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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.

V.

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

VI.
THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII.

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

IX.

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

X.

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



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THE DAILY PRAYER

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)

IT IS WITH great happiness that I again return to this material plane. Many will ask why. It is a great privilege for me to be here with you today. Many times have I drawn nigh and many times have I returned in sadness as I look about and see humanity not rising from the ways in which they go about. Many will stand in that day ahead and say, "Why did I not listen, why did I not go and search." It is well to search, for if we search we shall find. Then when we have found it, it will be like a great charm that no one can take from us.

Today I just want to bring forth a little point to humanity. It might be uplifting for those who will give a point to one or to another. It will uplift them if nothing more, and when the hour will strike and the call will be heard, they will take a small portion with them and which will then serve for greater happiness.

I want to bring it to you even though it had been brought you by another spirit loved one. I will try to make it as plain as possible so that you might be able to give it to many, for without and within this material plane it is used in the self-same way, but how? Let each one answer for themselves. You might bring it, too, they can put that question as to how we take it.

The point I bring is the Elder Brother's prayer, the prayer He instituted to those who were with Him in those days when He was amongst men in flesh and blood. It was only a short space of time before He left the material earth plane. He told those about Him, that when they were to call to the Father, the Supreme Force, they should call in such a way as He did, to ask and to ask rightly.

It goes on first to say as each and every one starts in that prayer—OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN. Have you ever thought of whom it is you are about to address? Has it ever occurred to you that when you speak to your material parent you go right to this parent and you say, "Well, father, I would like this or that, or, do you not think it would be advisable in this way or another way that we might do this or that," and you are in real earnest about whatever proposition you are to bring to that material parent? When we call the same way, and call to that Father on high, we should think of how we go forth, not that we want to be in fear or that we are frightened. He is a Father of Love, and we should go forth to this Father in the righteous, loving way, and not as most go, in fear or in a sort of form way.

Then it goes on to say—HALLOWED BE THY NAME. Has it ever occurred to you that we call to that Supreme Force, God, and not think how very, very important it is that we call to that Father and that His name should be hallowed? We should think of what a privilege it is to go to that Father, Spirit to Spirit. Most throughout the material plane, wherever these words are used, will just go over them in a sort of rapid way that means little or nothing to the individual. Furthermore, what can it mean to that Father when He hears His child call in so narrow a way we call to Him and want that help?

Then we go on to say—THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE. We want God's Kingdom, the Father's Kingdom to come, and the Will of that Father to be done. Have we ever thought of what we are doing to help this Will and this Kingdom to come to men? We want it, we ask that the kingdom might come, and a kingdom means much, and each one wants and will receive much if we are right in the asking, and if we are right with that Father.

If we are satisfied, if we do not come to the very point, we can still say, thy will be done, even if a loved one is called over the border. We think so little when we repeat those words. They were given in that way that every man, woman or child may be able to call in the selfsame way.

We say about the will to be done ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. How can God's Will rest with us as it is in Heaven when we fall so far from that standard line? Today we say so and tomorrow we say something different. Today we are in great happiness with our brothers and sisters and tomorrow in malice we are drawing them down to the very depths. The Elder Brother is the example and we should follow that example, should try to follow on His way, as He showed.

"If you follow my teachings you will in no wise wander in darkness, but you will have everlasting light." It is worth while, that is why I bring it today, as a reminder. No matter where you be, where you hear those words uttered, put it to yourself and bring it to others. When we are about to repeat that prayer we want to repeat those words in the right way. We want to call to the Father right or not at all. That is the way all prayers, words of praise, or a sort of talking should be. That Supreme Force wants it to be right. It wants to be in happiness and wants to be in the proper way and then the blessings will come.

Then we go on to say—GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD and it is well. God sends forth for all, whether you be rich or whether you be poor, or whether you live in a mansion or you live in a little humble home. It means all the same. He sends forth that daily bread. He sends forth those that inspire again those in authority that they might be able to give to man that which he might earn for himself and surroundings the food that they would need. It is a wonderful thing when you look into the depths and see what it all is and what it all means.

We go on to say—FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES OR OUR DEBTORS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US. If we only want that Supreme Force God to forgive us as we are forgiving, it would be sad. But the Father looks deeper. He sees how the children understand not the words that they bring forth. That is why I bring to you these precious words that when you are about to ask God not to hold anything against His children, we should do likewise because we are part God ourselves. We have that spark of God within and each one is equal. We should not look at the small shortcomings of our brothers and sisters when we ourselves have larger shortcomings. We do not want any one to remark about them or see them, therefore, we should hold ourselves with the Elder Brother, and try to help those with short-

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comings, then we are helping ourselves with our larger shortcomings.

Then it goes on to say—**LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.** God leads no one into temptation. We bring them on ourselves, that is why we should ask that our spirit be spared. God tempts no one. We are free to make right those things that we have in years gone by done in misunderstanding because we had not seen it rightly. We can keep ourselves from being led into temptations.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL—the evil that confronts humanity today is great and therefore you ask that Father to keep the spirit clean and not be drawn down by many temptations about us day in and day out. You ask that the Father will help the spirit.

The loved ones will help the very better self to get on a better way, the way to help others to follow and do what is right and not be led into those evils.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. It is God that is Power and Glory, and we want that power and glory to come to us, too. It is ours but for the asking if we are right with that God, the Supreme Force, and if we follow the Law of God and abide by it. All those things that are summed up will be ours and only for the asking.

Try it, my dear brothers and sisters of this material plane, and when you are about to offer the words of the Elder Brother, then take your very inner self together and talk to that Father as you would talk to your material parent, and you will find that uplifting feeling come to you. You will find how day in and day out it will be a blessing to you and all sorrow and sadness will vanish and all you ask will be yours, and I know and assure you you will often think of what I brought you today, and you will say such a spirit should return for our good, for our reaching out in far better way than ever before.

You have an opportunity to help your brothers and sisters in this material plane and even those that had brought themselves far above yourself, far above an individual, you can then bring forth the great blessings for yourself and them. In the end you will say it was a good thing the spirit returned and brought those words to us. **AMEN!** **EDMUND**

Brother Edmund passed out of body in recent years and at young age. His spiritual progress in the realms has been quite rapid, so much that now he is a message bringer or lecturer of considerable wisdom. His spirit is rising to higher heights and to greater wisdom.

BROTHERHOOD

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)

I JUST wanted to come in. I cannot stay away. I have to say something. We are all brothers and sisters and that is why I like to mingle in with one and another. I just want to bring a point or two and that is that humanity might understand that it is worth while to follow on a righteous pathway, and to start in and be brotherly and sisterly with one another.

We know not at what moment we might be taken away, that is, not taken away entirely, but the spirit may leave those that remain in body. Most times those that remain in body understand it not that even then they could get in touch with those that have gone over. They understand it not and so I say it is well that we be brotherly and sisterly. Then we will

find as the morning comes and the evening goes we will again meet no matter where we might go.

Then again there is another point. There is so much in this material plane to look after. There is so much that attracts humanity, that draws them from the very best way, down into the broad wide way that will lead them to destruction. Why is it that humanity cannot hear the call of God, "Come, come and go not on that way, for that way will only lead to hurt you in the end." You hear the response, "There are many that are going that way, they are enjoying themselves and have the best of times."

Some understand not they go on the narrow way. Well for those that reach out to that which is good, to that which will bring upliftment, to that which will bring happiness to the spirit. The spirit is the main thing that must be made happy. The earthly happiness amounts to naught.

After you have traveled a while and you have enjoyed all those earthly riches, those grandeurs, those places of amusement, and you have been eating and drinking and making merry, what are the consequences? Have you ever thought it over? How very fatigued you are, you have aches and pains and you have headaches, and you know not from whence they come. Look back at your enjoyments and see if you cannot trace them and see how you have coaxed them on to yourself and you will find what I am telling you is quite right.

I see many have traveled that road and I see many that have traveled on an upper pathway and I see how they are more contented because the spirit self has been nourished, it has been uplifted, it has been brought nearer and nearer that Father. Know ye that the spirit is part God. It is a small portion of that Father sent forth, a small atom that has taken place in a material body, and has then worked itself until it has thought it was the God itself. Part God it is but it has not reached that height that it can command and demand what should be brought forth.

Many there are in this material plane that think they have the whole earth in their hand, that they have brought it so far that they just hand from God to man and from man to God. But how very disappointed they will be at the ending, how they will look and lament and how they will cry for the mountains to cover them. I say it is then that they can look back at their grandeur of their time. It is the selfsame way as when those that had been in this plane hundreds of years back, when they had reached forth and wanted a little consolation from one or from another, how they had to hear in turn, "You had your part in the material plane when you were in material cloak, you had your part then and you heeded not the voice that came and prompted you. Now you must take what has been left, not what has been left for you, but what you left yourself for the spirit to nourish on."

Those are the main conditions, and I would call to you to be watchful and look forward and follow on a righteous, truthful and brotherly pathway. Then you will find the happiness coming to you. Reach while you are traveling here. You are then building your full foundation for when you leave this material cloak and reach to those higher realms, those realms that will bring you the most, those realms where in the end you will reach higher and higher until you have again combined yourself with the ever living God.

What we sow here we will reap hereafter. Sow those kind of deeds that you might look to them in happiness and contentment and then reap your full benefits. **AMEN.** **JOHNNY**

Brother Johnny, like the previous speaker, also passed out of body in recent years and at young age. He, too, is one who is helping to bring forth spiritual truths.

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SPIRIT WRITINGS

Spiritual conversations explaining the Love of God, His Laws, Penalty and Reward, to all His children of the earth plane, from the highest intellectual to the humblest uneducated beings, for the rich as well as the poor. This work is being done in the interest of the whole world, to unite as in one the four corners of this earth in unity and Love for God.



MY SUBJECT today is that the spirit after leaving the body is given different states of abode in the spirit realms. From this depends our eternity in Heaven where we will come into the presence of God and those who have gone before and who too have reached this all highest point.

Before reaching that pinnacle we must have passed through the many parts of the spirit realms. There will be lamenting and gnashing of teeth, and those unworthy to be admitted to the presence of God must purge themselves of all wrong doing while traveling this earth plane. It is very sad for those who have had the misfortune to offend God, for they must repent.

There are so many people in the world today (and really always have been) who refuse to understand there is a place where the wayward find themselves in when passing over. Some even doubt there is a Heaven, and by so doubting they place themselves on the same level with the worm, and even lower than the worm.

While in the body, God gives man his free will. This free will enables man to do good or to do evil. It is true even for those who want to do good, they also find many difficulties in their way, for the evil one is ever so anxious to enslave for himself the chosen children of God, and so it is more so for those who consecrate their earthly life to God. They experience the most trying temptations. Their downfall is the utmost conquest of the evil one, for then his pride and his hatred for The Father is satisfied.

We have been given a free will, and it is to our advantage to use it for the right ending of our spiritual welfare; glorifying God in trying to do His will day by day, every hour of our journey in which He has placed us. Our duties must be performed, for we must understand that if we neglect to accomplish the work that He has assigned for us to do here on earth, in other words, if we refuse to carry our crosses, then, when the spirit leaves the body it finds itself indebted to its Master.

How can we expect to claim the reward of being happy with Him if we have not accomplished any deeds worthy of any recompense? Instead of receiving the price for the right duties performed, we find ourselves indebted for our lost time, and unworthy of any recompense.

How is it that man, the human being on whom God bestowed so many special gifts as speech, hearing, sight, in fact, all the senses which makes man a superior creature, goes deliberately and upsets the kind and wonderful graces of God for whom He intended that all things should be bright, beautiful and harmonious? Is it any wonder that this Almighty Ruler, after bestowing so many gifts on this being of this earth, gifts that have placed man above every other creature and seeing him becoming so ungrateful, should not be sad?

No doubt you have sometimes thought that a God who is so Omnipotent and above all revengeful feeling, how it is that He can punish us for an eternity? There are some think that it can not be possible that God could be so unmercifully resentful toward His own children. Maybe you and the next one have wondered about this. It seems almost impossible, but have you ever thought of the great strength of Love and the

great strength of hate? These two elements do not mix together. One is the opposite of the other.

Love is the emblem of God. Hate is the work of evil. This explains a little, as I will explain later why we deserve punishment when we prefer to associate ourselves with sinful thoughts and actions—the malice of the evil one.

God has given us the free will to choose between love and hate. Now this love that I mention is the love of God first, and the love of our neighbors. It is to keep this commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." But what do you see in the world today? Is it the love for God and your neighbor? Sadly, no, but all selfish love. No scruples or hesitancy in stealing what belongs to our neighbors, even keeping from them their proper share of earnings. In fact, these days this commandment seems to be out of date. We forget it is a law of God and that there is a penalty attached if we break it.

You have the laws of the world made by the rulers of the world. Why is it hard to understand that God also has His laws and that we must abide by them? If our work is against them, then we must expect the penalty that is due all law breakers. This is just an example to prove that it is plain enough to see that those who work against the Divine Law of God will also receive punishment.

So we must thoroughly understand that if we aspire to be in favor in the eyes of our Heavenly Father, it is to Love Him above all things and our neighbors as ourselves.

Who is our neighbor? Did God have any preference with regard to race, color, or creed? No, He loves us all. The Nazarene has given us the answer. He has shown us that we are to be but one large family. We all have a share in His sufferings as we also will have a share in His Glory, if we strive to work according to His teachings.

It is sad that man is so blind to everything that concerns his eternal upliftment. He can see clear enough when it is something to understand about the doings of the world. It seems he wants to be totally blind when he has to understand the rights of God.

A. S. L. O.

The succeeding issues of this Magazine will continue to publish the wonderfully inspiring and uplifting message started as above. This message has never before appeared in print.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. PHILIPPIANS 4:6.

They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them. PROVERBS 28:4.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. COLOSSIANS 3:15.

Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. ECCLESIASTES 7:8.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. II CORINTHIANS 9:15.

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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 XIV—SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA. In this special group we want to bring out the importance of understanding the main points in order to better appreciate the series that are to follow.

Criticise not that you know not anything about. The works of God must not be scoffed at nor mocked. False teachers and parasites should all be avoided. Reject the material with its temptations and let the spirit become the master. Look to the Creator, who is supreme, before yielding to man who of himself is as nothing.

"Please, God, Give Me Light, Have Mercy on My Soul," is spiritual, and in spirit and in truth let us commune with the Father. He sees, hears and knows all our thoughts, words and deeds. It is the inner self, the God-part within, that can reach to spiritual heights according to its development. As we progress spiritually, all is revealed in the measure with which we individually advance. God does not deny His children the light and understanding, and by choosing well our environment and associations, by learning and thinking and doing in absolute confidence in that Father, contact is established between the material earth and the spirit realms.

When establishing contact in any form whatsoever between here and hereafter, between the living of this plane and the living of the spirit realms, do not try the spirits, but say, "You are welcome, come with power." Make no commitment or vows, for they must not be broken. When in doubt, call direct to the Father, and abide by the Law of God in whole. Do not anything unless in full compliance and strict obedience to that Law, and remember it is for all, both here and hereafter. Ask not of one to do your bidding unless willing to be asked to do the bidding of another.

LESSON XV—THE SPHERES OR HIGHER REALMS. All does not end at the grave. When the spirit is released from its body or earthly cloak, it should make its way over the border free from that earthly bondage. This spirit on going over (this is the RESURRECTION) reviews its own life book, witnessed and judged by its own conscience. Many cases are had where one will make this review just immediately before the resurrection or going out of body.

According to the way one sows so shall one reap. Denied on the earth plane, it must be confronted in the realms, that oneself must purge out its own shortcomings. It is more difficult to do this in the spirit realms than if done while still in an earth made body. As the purification proceeds in wisdom and in truth, we pass from one station to a higher one, and continue until we reach our ultimate destination. Failing to go onward and upward, we are confronted with going into the lowest depths, oftentimes escaping only by reincarnating.

The "Father's House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens," is spiritual, and is known and seen spiritually. There are seven spheres, twelve compartments within each, and three sections (or steps) to each section. The first sphere is that nearest earthly conditions and the highest is nearest to that Zion, to that Father with whom we recombine after we have attained the purity, wisdom and power with which we were first sent forth.

Each step is farther from the earth plane and has an increasing degree of light. The spiritual scenery is far beyond the beauty and magnificence of the earthly. The higher one finds himself, the greater the wisdom and light. Schooling is

as necessary there as it is spiritually necessary while traveling here.

The loved ones have explained much and greater wonders are ever before, and so it is until we reach the pinnacle where we await the opening or entrance into the Zion, which is about every two thousand years as we measure the calendar of man.

LESSON XVI—SIGHT (SEEING) AND SYMBOLS. Spirit to spirit are the spiritual conditions revealed, so that one blind of the material eye can nevertheless see through the spirit eye. Whether seeing through the open or closed eye, much depends on development in that direction.

We can see in the form of dreams as well as seeing the visions as revealed to the fully conscious. Not that what is beheld is to be considered as material or imaginative or hallucinatory, but must be viewed as celestial.

Rays or colors come from higher planes and are as thoughts from one to another, the colors being symbolical of the stations from whence sent forth. A message in sort of written characters are seen and read. Flowers, trees, and other forms of earthly growth, and beasts, birds and other forms of earthly life, but not including forms of humans, are symbolical and possible of true and proper interpretation. Forms of humans are oftentimes seen as they actually were while traveling in an earth made body. Lights and vapors or sort of clouds are conditions also to be seen, usually in the early stages of developing the sight. These lights or signals should be welcomed same as any symbol or form—with power.

One can under proper conditions see both that which is past as well as to foresee. Those who have seen have variously been called prophets, seers, sages, witches, mediums or psychics. Progress spiritually depends upon individual willingness and sincerity.

LESSON XVII—INSPIRATION, HEARING and FEELING. All comes from the spirit realms, and the higher the source, the greater the spiritual conditions that make for more light, wisdom and truth. To receive from the higher realms requires higher development on the part of those who can be reached inspirationally, or who will hear the spirit voice or feel the spirit impression upon oneself spiritually.

When one feels the prompting, or listens to the inner voice, or feels the pushing as if with mortal hands, it is well to take heed, always remembering the Law that guides. All these things man has duplicated in trickery, and such mocking is serious. If anything given is not of good intent and purpose, accept it not, but return it to the sender, in the same manner as one would refuse an evil word spoken or written by mortal man.

Inspirations and hearing come at any time of day or night, but the best results are had when in receptive mood and environs. To feel the spirit touch at any or all times also indicates the closeness with which one gone over the border can demonstrate or manifest his presence. Another form of hearing is through trans-mediumship, a condition in which one out of body uses another body or earthly form.

Man cannot dictate how the so-called phenomenal or super-human conditions shall transpire, but it behooves us all to not reject the works of God, to not falsely interpret nor deliberately hide. We should not be disloyal to the wonders of God, and to call it the works of another is to be false. What is for good does not carry any label of evil.

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AFTER DEATH, THEN WHAT?

By Union Coursean

THE ALL IMPORTANT question that seems to have baffled and still is perplexing to nearly all of humanity is, What Becomes Of Us When Death Overtakes Us? This great mystery all through the ages seemed impregnable to the greatest majority. Very apparently man's knowledge has been so self-limited that chaos and confusion is the result.

Book learning and school training has brought the seeker for the answer to this very severe question farther from the source of wisdom from which the true understanding is obtainable. To those who will use foresight and seek spiritual contacts by which truth has been and is being revealed, there is in store an abundance of help.

In an effort to obtain the viewpoint of different leaders of varying religious beliefs, an inquiry was addressed to fourteen Protestant Ministers and to two Hebrew Rabbis. The solemn question asked was, "What becomes of us when death overtakes us?"

Just nine replied in all sincerity, and which is as sincerely appreciated. Their understanding as individuals is remarkably interesting. How the remaining seven feel regarding this very important question and subject is doubtful. Not that it would appear that they lacked courage or conviction on the subject, may it be stated that several have kindly and with courtesy extended an interest to discuss the matter in person.

One reply gave it that our body goes to dust and the soul goes to God who gave it, but that on resurrection day both again will be reunited. This reply also expressed the belief that God will take care of us anywhere and everywhere.

Another answered to the best of his ability by defining the word "us," meaning the body being material and the soul being spiritual. He believed we might be alive in the body and dead in the spirit. This reply also included the understanding that the spirit goes on in growth and development in the spiritual realms, and experiences communion with other spirits.

Still another reply states the question touches what the Bible reveals to us as being the prime interest in life. He understands the spirit to be eternal, has everlasting life, but that those in the grave await the call of resurrection.

There was one reply that denies the belief of lying in the grave until a future day. He put it that there are two classes, the saved and the unsaved. Strangely enough for the unsaved class, he continues that only they need not wait until they depart from this life to learn of their spiritual condition.

The reply from one who was addressed frankly stated he did not know the answer. He did say, however, that we should face the future with trustful hope. Still another reply claimed there are no known particulars of that life that is beyond the portals of death. A few of the replies gave no Bible quotations or references, while one gave only a list of references.

Now the enquirer fully realizes that many volumes have been written on the subject, but there was one reaction experienced after the replies had been acknowledged, and it was to more fully appreciate the sound and logical advice of SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND, and to individually prepare for one of the MANSIONS IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE.

CLIMB

FOREVER FIGHT THE UPHILL FIGHT;
'TIS TRUE THAT COASTING'S FUN;
BUT WHEN YOU HIT THE BOTTOM, CLIMB!
RIGHT THERE THE PRIZE IS WON.

AMOS.

THE CLIQUE

THE NARROW circle of persons that associate and plot in a clannish way is the clique. This vicious circle can be found in many places, and sad that it is usually discovered where one should not expect to find it. Fraternal organizations that had developed on lines of harmony and brotherhood, able to stand firm against the intolerance of the ages, have been weakened by the clique. The narrow circle has worked havoc in many sanctuaries, driving some in disgust to seek congenial surroundings and has prevented, by its example, the entry of the sincere truth-seeker to the temple of God.

The clique embodies nothing but selfish purposes. It plots behind closed doors to accomplish its desires. Being without honor, it deliberately crushes opposition; and in its smiling way, masks the evil intent of its heart. Where we find the clique in control, we seldom note progression. The selfish "I am" predominates, and suggestions from others, however constructive, are misunderstood and ignored.

The leaders of any organization are apt to be criticised by the slackers on the side-lines, whereas they should be encouraged. Rather it is advisable to remain silent than to belittle another's best effort. To the cliques, however, we hold no encouragement. Destruction crowns their failures as they usurp the rights of others. If the other brother or sister is well qualified to occupy the station, step down gracefully, for the good of the cause. There is something else for you to do, and no one else can do it as well as you. By being brotherly you will succeed, for your example will establish a precedent. Form no part of cliques that plot to destroy, and you will not draw destruction to you.

When brotherhood is practiced as well as preached, the habit of forming cliques will become obsolete, and at that time the outsider will sense that no hypocrites are within. He will be glad to knock on the door for admission and accept the hand-clasp of friendship. The true spirit of brotherhood will reach to his better self and the all-embracing circle of righteousness will receive another link.

T. R. W.

TO MY SON

HIS eyes are full of innocence,
His face is like the dawn,
He's young, and true, untried,
My boy that God looked on.

I let him go although I knew
'Twas dangerous where he trod,
For though he stand or though he fall
His soul must still return to God.

As flower toward the sun,
If darkened years there be,
His heart must still return
To seek commune with Thee.

For in the darkest hours there'll come
A voice, however still and small,
And though he live or though he die
He still must hear it call;

For it has come to all mankind,
And if they choose they'll hear
From out the darkness words of love,
Of hope, of comfort, words of cheer,

Saying, "I am God, my son, my son,
Let neither woe nor ill betide,
Fear not, for I will lead thee on,
I am ever by thy side."

We are but sparks of that great Infinite,
Parts of the sum of what may be,
Spirits moving onward, upward,
Passers through immortality.

By GERALDINE W. WOOD.

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EDITORIALS

THE FEMALE BRAIN

IT IS interesting to read that science has, after an exhaustive study, decided the female brain need not be inferior to that of a male of equal rank. The decision is based upon the study of the brain of Helen H. Gardener, noted author, lecturer and feminist, completed two years after her death. Mrs. Gardener had willed her brain to science, in the firm belief that there is no inferiority in the female sex.

It is gratifying to learn of the decision of the investigators, these highly specialized men, who must measure everything with rule and instrument. Now that they have acquired such knowledge, what will they do with it? If they had taken the pains to learn of the wondrous works of God, not bottled up in their laboratories, but in the sweet communion of man with his Creator and with his neighbor, this question would have been settled long ago. As we are all brothers and sisters of the just Father, we have not learned anything new from the professors. We are happy, however, to know that our learned men have advanced one more step, and satisfied themselves that we are all equal children of the Creator.

LIGHT, MORE LIGHT

ALL OF US should seek light, more light, and if we do this, we certainly shall not wander nor stand in darkness. When we speak of light, we mean more Truth, more Righteousness, more Brotherhood. If any one of these great attributes were to be singled out as of greater need than the others, it would be that of Brotherhood.

Still it should not be that we need more of any one or even more of all. The light from the far off distance has been given us so that we have the light, but it comes down to this, namely, why hide it as under a bushel?

"Let your light so shine," admonished One who Himself sent forth the rays.

To let our light flicker and then go out will cause us to stumble in the dark. Well therefore it is for us to follow the light, that everlasting light, the Light of God. Well, too it is, if we will help to bring those in darkness into the light.

No matter how black the past, no matter how dark the shadows that have crossed our paths, let us go directly to the light, and not wait for it to approach us. Behold the Light of God, and it will lead us on.

God is Spirit, and Spirit is Light. We look up to God from whence cometh the Light, the Wisdom and Understanding. It is to God we again must return, and is it not well if we let that God-part within shine forth?

Light here assures us of that self-same light hereafter. Making our spiritual journey here onward and upward assures us of a continued onward and upward journey when we are called to make our journey back home through the spiritual realms.

One poet has put it this way, "I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my home." There can be no doubt about it, so let us proceed in light, and more light can be obtained, and it will shine throughout all darkness. Try it.

THE HOMEBOUND CARAVAN

THE time is come to leave for Home
Across untrodden sand;
Bygone the need to longer roam
A pilgrim in the land.

No fear of death in him you see,
No questioning reward;
A fellowship divine has he
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

With soul the Giver taught to give,
He meets the caravan
And presses on to ever live
In peace with God and man.
To E—, C—, H—, AMOS.

RECKLESS DRIVING

A PICTURE of the automobile death memorial was recently shown in the newspapers. This memorial has been erected in New York City to the persons who have been killed by reckless drivers. This picture shows the number of dead as 1312 since January 1, 1926. The tablet will be changed from time to time as the number of deaths have increased.

Making allowances for jay-walkers, it is safe to say that nearly all these fatal terminations were due to reckless driving by those who had little regard for their fellow-men. We can assert without the slightest doubt that if brotherly love had prevailed there would not have been this loss of human life. Of course, there were genuine regrets by the offenders for the accidents, but remorse and regret will never make good our shortcomings. We can install the most perfect system to control traffic, with sufficient officers of the civil law to enforce regulations, but if we are selfish of our own pleasure, or business, without the proper love for our neighbor, these regretful accidents will increase.

If there is not the correct understanding of God's purposes for mortals to follow in life, the lower conditions will control and each child of God will be for himself, his own pleasures and his own gain. The monument which has been erected should be educational, to teach the value of life, yet the greatest progress will come from the love for one another.

BACK NUMBERS

WE STILL have on hand some copies of each of the previous issues of THE TRUE LIGHT, and any one wishing to complete their files can buy the missing numbers. A limited number have been placed aside for those of our newer subscribers.

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ENJOYING OLD AGE

By GEORGE HEALD

OLD AGE is one of the finest things we can attain in this world. It forms the brink of life upon this plane before departing to the spiritual realms. When one has lived a life of usefulness upon this earth plane, what a happy feeling it must be when the appointed time comes for God's will to bid you release yourself from the cares of this world and carry on to the next plane to receive your reward there for the good you have done here.

Some people dread old age, but it is because they do not fully realize their responsibilities upon this earth, and have not accepted Spiritism as the main factor to their confidence that there is a hereafter.

Old Age Is Grand,
Old Age Is Noble.

A life of usefulness upon this earth plane will bring you happiness and comfort in your declining years, and will bring you untold reward in the Spiritual Hereafter.

DISOBEDIENCE

BE NOT disobedient in your every day going. Be good and kind and give a helping hand wherever possible. In our every day life we meet with ups and downs but we should not be discouraged. Our life on this earth plane is but a short time, so let us make the best of the good within us.

The very spirit, that part God within should not be neglected, no matter what the circumstances of the outer cloak or body. Most of humanity neglects or is disobedient to His Spirit by not giving that part of us a chance to develop and build up, and so it becomes hard to return with a clear, clean conscience to the Father who is in heaven.

We are all God's children. As we sow, so shall we reap. Let us follow the Law of God, and abide by the teachings of the Nazarene, and see if our daily wants are not more easily fulfilled.

By being disobedient to the spirit part we place ourselves in the dark. It comes when our time on this earth plane is at an end and the spirit part is called back home. Then it is we know not how to turn, whether left or right, for we are as lost for a time or until the spirit is enlightened and only then is able to find its way.

Why not travel this plane so that we will have an easy travel back to God?

VISION

MANY of us at times find occasion to advise one to cease looking backward. Of them that are so advised there comes the real difficulty or struggle to stop going over the past. However, the struggle is well worth while.

Looking ahead is the order of the day. It is not that we should vainly imagine something in haphazard manner or build silly castles in the air, but to LEARN and THINK. Supermen are required to do amazing things, but all men are needed to do the necessary things.

Our lot is with those who actually do look ahead spiritually. We want to share with those having a vision worthy of the prophets. It would be a privilege to know of those who do, who accomplish, who are blazing a trail that others might follow in truth. To be sure, they are the ones who seem far ahead of the times because of that vision and wisdom and knowledge not being understood as well as it might be by the masses.

There are some, and they should and must come to the fore. Even though ridicule may be heaped upon them, fearlessly they must continue, knowing as they do that just ahead lies the reward for being truthful for righteousness sake. If ever there was a need for spiritual leaders of modern times, it is right now.

Times are changing, though, and it is something to be thankful for. To get out of a rut is a real accomplishment, more especially if the rut has been hundreds of years in the making.

A very notable condition that is changing for the betterment of all concerned is the effort of those with a true vision to teach and know more about the Living God. No other study that could be mentioned has so great a reward for understanding as that study of the Creator. May it gather a momentum that will sweep the Universe!

This sublime subject must be taken hold of in an entirely new way. Spiritually, most assuredly. The times past have not done much to speed us on the new and better way, except we do as the one and greatest teacher of all mankind did and taught us how likewise to do. He had the vision and the courage to do not for name nor for material gain.

Humanity is waiting and hungering for TRUTH. Not the kind "discovered" or "founded" by any individual or group of individuals, but the God-given truth for ALL—that spiritual truth that requires no apologies nor guessing about. It is this that men and women of vision

will stand uprightly for. It is this spiritual truth that will bring into one great human household every child of man within whom is the Spirit of the Father and none other.

To the Glory of God let TRUTH conquer! May it please the Father to have His children become more obedient and thankful, and may all Praises be for that Father.

GOD'S OWN

(MY SPIRIT GUIDES)

WITHIN the space about me,
How oft I feel the thrill
Of God's dear spirits passing,
Doing His holy will.

The essence of their presence
Are to my senses sweet;
Could I but see and hear them,
How kindly them I'd greet.

I sense that now they're near me,
Looking at my slate,
Smiling, oh, so gently,
As these impressions I relate.

Leaning o'er my shoulder,
Their spirit breath I feel;
As it wafts past my mortal cheek
It makes my senses reel.

Scented like the new-born babes,
Minus all earthly taint;
Fragrant like autumn grasses,
Delicious, tho so faint.

At times I feel their golden strands
Blown against my cheek
Whilst whispering courage in mine ear
To help me when I'm weak.

In fighting the temptations of the flesh
(Which to all mankind are born),
'Tis then I need their help the most
From battle tired and worn.

Firm, but gently, they hold me,
Guide me to the right;
Safe thro the paths of darkness,
Safe into God's own light.

I fancy then I am a child again,
Safe near mother's breast,
Given strength and protection
For future trials to wrest.

At night o'er me still watching,
Keeping away all harm,
My body slumbers peacefully,
Refreshed at coming of dawn.

O! Father God, I thank Thee
For the zealous and gentle care
Administered by Thy spirits,
So sweet, so loving, and fair.
SAMUEL WOODWORTH BRADLEY.

The spirit of thanksgiving should be the daily communion of God—part with God, spirit to spirit. It should not be reserved for the fall of the year, no more than spiritual growth should be postponed until the autumn of our lives.

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THE MASTER TEACHER

THE NAZARENE taught humanity many beautiful lessons for spiritual development, among which we find the sermon on the mount and many parables of wisdom. He traveled extensively throughout the known world of his times, studying in different countries the philosophies of the wise, until reaching about his thirtieth year, when he went forth to teach humanity the way to live. He prepared himself and knew his subjects, so that the few years of his actual teaching gave to humanity unadulterated truth from the lips of a master teacher.

The mission of Jesus was to teach man to love God, the Father and His Law. His teachings were plain and simple, but unfortunately humanity has clouded these simple teachings with shadows of man-made ceremonies, so that today there exist numerous cults or creeds that scarcely resemble what Jesus brought forth. These existing beliefs were founded on faith, an entirely separate thing from truth and wisdom, resulting from confidence in God. As creeds are the fruit of men's opinions, each differing according to the degree of spiritual light, it is advisable to refer to the Law of God, those never changing Commands of our Heavenly Father. As we study these Commands we stand on solid ground and in wisdom know what the Nazarene meant by his teachings. As we analyze his teachings the light of truth begins to shine. Surely he was in earnest when he said that we reap what we sow; that there is none good but God. He admonished humanity to follow his teachings, that none would wander in darkness, for it was an actual state of spiritual darkness and gloom for those who had spent their earthly lives in violating the Law of God. He also emphasized the point of wisdom that we do not go to Heaven to combine with the Father when our earthly work is finished, for there are none good and pure enough to do so, but rather that we grow to Heaven, step by step, over the trials and victories of our individual experiences. Jesus did not exempt himself from this healthy method of growing spiritually. Did he not isolate himself in the wilderness and silent places when the temptations of life crowded about his daily ways? Man should not assume authority to teach humanity that their sins can be washed away in the twinkling of an eye. The essence of the Nazarene's teachings can be written in few words. Think of the volumes of books that have been written modifying, changing and revising simple truth according to the light of each author. If our beliefs are wrong then our lives will not shine to guide humanity into the safe harbor of peace. If we analyze the belief that we do not sow what we reap, but the vicarious atonement eradicates the accumulation of our many sins, the results are clear to all. Christian character or any character moulded from this belief has been stunted by dependence upon another, until the God part no longer commands, but is subservient to custom. How easy it is to have another perform a duty for us while we sit back so peacefully to enjoy the rewards. If we continue to believe this fallacy we will not realize the awful consequences of sin and our shortcomings will increase as we satisfy our lower natures. Having found pleasure in sin, we have continued to sin, believing as we have been taught that our sins, though as scarlet, shall be whiter than snow. Occasionally remorse prompts repentance and the Church assures us we have been forgiven and to forget the past. The creeds are wrong, for if the law of man or creed has not reached the sinner, the Law of God which has been violated imposes its penalty from which there is no escape. Did not Jesus teach accordingly when

he said blessed are the peace-makers? Why is there error and who is responsible for it? We cannot blame the self-sacrificing Nazarene who brought truth and righteousness. Let us point the accusing finger to the sore spot, man-made dogmas that sprang from desires of men to escape the consequences of their transgressions.

The weak character invariably tries to evade his responsibilities, both material and spiritual responsibilities, and takes refuge in the less exacting creeds that show an easy exit from personal transgressions. It has been so along the paths of time and was no different in ancient times when men sacrificed to their material gods to escape punishment for wrongdoing. As the Jews adopted gods of other nations they sacrificed to these gods, offering their own children on their altars. As light began to shine, the family sacrifice changed to the use of animals and subsequently the family sacrifice was abolished and one animal, usually a goat, was offered as a sacrifice for the entire nation. This so-called vicarious atonement was to wipe out the sins of the family and tribe. It was not spiritual worship of the Living God, but it did appease the weak characters of those times.

Jesus, in love for God and man, came forth upon this earth plane to teach the True Light. The self-sacrificing one was called the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of men. He was to be the sacrificial lamb for his followers to pile on their sins. As the blood of the lamb on the altar of sacrifice atoned for personal shortcomings of selfish humanity, so was the blood of the humble Nazarene to open the gates of Zion to all who believed. It is not amazing that the weak characters again found comfort in avoiding their debts, and this belief supplanted justice.

The time has arrived for clarity in spiritual things. Man-made creeds are tottering, as evidenced by complaints of dwindling church membership. Humanity has arrived at the adult stage, having left their academic studies behind them and in the school of life have started to think for themselves. Man reasons with God-given faculties, and the shadowy theories of a darker age disperse in the light of truth. Nothing but the pure rays of truth will satisfy the hungry and thirsty for righteousness. If we want to benefit at all from the mission of Jesus among men, let us analyze his sublime teachings, without prejudice, as we cast aside the opinions of men and seek truth and wisdom, the rewards of the earnest seeker.

The proper way the Nazarene taught humanity not only by word of mouth, but by example to follow. From his early youth he sought the higher conditions that brought wisdom to confound the Rabbis and teachers of his time, yet the simple truths which he brought were known to history. These truths had been recorded to be known by all who seek, but the seats of ritualism had taken firm hold in those days as they have today, so truth was obscured. Jesus came to destroy error that had warped the minds of men. He taught that God is supreme, there is only one living and true God, Creator of all, giver of life and light. In wisdom he knew that only his own efforts would bring him back to the Father's house, therefore temptations of life did not overpower him. He appealed to the Father for strength to master the fleshy conditions and strengthen the spirit. He placed true value on spiritual growth and pleased the Father by keeping the Law. He did not claim to be God, nor did he place himself equal with God. He emphasized the Divine Will as supreme. The Nazarene pointed to the universal Law of God to guide us over the pitfalls of life. His

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self-sacrificing mission shows us the way to live. It shows that the privilege to sit on his right side and on his left was not his to give, but it shall be given to them of whom it is prepared of his Father. When we say we will follow in his footsteps, we must develop into the master workman, able to make our own way to Heaven. We will know from experience the roads to travel and the paths to avoid. Confidence in true spiritual understanding will free us from error and remove all doubts. It will hasten the time when the God-part within has dominion over the physical obstacles.

God is supreme, there is only one living and true God. God is spirit and sent forth spirit into the man-made body. Man is therefore part-God created in the spiritual image of the Father. Man's physical body is but temporary, while the spirit or life is eternal. Body without spirit is dead. Each new-born babe requires life. The spirit enters and there is life. The operation is divine. The Nazarene was born of earthly parents as you and I. No special act or dispensation was required. His mission in earth life of help to his brothers and sisters in the flesh placed him above all others, since no one else possessed such love for humanity as to undertake his difficult mission. The time was ripe for a teacher of wisdom to trod the earth plane and to help humanity to remove the mistakes of ritualism that had taken firm hold. He did not come forth to establish creeds and dogmas, rather to teach men how to approach the Father of All in simple child-like ways.

The modern Jew with a broad outlook on religious matters admires and respects the life and teachings of Jesus. He does contend, and justly so, that the Nazarene never formulated a creed consisting of vicarious atonement, immaculate conception, holy trinity and other articles of faith now in dispute not only among the Hebrews but also among the shepherds and sheep of Christian flocks.

Immaculate conception will be settled when enough light shines to prove that all births have the same divine principle. Likewise, every other disputed article of faith will be settled in the light of truth. Does not the spirit within commune with its Creator, both while in physical body and after it has left its earthly cloak, provided of course the God-part is not drowsy but is reaching out to make its return to God. The Holy Ghost, so named at Pentecost, was spirit controlling and operating through mortals who had their own shortcomings, but were reaching higher than their fellows. It was proof of life beyond the portals, and demonstrations of similar character are to be found continually if one desires to seek. A recent demonstration caused controversy, when the son of a prominent clergyman, under control of spirit forces, sang in a strange tongue. The incident almost split the good pastor's church. The spirit world, comprising former inhabitants of the earth plane, is interested in the doings of humanity, and especially in those who are trying to mould their earthly lives above the dictates and limitations of man-made creeds and keeping the Father's commands. If one has any doubt of it, let him recall to mind that Jesus, the beautiful spirit, after his physical death preached to the spirits in prison, those poor souls without light and spiritual understanding who had to make good their shortcomings. We should thank God, the God of Love and Justice, that there is after death Salvation and not one child of God will be lost, but will return home in purity and perfection; yes, if it requires thousands of years.

Let us reach for truth, a divine possession worthy of a child of God. Join with Jesus in that universal prayer: "Our Father who art in Heaven," not only His Father, but our Father, the Father of All. Call to God, not through another person, or spirit, but direct spirit to spirit in a childlike way.

Have each prayer the beautiful expression of an individual spirit seeking comfort and strength. The printed prayer books for the masses do not cover each individual need, for every one has different conditions and yearnings. We do not approach our earthly parents reading the desires of our hearts from books. Do not approach your Heavenly Father that way. Break away from tradition, with its faults, to follow the universal Law and please the Father as Jesus loved to do. In this manner we will help his earthly mission, and, like Jesus, exclaim from the depths of our spirit, the Father and I are One.

T. R. W.

TESTIMONIALS



ASPETH, N. Y.—If one understands and has the true meaning of confidence, we find out in short time that which we thought was impossible will come to pass for us and our family's welfare.

Only a short time ago my eldest daughter, a child of ten years, was taken seriously ill with a sore throat, and from all indications was diphtheria. The child was in such a bad state that those outside of this work would have called in outside aid. But with the true confidence in God, and the help we receive from our loved ones gone before, still ever on hand, the child was soon well. This is only one case. I could repeat others.

If we do our part and give our spirit loved ones a chance, they will work wonders for us. Still most people look at this side of life as a thing that takes care of itself, and only think of God and the loved ones in the spirit realms when there is no other one to call on. When the hour of death or sadness approaches, they wonder why they have to stand the suspense or lamenting, and seem to think they should have the same consideration from our God as one who has followed the Law of God and the teachings of the Elder Brother—Mrs. C. E. E.

NEWPORT, R. I.—The other evening I called to see some friends. As they lived quite some distance away and since I have no car, I made the journey on a bicycle. When I was riding away from my friend's house, he called to me from the front porch, "Mind the automobiles."

I had not gone very far when I had to avoid a big, powerful car that swerved from the opposite direction in front of me, and with a quick impulse I suddenly turned and landed on the sidewalk. The only damage done was a torn rear tire.

Afterwards I felt very thankful that I was given the warning from the unknown spirit through my friend. The warning put me on my guard, and perhaps if I had not been given the warning God alone knows what would have happened.—Mr. G. H.

DON'T BE A SLEEPY HEAD

"AWAKE!" cried Johnny Jump-up, "Don't be a sleepy head!"

It's mostly folks quite lazy who lie so late in bed.

Of course, if you are ailing, you ought to have your rest;

But if you're only faking, it then becomes a test

To find out if you're really the boy you'd like to be,

Or just a little shirker most folks don't care to see."

By UUCLE AMOS.

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. PROVERBS 27:1.

For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. I PETER 2:19.

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OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff
MOTOR TRAVELING

AS ONE rides through the larger cities and towns one can not help but notice the many automobiles on the highways. In fact, so many are now rolling along that it is no longer a comfort or pleasure to own or ride in one. The suburbs, too, are beginning to become overcrowded.

Observing these reminds us of one of the excuses given for wars, namely, that over-population is one of the responsible factors. Now what might become of the many, many autos if war was suddenly declared and a war of extermination was started?

When we think of the many injuries that befall man and beast by the hands of the automobilists, we sometimes favor the hope that fewer autos are desirable.

A FEW MEN AND A MAGAZINE

"Well, what did the mail bring?"

"A few subscriptions, and, by the way, here is about as fine a poem as I ever did see. We received another article from Mr. John Doe, and it is a good one too."

"Will I read it aloud?"

Not exactly as this, but so near to it that it is somewhat typical of those men who are trying to bring this magazine out and make it one of the best of its kind. After a reading it goes somewhat along these lines.

"Certainly is good and should be interesting to our readers. Wonder if they appreciate the points he brings out. So different from anything else, still it cannot in honesty be denied to be absolutely the truth."

"Well, what do you say, will we get our copy together now?"

And so they get it all arranged after a few hard hours and send it to the printers and expectantly await its return for proof-reading. Let no one think it an easy task, either, for the hours are long and the eyes become weary, and here and there an error is overlooked.

Then begins the task of addressing and mailing. But, Oh what joy, here comes a letter, and then another giving us a word of cheer and comfort after the copies have been out a few days. But, what do you think, here is a letter that is not so kind in its expressions.

Are we discouraged? Not a bit of it, just sorry that the LIGHT has not seeped through, still, very hopeful and sincerely patient that only good will come of it all.

So we go on about our daily businesses and try to accumulate what spiritual knowledge we can during the month and at selected hours of the night gather together and prepare for the coming issue.

Now it is not any fun. If there was any fun in it we soon would be brought out of such a state when we are presented with all the bills that must be paid. Just the same, we are happy and very glad of an opportunity to render spiritual service, knowing confidently that some day the struggle will be less difficult.

BE CHEERFUL

Being cheerful always makes our pathway pleasant. It takes away discontentment and you are always ready for a smile and an uplifting hand to your brothers and sisters. A smile and a cheer is always uplifting. We therefore have a cheery word for all.

So cheer up and be uplifting and the world will be the same to you.

SUICIDES

HARDLY a day passes by but what we read of suicides. This sad condition of taking one's life has prevailed in all ages, but the most amazing thing at present is the number of young men and young women who are tired of life. The condition in other countries is no different from our own, so there seems to be a world-wide epidemic of self-destruction affecting boys and girls, particularly high school students.

How sad it is when a young man or a young woman, surrounded with ease and comfort and a bright future, severs the spirit from physical body. It is observed that all of these unfortunates are not despondent, but rather in the attempt to know life many have taken the plunge for which they must atone. Self-destruction should not be resorted to for one to know truth. The pathways of wisdom are always open to the truth-seeker. There is no mystery to the one who knows his true relationship to his Creator, and he does not indulge in speculation.

To the observer, the mission of our spiritual teachers would be to first find truth themselves and then to teach it to the young in their care. If the teachers cannot satisfactorily answer the fair questions of the young mind desirous of spiritual knowledge or wisdom, we have reached a sad condition which affects our entire civilization. With unanswered questions in mind, accompanied by doubt and fear, the young life is soon baffled by the cross currents of thought that drag one to the depths of destruction. It would indeed be fitting to remove doubt, which can best be done by adherence to the Laws of God. The Law will open the doorways of understanding. In the light of this Law we will remember our Creator in the days of our youth, ere the evil days come not or the years draw nigh, when we shalt say, "We find no pleasure in them."

SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 5

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

1. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.
2. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law.
3. The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
4. He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever: holy and reverend is His name.
5. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for His mercy endureth for ever.
6. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
7. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
8. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
9. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.
10. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 4 follows: Psalms 37:3, 23:4, 47:6, 96:6, 46:1, 33:21, 48:9, 33:13, 116:1 and 90:16 respectively.

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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.



ROOKLYN, N. Y.—Has it ever come to your attention that anyone of this day and time sees the Spirit of the Nazarene?—Mrs. A. O.

Yes indeed. Heaven and earth would be as one if all in body He sees could behold him! We know of not many, and they are quite developed. He is seen without a beard and is unlike the pictures which many artists have created. He radiates much light and transparency, which indicates His station in the realms and the purity of spirit with which He is seen to come with. His approaches are more gentle than those of other spirit loved ones coming from lower spirit planes.

He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." To see Him is to feel the power of peace and upliftment which He brings. All who reach out in the right way can see Him, and we have been told by the spirit loved ones from whom so much Truth and Wisdom has already been given us, that He is still knocking at the hearts of men, urging them to worship God as He did when He was amongst men nearly two thousand years ago.

In this connection we remind all that the Law of God admonishes that we must not make any likeness or images of what we see in the Heavens above. When you see His spirit as we hope you may, be not like doubting Thomas, but be as Mary Magdalene.

LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.—According to the book of Jonah, he was swallowed by a great fish and after three days and three nights was returned to dry land. What interpretation might I take from this reference?—Mr. F. F.

This is just one of the many instances of spiritual or psychic phenomena referred to in the Jewish History. It was not the body of the prophet Jonah that was seen to have been swallowed and returned, but it was the manifestation of a wandering spirit. (See article by Dr. Lindemann titled, "Experiences in Spirit Travelling in last month's issue of this magazine").

Have you not heard of any one who "dreamed they saw so and so in a far away place doing thus and so"? Have you ever been at a gathering of psychics where it was foretold in minute detail from a spiritual or psychical basis that one of those present was seen under quite different circumstances than his physical presence at the moment might indicate could be possible? Most times it actually has come to pass. Others have seen themselves beyond the day of that sight.

Much that is to come has been seen and is still being revealed, be it far off or in the immediate future. What John Divine foresaw many years ago is only now taking place. So it was with Jonah. The symbol of what was revealed is more or less portrayed in the words of the third verse, second chapter, of the Book of Jonah, "For thou hast cast me into the DEEP, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about; all thy billows and thy waves passed over me."

Rather a gloomy outlook shown in that symbol, and one to cause man to awaken to what depths of destruction he can throw himself into.

THE FLOWERS



FLOWER BED of variegated blossoms presents a wonderful sight. Each flower with its individual charm speaks of the exquisite skill and workmanship of the Creator. And if we examine flowers carefully from a botanist's point of view, with a desire to know more about them, we might learn many interesting facts of this phase of God's creation.

The corolla, or showy part of the flower, stands out boldly and claims our attention and admiration. Its rich color and delicate texture proclaim it a superb creation of the Supreme Force who made all things well. And as a suitable setting to its beauty, an outer green leaf-like cup called the calyx holds it up to view. These floral envelopes, the corolla and the calyx, serve another purpose than merely that of gladdening the eye by their beauty. They protect the stamens and pistils, the essential organs of the flower, so that these parts might function well and form the seed.

It is interesting to note that the four parts above mentioned are all that any flower has, but many do not have all these parts.

Growing fast to the bottom of the corolla are the stamens, the stalk of each one bearing on its top a little case or hollow body, which on close observation seems to be filled with a powdery matter known as pollen. The Divine Will orders all things well, as He provides down each side of this case a long opening, through which the pollen might fall and aid in the ripening of the seeds.

In the center of the flower are the bodies in which the seeds are formed. The pistils, as these bodies are called, are numerous in some flowers, as the rose and buttercup, while in the morning glory there is but one. The stem of the pistil bears at its lower end its seed vessel or ovary, while at the upper end there is a moist somewhat enlarged portion. Upon this part there sticks fast some of the pollen discharged from the stamens. This powder somehow enables the pistil to ripen seeds that will grow. All of which brings us to the realization of the wondrous works of God, perfect in every detail.

The corolla, the stamens and generally the calyx fall off or wither away after blossoming, while the ovary of the pistil remains, grows larger and becomes the fruit, which produces the seeds from which new plants may spring.

In comparison with the flowers, how much more wonderful are the workings of the Divine Will with us mortals. In the material body created on this earth plane, The Supreme Force implants a part of Himself. This God part or spirit is pure and bears witness of all deeds done, whether good or evil, during our entire journey here. It counsels wisely, admonishes against evil conditions and would lead us always on an upward and onward path if we would but pause in the midst of our daily strife and listen. As we strive to keep the material body in a healthy state, so we must endeavor to promote the growth of the spirit by right living.

We all admire flowers. How saddened we would become if we were deprived of the sight of these lovely creations of God, here or hereafter. And if we would like to have them to gladden our eyes when we reach Spirit Land, we must measure up to our responsibilities while in body and prove worthy of such privileges. For our earthly lives are building for us our spiritual habitations. If our journey here is devoid of love and service to others and consists only in the gratification of selfish desires to the exclusion of any or all thought of the Supreme

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Force, then it follows we cannot occupy a mansion when we have only built a hovel. On passing out, such spirits cannot soar to the beautiful abodes of the happy, as the selfishness of their earthly lives pulls them down to the place they have earned, to the land in the realms where no flowers abound, where neither a tree nor a shrub, however stunted, could grow, where even a blade of grass could not spring up.

Because there are many who do not care to investigate as to what lies beyond the grave, they do not know that plants and flowers, rocks, deserts, beasts and birds are in Spirit Land. They do not know or care to contemplate as to where their own spirits might soar after the so-called death. As they have taken for granted that somehow all would be well with them, they have not learned that each spirit on passing over goes to its own destination, whether low or high, and from that place works its way to Heaven.

A. M. W.

JUSTICE

JUSTICE rules the world. On first thought this statement seems wrong, but consideration of the subject proves it to be correct. Man will notice about him what appears as injustice in all walks of life. He calls for the standard of equality for all. He builds rituals that teach justice only to find that they do not appear practical. There is evidence of greed and corruption in high places, and the strong overpower the weak. Gold oftentimes buys honor, and might, not right, prevails. Yet there is justice. He notes that health and wealth are not distributed equally, nor are education and illiteracy.

Society formulates laws to promote justice and the framers of these laws become unjust. Capital and labor cry out for justice, then seek to take advantage of each other.

Religious institutions preach tolerance, but refuse it to brothers of another faith. In all these contradictions that discourage one's best efforts, we see the light of justice, shining on the heights.

Injustice is only apparent, not real. As we sow, so we reap. Greed and corruption have swindled their followers, likewise every unjust thought, word, or deed, have drawn downward the one who sent them forth. The just God rules his universe and the just hands of restitution must amend all injustice done while we have occupied our physical bodies. Many who are fair minded will agree that this is justice and be willing to make good their shortcomings as they progress upward. In making good, invariably the spirit returns to an earthly body and again starts its journey.

Reference will naturally be made to the numerous conditions of life that seem difficult to explain. Shocking crimes that startled the world were committed, for which there seems no restitution within the grasp of mortal man. Wars that have been conducted in the name of justice, through man's ignorance, will be paid for in pools of blood and tears, and in the final reckoning the loving dictates of conscience will work for lasting peace. The individual, like Job, has been burdened with sorrow and hardships and frequently calls for death to relieve him. Widows in distress, orphans of want, while plenty abounds, nerve-racked invalids on confined beds of pain; and for all the disappointed ones of life, there is justice. There is a reason for everything. If we were able to analyze our past journeys, we would know the reasons. If we claim we had no control over the condition, that it mastered us and we are the innocent victims, where shall we find justice? Theory can-

not explain it to our satisfaction. If we limit our destinies to the results of a three score and ten years of earthly life, justice is hidden from our view. One day is as a thousand in the courts of the Lord and our ill-spent lives have accumulated mountains of error that must be removed. As we were sent forth free willed there cannot be imposed in justice any limits of time in which to work out our salvation. On the upward journey we may hasten or delay. The stubborn child may reach the adult age before it acknowledges its mistakes, so the individual spirit can remain undeveloped without poise and power.

The spirit that has left its cloak of dust can reach higher stations of achievement by making good its shortcomings. If it cannot climb the hills of hope, lacking strength of self, and its debts remain unpaid, it will again take on earthly form to make progress. Here again is justice, for the spirit can only vibrate in conditions suited to itself. The spirit of free will can rise if it desires beyond the earthly surroundings.

Space prevents the complete consideration of the returning spirit to body at this time. The subject of reincarnation, familiar to men of old, has been lost sight of in this present enlightened century, as are other valuable points of truth. However, the proper amount of thought to the subject will explain many of the questions of life that are not solved to one's satisfaction. In a succeeding issue more will be said of the spirit that, finding its path too difficult, returns to body on the earth plane. The opportunity of returning affords another view of justice and proves without the slightest doubt that justice and not injustice rules the world.

The serious point to consider is, what progress is one making on his spiritual journey. If one has been in body previously and most of us have been here before, are we profiting by our opportunities? It is to be hoped that we no longer crave the things that retarded our growth, but by repetition of conduct have learned to master the alluring temptations of life. If we are still the servant rather than the master, we know our destiny provides another journey through this earthly vale of tears.

W.

A WORLD FULL OF TROUBLE

THIS world is full of trouble,
As everybody knows,
From babyhood, childhood to old age.
First we smile and think it's nothing,
Then it stronger comes until it weighs us down;
Then we begin to feel it more and more,
While other folks think it's nothing.

Some can bear it better and never say a word,
While others simply worry all the time.
Now God knows what is best
And tries us one and all.
Our burdens are sometimes heavy
And more than we can bear.
Now just ask God to take them all away.

His promises He never breaks,
Nor the truth fails to keep;
So, wounded heart, just pray to the God above
And surely He will send a comforter to you.
You know He sometimes tries us
To see if we are steadfast and watch and pray.
Now be faithful and LIGHT will surely come to you.
(In his 75th year) By SAMUEL H. POST.

ADJUSTMENTS

As the world progresses, adjustments must be made. The hopes of yesterday are supplanted by the realities of today. Keep in step with the line of progression.

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THE PERSONAL AUDIT

W. G.

THOSE human passions such as hatred, envy, malice, greed, bitterness, jealousies and monsters of like nature bear watching. Not because they have any value, for they are positively worthless, but because of the great harm that comes from them when one does not "check up on them once in a while."

An inspection or an audit should be made regularly of self to determine to what extent individual harm is being done. A well-defined plan should be followed. It should be understood from the very beginning that the punishment for these iniquities must be fierce denial and detraction.

To know or see self as oneself really is brings out not alone the weak but also brings into focus the strong points. Here then comes the test. It is to achieve masterly control and excel or become superior in these strong points.

One who will recognize his weakness and then proceeds to overcome them is deserving of every praise. After all, it is

better for one to correct his own shortcomings than to have others see and know of them and still say or do nothing to help. By taking the necessary corrective measures one becomes self-reliant and soon finds himself in that environment where peace and satisfaction prevails.

It is one of this character that can give sound advice to others who willingly seek to learn how to attain the more noble and uplifting conditions. More such types are needed.

The personal audit like the business audit must be made regularly and frequently. Standards must be heightened and strengthened with each and every self-audit, and it may be helpful to ask another in whom confidence may be well placed to verify parts of the audit. This will assure the auditor he is proceeding along right lines. It should be thoroughly understood, however, that the audit in the main is done by each individual himself with only a little help from others, and this only to encourage and comfort one in his desire to attain personal responsibility.

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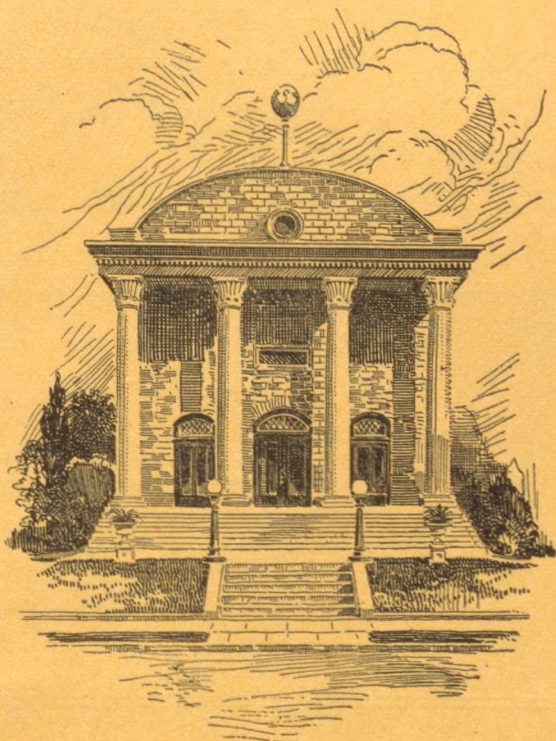
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