner, is against the will of the Father. Be not tempted, neither tempt another, for the spirit must right the shortcoming of the material self.

If another has what you want, be happy he or she has it, and in righteous manner seek the same. Another's glory, property or what not must remain with that one.

God is the giver of all good, and we must do rightly by Him. Let no one steal that from you. Our conscience is the guide if we but listen. We must not steal from the Creator any more than from our fellow man. Steal not His time (remember the sabbath), nor His name (keep it from using in vain), nor conditions (make no likenesses). Steal not material or spiritual, for the violator must make it all right of his own spirit self, and better to begin here than hereafter.

LESSON XII—Commandment numbered nine—**THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.** Truthfulness with God and man are important. "A Liar Shall Never Enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Be honest with self and we will then be honest with another.

Any one can guess, or tell only a half truth, or repeat another's lies, tell fairy tales or speak of fictitious or imaginative conditions. Unless the whole truth, it is a falsehood. Gossip is a vicious form of lying. Know the truth, not merely believe it may be so. Harm comes to self and all others implicated.

Be not deceitful, but rather keep mouths sealed than to bring forth any falsehood. Do not justify lying in any form, no matter what the material consequences, for the spirit self is the one to answer for such shortcomings.

Always remember God is the source of truth. Where truth abideth, there too doth God abide. Truth survives and the false must be erased. God's truth must not be altered by man any more than that we should for convenience or otherwise bear falsely against our fellow man.

This command denies man the right to condemn or judge another falsely. The whole truth must be wholly known ere we would be free of self condemnation when we are out of body and we have revealed before us our own life book indicating this trespassing. Speak, neither write, a single falsehood, knowingly or unknowingly. Care for the little things and then one will become trustworthy for the bigger. This applies for all whether here or hereafter.

LESSON XIII—Commandment numbered ten—**THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, NOR HIS MAN SERVANT, NOR HIS MAID SERVANT, NOR HIS OX, NOR HIS ASS, NOR ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOR'S.** To do otherwise is to be unbrotherly and unworthy of the greater blessings of the Father that comes to His obedient children.

To covet another's breeds jealousies followed by malice and hatred, and these lowly conditions destroy peace and happiness and contentment. When giving to another, covet nothing in return, for it is the free giver that receives freely and the conditions surrounding the giving are more pure and wholesome.

Seek not after material things without carefully searching for the spiritual first. It will comfort us then to look more to God and the uplifting and not fall a victim to the material and the downward. Our daily needs sufficiently thereof that would strengthen body and mind requires our own labors and effort and brings with it the power to continue for the right.

Avoid such as, "I wish I lived in that swell house," for your contentment may not be there. Wishing for this or that or another will not always bring the best results either spiritu-

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ally or materially. Think well of another and his possessions. There is for all merely that we must reach out to our portion in the right way. To have more than our portion may mean we have what belongs to another, and after all we can not take it with us ere we pass out of body.

We are all children of that Supreme Force, God, and as He shares with us, so should we share with another instead of

craving for the other's. Be prepared to answer for what you have, and if you would have no more of it, pass it to one who will do rightly by what may rightly have been given.

Greed must be destroyed by beginning with oneself. Do unto others as we would have others do unto us. Harmonious relationship will come to the front, and man will stand in thankfulness before God, giving Him Praise and Glory.

EXPERIENCES IN SPIRIT TRAVELING

By Dr. L. C. Lindemann

YEARS ago when Spiritism was more of a curiosity to the people and most mediums or contacts kept their visitors far from the full truth and significance of its phenomena, these truth-seekers would leave more or less disappointed and cared not for further investigation. With the words in mind, "Seek and ye shall find," I personally kept on searching for the mysteries of Heaven.

In silence and with my eyes turned to the East, I asked God, our Father, to make known to me the spiritual gifts. Before telling as best I can of these experiences, let me say I can understand how some may say they are indeed strange experiences, but many of you have had similar experiences. Often have you felt as if you were flying and suddenly awoke with a fright. This happens when dreaming. So it is when the spirit is taken out of body and many of the beauties of heaven are shown to us.

My first experiment came after a few minutes in concentration. Just in front of me I saw myself sitting on a chair. After my spirit again fully came back into its own body there appeared before me and at about the same spot where just a moment before was my own, stood the spirit of my earthly father who had passed on some years. He smiled at me and I heard the spirit voice say, "My dear son, God, the Father, has sent me back to let you know that I am living. I demonstrate to you that body and spirit are two and that after the so-called death has approached the fleshly body dies and goes back to Mother Earth, but the spirit is the life that must make its way back to God and be in oneness with that Father on High." Now I understand that to keep fully the commands of God and to follow the teachings that the Nazarene brought to humanity will enable one to reach the Kingdom of God.

On another occasion a spiritual door was opened before me and I beheld a grass plot in the center of which was a big tree and an American eagle was flying around the tree. As I kept watching my spirit left my body and went out to this grass plot and suddenly I beheld only two Indians. Addressing me, they said, "Paleface Brother, be not alarmed. I am Chief Big Tree and the other Chief Flying Eagle. Once we were enemies of the white race, but now we are brotherly by acting as guides to you and working our way upward with you to the Great Spirit." So Big Tree and Flying Eagle are as faithful guides to me, not alone to me, for they go all over and do good wherever they can. It is so with all spirit loved ones, more especially those who travel in LIGHT.

Permit me to say here in most emphatic way, a spirit guide must not be bound to anyone, for the consequences are terrific. Wisdom and spiritual knowledge comes from the high spheres and those in light do bring it, whereas those wandering in the dark or those who are earth bound are likely to bring dire results that must be accounted for when one is called over the border.

When my spirit travels in this way I seem to know the places visited. Travelling from one part to another or from one country to another country the scenes, the bridges, towns, streets, yes, even houses and people in these houses are familiar to me. Apparently I travelled in body on previous occasion to these places and the customs and the peoples are not as strangers to myself, but are remembered. During the World War my spirit often was drawn to the battlefields. I would keep wondering why it was I was not experiencing any pain nor why I did not fall, for the bullets seemed to go through my earthly body, until I realized that my fleshly body was safe at home in America and that the spirit could not be killed.

Again I was concentrating and my earthly mother was revealed before me and said, "Rejoice with me, my boy, again I went a step higher." She advised me to read in the fourth chapter of GENESIS, seventh verse, and then father met mother and both disappeared behind clouds. I looked up what I had been told, and this is what I read: If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Another time I am on a flying trip, my guides having taken me up on an aeroplane. So swiftly were we going that I was frightened, but we landed from sphere to sphere and I was brought safely back to the earth plane and back into my own body. On this trip I met spirit loved ones from very many generations on through to the present time and all of whom were once travelling in an earth made body and on this earth plane. To see all this made a great impression on my own spirit, for I had seen them with all their former customs of life and from all parts of the earth plane.

So I could go on and tell you of these travelling experiences through the heavenly spheres and about the earthly plane. This once more happened but a few weeks ago. A well-known sister that had passed but lately into the realms called for me to go on a trip with her, and so through space did our spirit selves go until we came to a beautiful city. Never before have I seen anything more grand. No artist has ever painted so beautiful a picture (it was a scene of the sixth plane or sphere). One thing made my spirit sad. I was not to enter. Upon asking why we cannot enter into this glorious city, the reply came, "You are not far enough advanced to enter."

This again proved to me that as we sow so shall we reap, and I know the day will come when I too shall enter into this Celestial city where the buildings are not made with hands.

EDITORIAL NOTE—The doctor brings out many very important conditions that it would be well for humanity to know considerably more about. ...The pages of this magazine will truthfully reveal them.

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EDITORIALS

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

WE ARE approaching those times when the enrolled voters of the standard parties in the different communities will exercise their right of franchise. It will be for them in the majority of cases to register their approval at the polls on primary days so that there shall be the best selected candidates for election day voting.

THE TRUE LIGHT is not in politics and therefore has no candidates to offer. Its hope lies in the electorate. It can do no more than to urge every citizen to participate after carefully considering every point about all nominees regardless of party affiliation or personal feelings.

Very often those whose duty it is to register and to vote will for some trivial reason fail to meet their obligations, and then after the votes have been counted, be the first to find fault with the victors. Let your vote do the talking and support it if you must with your reasons therefore, but if you overlook your duty, keep shut your mouths.

Delegates will be sent to the national conventions for presidential preferences so that much of what takes place in November, 1928, will depend on what was done and what was left undone in 1927.

CONFIDENCE

THE antidote for fear is confidence. We admire the person who has confidence in himself to do things, not that daring recklessness devoid of sound reason and good judgment, but the comforting confidence of wisdom. It was confidence that brought forth the printing press to educate the masses in the darkest days of ignorance and in all things worth while that have helped humanity over the rough places, confidence was manifested.

Fear, the contrary of confidence, lurks in dark places and shuns the light of progression. The boy whistles in the dark to abate his fear. Timid men and women hide themselves during the thunder storms. The fruits of fear are superstition and falsity. Individuals and organizations that have something to conceal fear the light of exposure and seek seclusion from the eyes of the world. When fear holds sway, disharmony and pessimism are the trouble makers. When the ruling master is fear, no initiative is taken and the shackles of custom hold fast. Seemingly progression is slow, but the world does move forward whenever the light of confidence finds an inlet in the minds of men. As this glorious light shines in dark places, superstition and falsity are removed.

The strongest fears that enslave humanity are those of physical fear and the fear of losing earthly possessions. These fears are the most difficult to remove, because they are deep-rooted. Some will claim that the fear of punishment for sin in the hereafter tops all others, but this is not so, judging by the methods of living now prevalent. Physical fear is due to the inability of the individual to measure the true value of his physical body. If he would fully realize that his body is but temporary in character and that his spirit or life is indestructible, as created in the eternal ways of God and therefore cannot be harmed by destruction or death of the physical body, fear would be removed. Vast sums of money are being spent by well meaning people to teach men that their man-made bodies are eternal, whereas man never created a single thing that did not change and decay. Man cannot produce life, and the physical body without life is dead, as evidenced by the number of still born infants. There need be no argument about this point of wisdom, and if we will understand that God, the Supreme Force, giver of Life and Light, the Creator of All, the Supreme Spirit of the Universe, sent forth spirit into that

physical body of yours and mine to work out its salvation among men, we have grasped truth, eternal truth. Let it be added that this gleam of truth is not to be accepted on faith, for faith has been supplanted by knowledge, or wisdom. There are highly sensitive people walking our earth today who actually can see the entry of a spirit into the body of the new born babe. What is more, these highly developed people can see the departure of the spirit from physical body, as the so-called death sets in. It is hoped that the early future will find humanity has lost its fear of the destruction of the physical body. We then can sing with David, the sweet singer of Israel, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thy rod and staff, they comfort me," and mean it. The gates of understanding are open to all who seek in righteousness. The precious ores of truth are not sold for money like merchandise. They cannot be obtained by the highest bidder. We must dig for them patiently and reverently.

The fear of losing earthly possessions retards spiritual growth. It has been said that money is the root of all evil, and, like many commonplace statements, this is true to a large extent. As long as humanity attaches too much importance to material things, the loss of material values will be feared. When man selects his values from the spiritual side and takes his happiness from thoughts and inspirations, rather than from worldly goods, confidence has entered to crowd out fear and falsity. There is not any monopoly of confidence. This jewel of great value is a spiritual attribute, the stepping stone to higher spheres. In the light of confidence we find comfort and strength as we approach our Father on High, in simple child-like ways. We know that we are part God, created in the spiritual image of our Father and in His keeping we become indifferent to the doubts and fears that man has set up in our pathways. We learn in wisdom the difference in values between material and spiritual things. We catalogue each condition of life in the library of our conscience or spirit, according to its value. We almost forget this transitory life as we bask in the spiritual sunshine of lasting happiness. This wonderful earth plane which we trod, with its varying scenes of beauty, is to be enjoyed, and we do enjoy it, but our spirits should reach out above all earthly conditions to those spirit realms that have been prepared for all eternity.

We are the "breath of life," divine

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and indestructible. As part God, let us have complete confidence. Remove the rusty chains of fear that bind us to ignorance and darkness. In confidence we will as happy children live the Law of God, those commands of love and justice that know not limitation of color, race, or creed. Our calling will be in sweet humility to our God, "Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire." We will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Our thoughts and prayers being pure, the reflection of the better self within, will reach out above the clouds of fear and superstition to the loving Father, who in answer to our heart-felt prayers will send those loving messengers of peace to inspire us to greater heights of wisdom, until our purified spirits reach the pinnacle of perfection, to unite again with God.

ADVERTISING
THERE are different phases of advertising for which THE TRUE LIGHT might very effectively be employed. While we are not in any position to consider the intricacies or even to consider the broader fundamentals of advertising, there are, however, several simple facts offered.

This periodical at present has a distribution of two thousand copies monthly. It reaches a list of people of national distribution vitally interested in a subject for which the entire mass of humanity is groping after. Therefore our growth is assured.

While cooperative effort spiritually is our objective, still the membership is asked to cooperate materially and to support any campaign that appears within the pages of this medium.

We therefore invite serious and open-minded consideration of the possibilities of advertising in these pages. We insist that the advertisers be truthful and accurately reflect their institutions and products. Only in this way can there be mutual benefit.

As the time is coming for preparing the 1928 budgets, we sincerely hope that THE TRUE LIGHT will fit in as a part of the general program of Advertisers.

BACK NUMBERS
WE HAVE a limited number of each of the three previous issues of this magazine which have been purposely held back for our newer subscribers and who would prefer to complete their files. These are not for free distribution but

will be sent to any address on receipt of the cost only.

It is important to those interested in fully obtaining all the LIGHT that has been our privilege to obtain and pass on, to order your copies that you are now without. Be sure and indicate which number you need. The quantity on hand will be sold in the order of the requests.

FOUR SCORE TEN
PSALM 90:10 PSALM 27:1
TO A.— F.—, 1837—1927
Three score and ten are the days of our years;
Four score are given, and then it appears
Labor and sorrow on strength ever prey;
Soon 'tis cut off, and we fly far away.

Tell now the charm that your life seems to bear,
Holding as captive a prize truly rare.
Ah, the soft light and the smile of your eyes
Swiftly have answered, unhidden it lies.

Words are not needed to echo the thought,
For the same Psalmist the message has wrought.
"Shall I then fear or be conscious of strife;
Is not the Lord the full strength of my life?"
—AMOS.

ALSO TO A.— F.—
PSALM 16, VERSE II
Thou wilt show me the path of life;
In thy presence is fullness of joy;
In thy right hand there are pleasures forever more.

No suitable subject for sorrowful saints,
Who do all their daubing with black and white paints;
But oh, what a vista for gay Pollyannas,
Whose colors run riot with rainbow hosannas.
—AMOS.

ENJOYING HEALTH
GEORGE HEALD
HEALTH is the greatest blessing, so that many of us that are possessed with it should stop to think and realize how very fortunate we are. When one gets those irritable and cranky moods my remedy and advice is, just take a few hours off and pay a visit to any hospital. Ask the matron to take you through the general ward.

When you have seen the silent suffering of those poor unfortunates, I will guarantee you will leave feeling thankful to the Almighty and Divine Power that you are blessed with good health.

Enjoy health and spread happiness and spiritual contentment will be yours.

INSPIRATION
INSPIRATION has manifested itself in many ways. It comes from a source that is not of ourself. It comes from beyond the border, which is the line that separates those of earthly existence and those who exist in the

spheres.
The inspirations given may be of high purpose and they come also of more lowly intention. It is where understanding is greatest that the influences are of the best and of the better conditions.
Whenever inspirations that come from the higher realms and are for good are received and acknowledged by us, we are wise to heed their meaning and message. As soon as we develop to that point of knowing the inspirations that are either for upliftment or for enlightenment, we soon will find it unnecessary to trust humanity for our own spiritual welfare.

Not alone is it helpful to receive and understand inspirations, but it is required of us to do right by just those guiding points that may be given. We should not cast from us that which is for our own good or for the good of another.

Surroundings and environment have much to do with what may be brought inspirationally. Many find comfort in deliberate meditation in order that the best results can be obtained. Music and flowers are factors in establishing harmony so necessary for effectiveness. These and other things should be carefully studied and thought over for the time may come when we would be inspired against harm or injury, and unless we fully appreciated the force of its presence, we might walk into harm instead of following out the warning given in plenty time before.

Poets have given us wonderful words, artists have given us beautiful pictures and the sculptors remarkable forms, all through inspirations. The Bible has always been considered the Inspirational Word of God. The composer of real music, the inventor, the discoverer, and so we go through the list, including the achievement of Pilot Lindbergh, all, if they would be honest with themselves and with their Father who is in Heaven, would not say it was I and only I, but they would rightly say, "We."

Two or more forces combine to bring inspirations—those giving and those who may be the receiving end. Both owe something to each other, for it cannot be that something is given and no attention given it, or that which is given does not bring the good to those for whom intended.

So that it becomes important, more especially to those who would understand and carry through with the inspirations, that they must not falsify. Rather ignore its wonderful influences than to deliberately alter and in that way destroy or impede progress.

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THE FLOWERS



WHEN the Supreme Force, God, desired the flowers and plants to spring up in the earth plane, He provided each plant with three parts as essentials for its growth. These parts, the root, stem and leaves, constitute the tiny herb just sprouted from the seed, as well as the largest tree of the forest. They are termed by the botanist the plant's organs of vegetation.

The Divine Will not only desired the growth of plants and flowers for beautifying this plane while we travel here, but He also provided for the reproduction and perpetuation of the species. For this purpose He crowned the steady growth of the plants with flowers from which the seeds of the fruit would carry on the work of giving rise to new individuals. The flower with its parts and the fruit and the seed constitute the plant's organs of reproduction. So with its organs of vegetation and reproduction, the plant sets about to work out the Divine plan.

For our life's journey, we are endowed with a physical body or temple wherein dwells the spirit, and if this God part is master over the flesh, keeping it in subjection, then we are working in conjunction with the Creator for our spiritual welfare.

The little plant waving in the breeze stands there undaunted by the force of the wind, for the lower part of its trunk is firmly fixed in the soil, and, as if to make it more secure, this root branches again and again into little rootlets. The root with these little helpers that are spread out in all directions reaches out and takes in a part of the plant's food from the soil.

To help the root with its arduous task of feeding the plant, the stem carries this food to the leaves. These flat and thin green bodies turning one face upward to the sky and the other downwards towards the ground then perform their part of the Divine plan. This mass of foliage reaches out to take in another part of the plant's food from the air. And in them the process of digestion goes on. The food that the roots absorb from the ground and the food that the leaves themselves absorb from the air are exposed to the sunshine and digested; that is, it is changed into something proper to nourish the plant. Thus provided with the food for growth, the root and rootlets increase their foothold and their surface for absorbing, while above the stem reaches out, lengthens, and at fixed places bears leaves and blossoms or shoots forth branches on which still more leaves are spread out in the light and air. So the whole plant or herb or shrub or tree is built up.

If we realized that Heaven is not reached by a single bound, but by steady spiritual growth, we might begin while here in our earthly cloaks to live according to God's Laws. As it takes time for the acorn to develop into the mighty oak and for the flower to blossom out from the tiny seed, so it follows we cannot take on Godliness in the twinkling of an eye when the spirit has left this house of clay. Like all the plants, we must grow step by step here as well as hereafter, but well for us if we have begun a Godlike growth while still in body. Then from our firm foundation built on righteousness, truthfulness and brotherly love there would emanate thoughts of only a pure and elevating nature. And these thoughts becoming a vast multitude would go travelling across space, bearing fruit here and there and shedding sunshine and joy in their wake.

Few of us measure up to what is expected of us, while most of us only attain a stunted growth, so that when the signal

is given and the spirit passes over, the lamentations and regrets are poignant with self-denunciation for wasted opportunities. We then are compelled to set ourselves right, to view ourselves as we really are, and to start on our way back to the Father.

A. M. W.

ME TOO

I know a lovely little girl,
Whose pretty hair just will not curl,
No matter what you do.
Her mother says it has a "jinx,"
And, should you ask her what she thinks,
I'm sure she'd say, "Me too."

I wonder if her name you'd guess?
It isn't Nell or Lou or Bess,
Nor even Sal or Sue."
You might try Anabel or Claire,
But if you called her Joan Adair
I think I'd say, "Me too."
By UNCLE AMOS.

INSTRUCT THE CHILDREN

By K. F. Clawson



TRUTH is the foundation for progress, and parents owe a duty to God and to their children to see to it that spiritual instruction is part of the daily routine. The young sapling that is permitted to grow crooked cannot be straightened after it reaches maturity. What is true of the tree is true of the children of men.

Spiritism with its many sided phenomena is educational. It requires time and study. They should not be taught orthodox beliefs, but they should be instructed in solid truths. Unless the whole truth is known, teach only that part which is known and wait until the doubtful part can be searched more clearly and closely and it then can be learned with absolute confidence and in truth.

No parent or guardian should allow their young to be placed in the hands of those who themselves know not what they teach, nor even attempt to practice the teachings. It is a serious responsibility for one to give their own over to another without obtaining all information as to method and motive.

Ask your children what they did learn. In every case where their understanding is not correct and in strict accordance with what you yourself know to be the truth, have them carefully and properly advised. It requires time and effort, and be assured that what is done early and done right will leave no spirit or heart aches later either for teacher or child.

It is said, "A little child shall lead them," and many elders can profit by what they may do to instruct the children, for in the course of instruction there is bound to come up those points that the pure and innocent mind of a child will reveal for the older cob-webbed mind.

The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. PROVERBS 14:11.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God. ROMANS 12:2.

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. PROVERBS 15:14.

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THE MAJESTY OF SPIRIT

Rev. Milicent Hubbard

IF ONE had nothing better to look forward to than death; if they were compelled to work, suffer both physical and mental pain only to surrender to oblivion, there would be little or no encouragement for mortal to be a moral citizen, or even attempt to attain knowledge during the short span of his earthly existence. But that God has provided a place to which the soul may ascend at transition, where the opportunities are greater and easier of access; where material obstructions no longer retard intellectual progress, and teachers are not degraded by prejudice, there is every reason why one may be willing to stand the acid test of trials in earthlife, to attain the majesty of spirit. And as one of the finest and most wonderful proofs of spirit revelation we have but to turn to the records of the life of Jesus and the occasions when He manifested to His disciples after His crucifixion.

How the orthodox ministers can reconcile the proofs of discarnate spirit influencing persons according to biblical records, and deny the same phenomenon occurs in the twentieth century, but base their entire teaching upon mere faith, is somewhat paradoxical, and illogical as well. If God be the same, yesterday, today and forever, then why not His phenomena as well. That spiritual intercourse should have evolved since the experiences recorded in the bible would be more natural, than to believe, that if the doors of Heaven once opened to allow the angels to pass through to interview the children of earth; they would be wider than ever, since indeed the need must be greater in proportion to the increased inhabitants, for the greater the numbers, the greater the need for direction from divine source.

That we of today require supervision, love, and comfort, from spirit teachers, is evidenced at every turn. Greed for material benefits because they relieve tension of mind and nerves, has driven men and women to forget the need of the soul. But neglect of spiritual things takes a heavy toll from each in the form of restless fear; a desire for constant action;

and dissatisfaction toward life in a general sense; resulting in physical and mental disease.

Such being the case, where can we obtain authentic information of the future state of the soul, unless from inhabitants of the region to which the soul must pass at transition? What does mortal know of anything beyond the range of material science; and, we confess that science is limited in its exercise of investigations, each branch being more or less confined to its own orbit. Little is known of the interior of the earth sphere, so how much may man explore of those regions to which he does not have access? NONE! None at all, yet he speaks as with authority upon the subject of discarnate spirit, and at the same time encourages belief in reincarnation. Especially do the Mystics teach reincarnation, while they decry material manifestations of discarnate spirit. Their teachings are paradoxical, since they employ paraphernalia, ritual, and songs to invoke correct vibrations, yet they deride Spiritualism, and speak lightly of mediums and all persons demonstrating spiritual phenomena, and claim that formula is not necessary to religion. Not until the ministers and mystics have reached a point where they are willing to acknowledge the majesty and power of discarnate spirit, evolving progressive spirit; a being that does not hibernate in material environment for eons and eons, but graduates to nobler and grander regions, to the mansions of which Jesus spoke; a place where sexuality and physical desires do not control the soul, they have missed the major point of God's plan. God's plan is for progress, and to progress one must move forward, outward, upward; ever toward the bright star of eventual perfection. That no one is perfect in this material plane is the greatest proof that it is but a temporary abode of the soul, during the period of spiritual gestation, nothing more. Only in the event of failure to develop the material side of experience would it be necessary to reincarnate, and not necessarily on earth, since God is the central point of vast regions of Cosmos, and the soul may migrate to another than earth plane to fulfill its obligation to NATURE.

SUCCESS

By Richard Thomas

IN THE business world we must produce results that will conserve and increase the enterprise with which we are associated. It makes no difference whether we serve an employer or we conduct our own business or profession, we are accountable for the results obtained from our expenditure of time and effort. If the results are favorable, there is satisfaction to all concerned. If our stewardship is not valuable, an atmosphere of gloom prevails.

Excuses for failures in the business world are not tolerated, for the main object of any business endeavor is to make money. Failure to do so results in either making changes in the personnel, or discontinuing the business.

The successful person in business or the arts, the one who has mounted to lofty heights, knows his business, or profession. He did not learn over night by some get-rich-quick scheme or

prescription, oh no, he climbed laboriously from the bottom of the ladder, mastering each obstacle and disappointment, but always with the thought in mind that he could and would be successful. The master mind or guiding star of any successful line of endeavor early learned that his success was unlimited and he could be what he wanted to be if he would pay the price of constant application of thought and action to his calling. He also realized that the field in which he was engaged brought forth his best efforts, because he loved to be engaged in that field and it was not the least distasteful. There could be nothing but success if he continued and the goal would be reached without the question of a doubt, for he was a round peg in a round hole and well fitted.

All of these necessary requisites for a successful career are well understood, especially by the one who has risen above his fellows that tired in the race and rested while the victor reached

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the goal. To those who now stand on the pinnacle of success in a material way, has it paid, if your success has been at the expense of your spiritual growth? Now, brother, this is not to be considered as preaching, but it is a plain question which requires thought and calls for a reply. If your spiritual growth has not been retarded by your material gain, "well done." On the other hand, if you have not advanced on your spiritual journey, you are a failure. As a business man you realize what failure means. Why did you fail? For the reason that you allowed yourself to fail. You did not desire spiritual growth, was too busy with material success and did not keep in touch with the higher things of this world and the world that is before you. Your material success is temporary and hollow after all. The price was paid for your gain of wealth and prominence.

You contend that you have been a good citizen, loyal to your home and friends, endeavored to be charitable to your neighbor and above all you attended your place of worship quite regularly. Brother, let it be repeated that you are a failure. You must rise spiritually step by step as you achieved material success. There is no quick transformation from ignorance to knowledge in the field of commerce, and you will not find spiritual wisdom with all of its splendor climbing down from the distant heights to embrace you. You have been created with a free will. You can will to reach the sublime heights of purity and perfection. You can progress spiritually, or stand still. If you do not move upward, there is a great possibility that you will slide downward, for progression is life both in the physical and the spirit realms. Standing still is stagnation, and stagnation is not desirable.

Happiness does not consist of material possessions, but happiness is a satisfied mind. Spiritual growth with attending spiritual wisdom produces happiness and results from spiritual effort. You must learn to acquire lasting happiness in the school of experience. You cannot find it in a seminary, or a training college for preachers, no more than you found business experience in a correspondence course. You have graduated from your favorite college of theology and have framed your cherished diploma. Now it is time to become practical. Leave your dreams of expecting to soar to Heaven because you hold a diploma for memorizing from the text books of theology. "As you sow, so shall you reap." These are words of wisdom, yet they are plain and simple. No one need misunderstand them as given by the teacher of Nazareth. Recall other words of wisdom from this man of God, such as "None but the pure in heart shall see God," we must become like little children and there is none good but God. You are part God, so remove all the material conditions before you. Master the alluring obstacles that cross your pathway. Climb, brother, climb, and you will have lasting happiness that material success did not bring to you. As you continue you will receive help from others who are climbing up the same pathway and who from their higher stations are spiritually developed to offer counsel and encouragement to you.

In your business conduct you did not approve of advancing an employee to a higher position unless you knew that he was well qualified to advance. You, therefore, as a sensible person do not expect to advance in your spiritual life until such time that you are entitled to a promotion. The only way to prepare for a spiritual elevation is to begin to live the Law of God. Do not become discouraged, but ever keep the goal in mind, the highest point of spiritual progress. This means that you were sent forth by the Creator, the Supreme Force, God, to do as you will. You will not be satisfied, to be sure, with a lowly

position when you have passed from the physical side of life to the spirit side. There you will be known as you are and for what you have done while in physical body. Excuses will not be accepted there no more than you accepted excuses from your business associates for their poor work. You will, however, draw to yourself like a magnet those who have progressed spiritually as you have done. As like attracts like, your spirit associates surrounding you will have best thoughts and purposes, harmony and happiness will abound and your reward will be continued growth and development, step by step, higher and higher, until you have reached the Father's house. Your spiritual goal must be reached by you, just you.

SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 4

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

1. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
2. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
3. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
4. Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
5. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
6. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.
7. We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
8. The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men.
9. I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.
10. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 3 follows: Psalms 121:2, 36:9, 37:37, 9:10, 25:5, 108:12, 6:2, 16:1, 143:8 and 145:1 respectively.

OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff
SPEAKING FOR ANOTHER

TO BE with a gathering of more than two or three it is often found that the discussion will cause one of those present to ask some one directly a question, and another not so addressed will undertake to answer. This infraction of courtesy is to be regretted.

We notice, too, that the unintelligent habit of speaking or answering for another is indulged in by elders who offer excuses for certain acts of their offsprings. It is good to observe, however, that many times these offspring will be ready and quick enough to give the correct or more nearly true answer even though their elders did speak out of their turn.

Not to allow one to speak for himself without interrupting is to destroy individuality in both. In court the witness must give his own answers or speak for himself, and help is offered only after he proves himself unable to properly comply, and so it should be everywhere else.

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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.



BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Through the means at your hands whereby you can obtain information that humanity seems unable to give, would you kindly advise as to where was Jesus of Nazareth between the age of twelve when He was last spoken of in the Bible, until the age of thirty, at which time He again is spoken of?—J. C.

We have been told by the Spirit Loved Ones that the boy of twelve who spoke the words of wisdom and spiritual knowledge given from a high source in the realms traveled from land to land which was the means of obtaining material knowledge and learning. In those days there were not any great schools or colleges of learning and contact with men in different communities was the best method for this experience.

He took an easterly course and soon was in that land called India. Here were many men from whom He could learn something of the mysteries of the great beyond. He developed His occult powers with these men, but we have been informed He never forgot to keep in communication with His Heavenly Father, and because of the purity and cleanliness of His spiritual and bodily household, was given much power from on high, and which he never denied (of myself I am nothing, it is the Father within).

Having received much enlightenment, He did much preaching to uplift spiritually those whom He could gather together. He made His way back to the land of His birth and continued His development and also taught and gave the benefit of His great wisdom and understanding to those early disciples who had thrown aside their material yokes and who wanted to follow Him. It was at about the age of thirty as we measure the years that He felt the time was right for coming before the multitudes. Even then He knew more wondrous works would later be done, and all of us in this time and day can understand that there is not any limit to how much we, too, can obtain in the way of truth, if we will but reach out in the right way.

UNION HILL, N. J.—Please tell us something about the spirit side of life on the MOON.—Mr. C. B. K.

Life exists everywhere throughout this entire universe. It is only on the earth planet that life is in a material covering, or, as we usually tell of it in the lectures appearing in the fore part of this magazine, house of clay. All other planets are spirit and not material. This includes all planets such as the moon, the stars and other great lights.

The sun, the moon, Mars, Jupiter, etc., are the abodes of spirit forces, who are as legion to the Creator and who, too, are the controllers of the elements, such as the winds, the rains and of the innermost parts of the earth and of the depths of the seas, and who are obedient to the commands of the Creator.

We are convinced that modern science and religion will prove this before they can prove any theory which all have advanced up to this time.

THE LIAR

ONE of the most vicious conditions to contend with is that of untruthfulness. It can be observed all about us. That condition is very prominent in the business offices. Here the telephone operators and the various assistants to executives are

too often demanded to say to an incoming caller, "Tell him I am out."

Not only is such a one a liar, but he makes liars out of others. It is this very one who would not want those assistants to lie to him, but the result usually is that since he lies to others, they in turn are distrustful with him.

It has been said, "A thief can be locked up, but a liar locked up still continues his lying habits." The liar is the most dangerous.

A CIRCLE

WITH the Leader there were about thirty people gathered in circle formation. Before the minute to begin was reached several of those present described the symbols and flowers which appeared, while still others saw manifestations of two or three forms of those out of body and who came from beyond the border, and which conditions were building up inside the human circle.

Cheering thoughts and harmony having prevailed, the Leader called for the opening hymn and which was followed by all repeating slowly and deliberately the prayer of the Nazarene. Silence and expectation followed, and then the voice of the Leader, controlled by an approaching Loved One, was heard.

After listening to wise counsel and sound advice, questions of spiritual character were invited and the answers in words of profound wisdom were truly astounding. The Leader, whose body was used for the purpose, was the only one present who did not share in hearing what was brought forth.

There was an interval of about one minute and then the voice was controlled by another Spirit Loved One and gave forth a message of spiritual upliftment the equal of which the Observer is unable to recall, whether coming from spirit or man of this or of any other age. Closely after came another Spirit Loved One who, too, gave wise counsel and explained some doubtful points on spiritual things and who then continued that part of the phenomena by causing to re-enter the "borrowed" body those out of body that had gone on before, and who were called by those in body gathered in the circle. Agreeable amazement resulted from the "communications."

At the end of a few hours the lights that were half dimmed at the beginning were again brightened, and the closing of the circle came with all repeating the 23rd Song of David.

The Observer has but one comment, and it is this—If all those travelling this earth plane in their own bodies could have experienced this especial circle gathering, soon there would come that "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

That which hath been is now: and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. ECCLESIASTES 3:15.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. ISAIAH 39:8.

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:6.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. PROVERBS 16:32.

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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TESTIMONIALS



AMAICA, N. Y.—After the armistice following the World War, our family, like many others, responded to the call for aid to their war-stricken brethren "over there." To our old grandfather, who was eighty-nine years old, we sent foodstuffs. Strange but true, he passed out of body the very day that notice came to him from the post office to call for the packages.

It was morning of February 5, 1920, that I dreamed I had personally brought the food to him, and was in the act of giving him a cup of cocoa, that he patted my cheek lovingly and with smiling face departed from this earth plane.

The tears and sobs awakened me and I decided to go to my mother's house and tell her of this dream and the strange, disquieting sensations passing through my whole body. Mother immediately felt the dream to be a reality. Two weeks later the news of grandpa's earthly death confirmed these statements.

We are firmly convinced that there is such a thing as communication between the so-called dead and the living travelling in body about this earth plane.—Mrs. S. B.

CATSKILL MOUNTAINS, SEPT. 1, 1927.—Many of us have had psychic experiences during our travel on this earth plane, but not having the proper understanding we have not considered them in that light. We have rather looked upon them as unusual happenings and made no attempt to unfathom their meaning. And so we have stored them away in the treasure house of our memories, recalling them at odd moments when some circumstance forced them before the mind's eye.

Quite a few years ago my mother, who had undergone a serious operation, was apparently recuperating at a seaside resort. She became very ill again and we decided to take her back to the city hospital for observation.

I was in the midst of packing when my mother took me quite unawares by a strange request. She asked me if I would put in the trunk with my belongings her black crepe de chine dress to lay her out in. I ignored the remark and tried to pass lightly over it, but a sickening despair gripped me.

Four days later in the city hospital my mother's spirit passed out of her worn out body.

For years afterward I often pondered over the incident, but now I know that one of my mother's loved ones on the far off shore was telling her that her spirit would soon be free from the house of clay that had held it so long.

We telephoned down to the seashore and requested a friend to bring the particular dress my mother had desired. The woman on arriving in the city told of a queer dream she had had the preceding night. It seemed my mother came to her, led her to our cottage, up the stairs to the particular closet where that black dress hung. We thought it strange, but, having no enlightenment, we attached no significance to it.

In the light of what I have learned since then through persistent searching for the truth, I can now understand. I believe that while the body lies passive in sleep the spirits of our loved ones often come to us, and in this particular case my mother's spirit appeared to my friend to help her.—MRS. M. A.

SO-CALLED DEATH, FEAR AND DESTRUCTION

By Union Coursean

WHO HAS ever attempted or can prove death? We know what may become of the body after so-called death, but what becomes of that LIFE that was within the body? Is it death or is it PASSING OUT? Are conditions the same whether it be natural as in the case of old age or sickness, whether accidental as in the case of drowning, burning or falling, whether deliberate as in the case of suicide or shooting, or if hung, beheaded or electrocuted?

Death is to the body and not the spirit or life. The change called death is as passing from one room to another. The passing out of body may come in the twinkling of the eye, and when it does come man nor anything of man will stop the spirit from leaving its prison home.

Fear of death should be cast from us. We do not prepare for death but should prepare for that time when we may be called over. When we are over the border, it is then we should have no fear of continuing our journey, more especially that we know it is to return to God.

Before the so-called death approaches the young or the middle aged, or even the oldest, all should take the best of care of the body, same as full care should be taken of the spirit within. By doing right we can understand there is something better, something worth while that is ahead. It is the RESURRECTION of the spirit, and on going over it takes with it its thoughts, its conscience.

Instead of death it becomes the awakening. We see our selves as we are and had been. Our shortcomings loom before us. We realize that the inner voice was trying to prompt us but we would not follow. We stand (many do) in lamentation and in sadness now that we see what our earthly journey had meant to us, and we set out to do what others (living ones) have done—return to make it all right, to help, guide and bring to those still on the earth plane and in an earth-made body those great points of truth that they live on and that all wrong must be made right by their own spirit selves. Absolutely none other will do it for us.

The dead do not rise from their graves to bring this. It is not the dead that return. It is the living, but not with an earth-made body.

When we know and understand these things we will know that instead of death we have life—continued life. Instead of fear, we will have confidence in life and therefore in God. Instead of destruction we have upliftment. It is well for us all to stop guessing about these all important things of our journeying here and hereafter.

It is not that we are denied this spiritual knowledge by the Father who is in Heaven. It is ourselves that close the doors to truth, and what blessings would be ours when we awaken to this, and then stop to depend on another less reliable than ourselves. Death of the body would then have no terrors, neither would the spirit have any fears.

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THE GOLDEN RULE IN BUSINESS

W. G.

BUSINESS is coming to be more efficient each year. The management and employees are cooperating with greater vigor than in former years. Along with this is a desire to eliminate waste. These, with other signs, are good to behold, for its influences spread to the homes where the children are able to share in the good results.

As we look about those places where there seems to be the greatest prosperity, and where the employees are happiest and most contented, we find a high moral standard.

Inquiry soon reveals that the reason is because the executives are interested in abiding in what they call the

Golden Rule. The sum and substance of the practice is. "Do by another as you would be done by."

Employees are considered honest and trustworthy, and very few exceptions are had. The entire organization have faith in each other and it is this that seeps through to its customers and users of its products.

This is indeed a very fortunate condition and one that could well be instilled in every industry. The trend of modern business methods are along these lines. Such superior activities will result in sound leadership based on virtuous foundation that future generations will inherit.

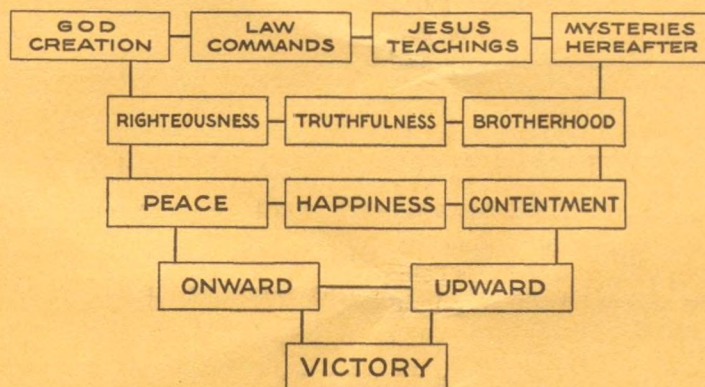


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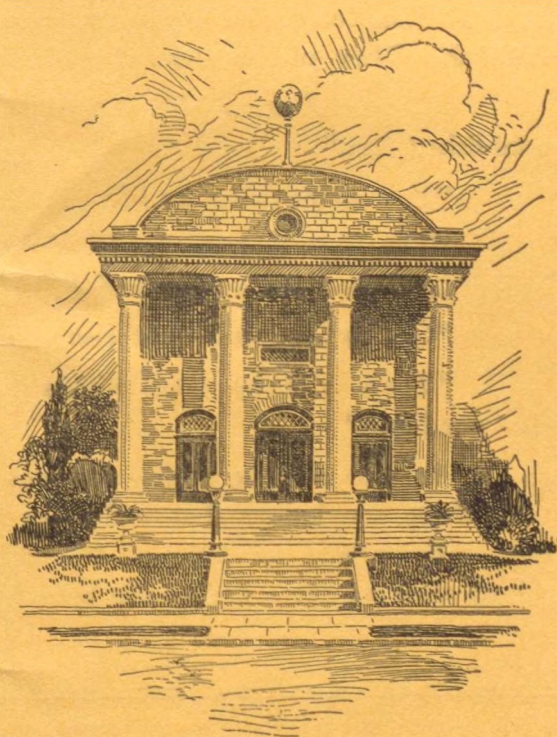
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"You cannot destroy life. It lives on forever. Life or spirit is eternal."

"The high and the lowly, the strong and the weak, white or colored, believer and non-believer, all need the service and gospel of Him who sent us forth."

"God is love, and most certainly is not to be feared."

"There is always good within us, and it is good our loved ones inspire us to bring out that goodness."

As we continue with each succeeding issue, our every endeavor will be to come openly with those convictions that will make for more happy and harmonious relationships between race, religion and revelation. We are in sympathy with those organizations and individuals whose aims are for a higher life hereafter. Their co-operation and correspondence is invited.

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