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

## PEACE BE UNTO YOU

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



**A**GAIN I call, peace be unto you, and with this peace I call to you and so may it be. I am very happy that I can be with you again. I am overjoyed, for have you not all helped me in my travels, have you not helped even though you could at times wonder I was about. Yes, many have felt the sensation that I was with them, and did I not say that where two or three be gathered together, there would I be in their midsts, and so I have been in your midsts many, many times.

I want to bring the one main point on your travels here in this material plane. Bear it well in mind that we must have righteousness where ere we go, and we must take truthfulness as our motto that no matter what comes or goes, we must stand for truth and only truth, and then when we have overcome the small things, then we will stand in brotherhood one with another. Then there will be no malice, then there will be no jealousy, then there will not be anything to sadden the spirit, to sadden the hearts of men and women, then there will be one grand happiness and that happiness will not be taken away from you.

It is with gladness and with contentment that I have drawn to you so close this evening. It is with the thought that you are about to stand before the whole world, that is, before the whole humanity, and many will mock and scoff, and many will spitefully treat you. Bear it in mind, I am with you.

What they will do unto you, they have done still more unto me when I was still in this material plane in flesh and blood as you are. I call to those who understand not fully, learn the truths. Take upon yourselves the responsibility. Take upon yourselves to understand the spirit and let the spirit lead you on.

Does not the inner voice, the very part of God that is within each one, prompt you many times to do what is right and to leave alone what is wrong? Have you not oftentimes heard the inner voice say, "Drink not of that poisonous substance," but you heed not the inner voice. As soon as you drink you find unhappiness come to you. Again the point will come, "Touch it not, take not what is not your own, no matter if it be the smallest item, leave it."

You will hear that voice speak to you and oftentimes you will not listen but you will yield to the material part, and listen to the fleshly, and ignore the better self. I say, do it not. If you are not in full understanding of what it means, whether it be right or wrong, then ask yourselves what it means and you will see how quickly the response will come, how quickly you will have the answer.

Follow on the righteous, truthful and brotherly pathway and you will then be well looked after, even though the last coin is spent. Think of the Supreme Force, the Father of all, your Father and my Father. We are all children of that Supreme Force. Why then should we disobey that Force?

We will reach out together, you and I, and we will call, "O Father in Heaven, how great are thy works. Again we

must call, in wisdom all has been brought forth, therefore, we ask as children that this wisdom be given unto us that we might follow that which is right and those points that will enlighten the whole humanity and bring them back to you."

That is the way a child of God should speak, and be kind to one another, love one another, and be not in that hateful way, for what does it profit us if we despise a brother or turn our backs upon a sister? It will not make us happy. Rather reach out and help a brother and sister and make them happy and contented. Show them the better way even if they despise you at the start. Take them up and say, "We can be sisterly whether you think my way or your way."

Reach out and you will find the better way will lead you on. These are the points. You have the Law of God and by that law abide. It is simple. How often I told those about me when I was in flesh and blood, follow that law and abide by it and you will not be lost but you will have the best opportunities of reaching out to that high plane.

So many think that after the so-called death there remains nothing. Deceive not yourselves for those that have fallen asleep are not deaf. They live. It is only the clay, the worn out body that is dead. It could serve its purpose no longer as a cloak. It has to go back again to Mother Earth from whence it came. The life, the spirit, goes on its way.

Where does it go? It is searching, it is trying to find its way and when that way has been found, it will soon reach out to something better and then return and bring as best it can how to reach out still further, till it has again united itself with the Supreme Force, God.

Think of how happy your loved ones are when they know you understand the truth. When you have reached out to that way there is no need of fear, for what has death to do with us then. If death takes the clay, let it take it. Think of the mansions that are prepared. We are there to receive those and bring them to their happy abode.

I again say, peace, and peace it shall be and peace will reign. Send forth peace wherever a message is sent. Peace will go with it, peace will go before it and behind it, and peace will rest forever with you. This is the message I tell you tonight. Think of it and when on the morrow you awaken, think of that peaceful message brought you. Even if you are in sorrow or in sadness, even if not just ready to receive all as it would be received, then I say, be patient and you will find that peace will come with you and it will remain with you when once it has taken hold.

Therefore I leave it with you and I call to that Father, the Father of all, your Father and my Father, "Hear us and let that peace, that peaceful time, that peace which no human being can understand, rest upon each individual, that the brightness, the lightness, and the wisdom of Thine may come forth from this day." AMEN.

JESUS OF NAZARETH



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## LIFE'S JOURNEY

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(An Abstract)



SO AGAIN I draw nigh to the earth plane and again I would bring to humanity that which is truthful, that which is right. As I look over the whole of humanity I see how many are trying to get on the upward pathway, and I see how many are going down and down. I can but look forth and see how humanity is forgetting the great Supreme Force, God, and the very law that God has given to humanity.

What does it avail us when we follow only that which is in this material earth plane? When we follow those laws and points it avails us nothing; only for the time that we are here in our earthly cloak, but it avails us nothing after we pass over.

The Law of God is what humanity wants to abide by and follow by, and then humanity would get on the same pathway as the Elder Brother, Jesus of Nazareth, had done. I bring a small point that would help humanity to understand the Law of God more and more. You must not have any God but the Supreme Force God.

In those days when the law had been given down to humanity, did not then the Supreme Force, God, bring to humanity that it was the one God, the one Father and Supreme Being and there was no other? The Supreme Force had brought it at that time to humanity, that humanity should not bow down to any image, to anything that was in the earth plane or that was underneath the earth plane or that was in the depths of the seas, and not to make themselves any likeness that they would probably in time acknowledge or think of as a God, for what we worship we are making a God of. It makes no difference what it is, God is the one Supreme Force and the one God is the One humanity should worship in spirit only.

Many will say, I do not make a God of things, and in the next moment it is their ambition to accumulate wealth, or to take unto themselves the one individual, or they say I must have this sort of clothing and I can not get along unless I have. What good is my journey here on the earth plane if I cannot have what I want. Those things I care most for.

They forget the greatest, the Supreme Force, the one to whom each one must come, for is not each individual a part of that God? Is not that God the very life that is within the individual? I say it is time that humanity come to a thinking time, that what they breathe is from that one Force, God.

The spark within had not been made in the material earth plane. The clay had been made in the earth plane in its own way, but the spirit, the life had been sent forth from that God and we in turn should worship that God in spirit and in spirit only, for, are we not all spirits, only that we are encloaked in an earthly cloak? Are we not all children of that Supreme Force?

Many in their narrow way will say there is nothing after the so-called death, there is nothing we can look forward to. When death has approached and taken out that life, that spark of God, the body is useless. But there is something beyond for that life that had vanished from that cloak. It goes on and on and understands. It has taken the very thoughts and conscience with it.

The material part it has left behind. It cannot have both

the material and spiritual at the same time when it crosses the border. The material body remains in the material earth from whence it came. The spirit must return to the Higher Force, that Supreme Force, God, who had sent it forth, after it has purified itself. Many will say, we cannot understand how that life can go on and live on and know and understand everything.

I say, as the Creator had sent forth that spark of life in each clay, it was then humanity was to be gods remaining here in this material plane, but humanity wanted to be more than God, and so the clay must go back to the material earth from whence it had been taken. The spirit will go on and on, it will go to its destination, but the material plane, no matter how beautiful, no matter how you had done with it or tried to do with it, it can never go with the spirit. The clay must again be planted back in Mother Earth or be destroyed in this material plane.

The spirit will go on and bear witness to what it had done while journeying in that cloak or clay. The body had performed its purpose as the house that encloaked the spirit, but must return to earth. The spirit goes on its journey seeking to purify and make right those things it had done in its ignorance in the material plane, oftentimes not knowing that it had brought on many conditions on itself, not knowing at that time they would bear witness against the spirit part.

Each one has their parts to cleanse and I say the sooner you sidetrack those little conditions that pull you down, the sooner will your condition uplift. The spirit, the better part, will be brought out.

I bring it to you, look to the Nazarene. He set the example. He brought humanity on the way, nevertheless humanity made a God of Him. He is no more that God or Supreme Force than any other spirit encloaked in flesh and blood. All are children of that one God, but He set the example, showing humanity how to journey here, how to go on their way in this material plane, how to follow on the righteous pathway, how to reach out to a high plane.

Ofttimes the Nazarene stands in sorrow and looks on. Many call to Him in such a way and then forget that He had showed the better way. We must all travel the selfsame way. The sooner humanity thinks the sooner humanity will cleanse out the condition and the sooner humanity gets away from the lying part of their material earth plane, the sooner there will be happiness and contentment in your surroundings. Be more perfect and better will be the way in which you are traveling today.

I bring it to you out of fondest love that you may understand that those who return, return not out of selfish motive. No, they return to help humanity. They return to bring uplifting conditions to show humanity their shortcomings, that they might cleanse themselves out of those conditions and to reach out to a higher and better plane. That is why we return, that is why your loved ones call day to day that you might open your ears and listen that you might get on your earthly travels, that you might help the spirit part cross the border in happiness, not like most go over, with the intention there is nothing more beyond the grave.

Deceive not yourselves for when you are going to awaken



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out of that dream, that troublesome dream, you will find how you will know what is what, how you stand there and see what you left undone. Then you will hear, "Go, brother; go, sister, return to the earth plane and convince those that are there that you are reaching out to a higher and better plane."

That will be one of the hardest missions if we have neglected the spirit part, that which is best and noblest, that which will help us reach out farther and farther.

Awaken and sleep not so sound that when you too are called over you stand not as lost sheep. Be awake and be as the wise virgins who had their lamps lit and shining with brightness that each may see their way. Let your light shine before men that humanity may see you are on the upward path, that humanity may see you are reaching out to something better, that you are following the Nazarene on that truthful, brotherly way. Your light will shine before men that by your being here you have benefited by it, and have left this benefit for humanity. Hasten ere it be too late, that you let your light shine and save many that will otherwise go downward and downward.

May God help you in your journey that you might find that the everlasting light will lead you on and on to all eternity. 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.*

## 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 of God.*

## {Second Installment}



HERE is a Ruler, a Powerful Ruler, the Supreme King of the Universe, the One who can create or destroy. Still, if we had the right spiritual love for Him, we would not fear Him as a Judge. If we would be willing to accept His spiritual graces we would feel more as though He was our brother, companion, adviser and Father. He can become all this to us if we only want to understand Him right, but when we refuse to know Him, all is as lost.

For the one who observes the first commandment as thoroughly and accurately as it is written in the Bible, we can almost say of this person that he has won the battle, and it is assured that he will not be lost.

God is Love. One who is right with Him can easily understand these words—Love of God—for it is the God-part within, the spirit, that is enlightened, governed, protected and guarded from on high. We are combined with Him and one day we become as One. It is almost impossible to express the wonderful state of the spirit who is right with God, for this heavenly feeling and repose is difficult to word with any worldly language.

It does not mean that this being has not to battle against evil conditions in the world. One must protect himself against the snares of evil. We must not overlook the fact that evil exists. The monster jealousy is watching for our downfall, and is extremely cunning in its ways in trying to entrap one who is going on the righteous path.

It is a pity that educated and intelligent beings cannot understand that they are in danger of nearly losing their spirit selves through their misdemeanor and wrong conduct toward our Heavenly Father. It may be lack of spiritual education for some, but for others it is a downright cowardice against God.

True as it is, all have not confidence in God. It is a blessing for those who have striven, worked, communed and battled from generation to generation. He has His chosen people and for those who have their names written in the Book of Life, it is a great privilege. It is sad to say it has not been given to everyone. By this I am trying to make you understand how important it is to gain the blessings of God, that it is not only favors for ourselves, but for our children's children in all generations to come.

God does not forget His children. Before the Nazarene passed out of His earthly body He communed with His Heavenly Father, Our Father, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," meaning by this that He asked His Heavenly Father to forgive friends and enemies for all their wrong doings.

So you see by this that there is hope for even those who have not had that special blessing, if they turn with all humility, entreaty and with fervent prayer that God should be merciful to them, and that he should bestow His blessings which might have been refused from so many generations back. He will never turn a deaf ear on such a prayer, but would gladly send forth those to protect such a one who would not refuse His kindly help. He would send forth that wisdom and understanding that will lighten our way.

How many do ask and would make such an humble prayer in confidence as I have just mentioned? I especially refer to those who have lost that confidence that there is a God. I shudder with fear and feel almost hopeless for them, when I realize how terribly hardened they are and how difficult it is to reach such and make them reason and understand with the right light. For generations back those poor beings have brought upon themselves these sad conditions.

Now I want to speak also for those who have been given (I will express it this way) so-called Christian parents. We call ourselves Christians if we believe in Jesus, and if we really are following in the ways He has shown, we deserve the name with all the meaning it implies. But so many of those who call themselves Christians are but whited sepulchres (spoken of by the Nazarene—Matthew 23:27) cloaked in the robes of betrayers and crucifiers. They are the disgrace of Christianity. Sad it will be for them for having misused the example the Nazarene has shown, and their lack of appreciation for His great love and the sacrifice he has gone through so uselessly for them.

We are passing through a period of time where there are so many unbelievers of the spiritual work of God. We almost ridicule those who believe in a hereafter. We who think ourselves strong minded, so highly educated, we who proclaim that we understand so thoroughly all the secrets of nature—our knowledge has made us vain, has filled us with false pride so we try to upset the Laws of God by substituting our false pride of knowledge and by so doing disfigure the work of God.

A. S. L. O.

(To Be Continued)



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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 XVIII—THE FORETELLING OF THE COMING OF THE GREAT LIGHT FOR ALL HUMANITY.** This is a real spiritual event, not fortune telling. It was before this present era or over nineteen hundred and twenty-eight years ago that it was prophesied by men who had the sight or vision and who foresaw that one would rise out of humanity, one in flesh and blood and bone, one who would not take lust upon himself, one who would stand as an ideal, as an example for all mankind to follow.

Those who prophesied were the doctors or rabbis who were trying to bring about the understanding as best they could of the coming of a "Messiah." It was brought to them by the spirit loved ones same as in every age. The prediction was not that God would come in flesh. The Messiah was to come in the same manner as all mortals. The Truthbringer would have that **LIGHT**, that **WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING**, and that part-God implanted within an earthly cloak would be as a blessing to his brothers and sisters likewise traveling this earth plane.

This made the wise men of that time happy because they were righteous living men and wanted that a courageous, brotherloving and unselfish man should show all how to be right with the Father.

There are some who are still awaiting the coming of a Messiah or Spiritual Comforter. The spiritual upliftment foretold then is still being looked for by many who do not realize it has come to pass that the Great Light has finished His earthly journey.

**LESSON XIX—THE ARRIVAL OR THE BIRTH OF THE NAZARENE.** A boy was born in Bethlehem of Hebrew parents who came from a place called Nazareth. This birthday is celebrated as December 25th. This Jew was born in the human way of all babies and is not an only begotten son, but the same spark of God within as within all beings. All are children of God when it comes to the life that is within the children of men.

The child was named Jesus by his elders, Joseph and Mary. There was much rejoicing and happiness and admiration, same as with most every normal arrival. Many came to see the infant and gifts were made to celebrate the event.

He was not born of humble conditions, for His elders had material needs. They were in Bethlehem to pay taxes, and the time of birth was due, so being without hotel accommodations, and being temporarily from their permanent place of living, they quickly took the mother into a stable. After the little one arrived, it was placed in a manger. When the birth took place, the best available means at hand were used, there being no choice because of the crowded surroundings. He was not born to be humble.

Of those who knew of the arrival there were **THREE WISE MEN** who were guided unto the place of birth, where they found the infant resting in its bed, the manger. These men had sight, they saw the **LIGHT**, the star (psychic light), and they followed it out in wisdom. They saw a great blessing for all mankind had come forth which proved the foretelling of the psychics.

Here was the one whom we know as Jesus, whom we call the Elder Brother—the same part of the Supreme Force, God, of whom we too are a part. We are as younger brothers and sisters to Him, and since He is our elder and a real example, we want to follow His lead. Do not call Him Christ, neither connect Him as for only the Christians. He is for all His

brothers and sisters no matter what the color of skin, no matter where they were born, or what their understanding of truth, spirit or life.

**LESSON XX—THE BOYHOOD OF THE ELDER BROTHER.** He had wisdom and purity. He knew right from wrong, was truthful and obedient to the Laws of God. His earthly father was a carpenter and he helped that father.

His parents saw that this son was "smart," and it became their desire to make a Rabbi of Him. But the boy's mind was occupied with the higher conditions, and he let nothing prevent His serving His Heavenly Father in the right way. He stood for **TRUTH**, from God, not according to man's versions or opinions. He did not guess, He **KNEW**, and He did not violate that communion with those who prompted Him. He used in the right manner the wisdom He had.

It was the custom of His people to have the Law of God before them. Here then was help in the right direction as given by His earthly parents. Whether He would have been the son of king or pauper He would have been the same obedient Spirit. This boy had greater wisdom and understanding than did His elders and He showed it by doing that which is spiritual rather than material. In this way the spirit mastered the fleshly.

At the age of twelve He went among the Rabbis. These learned men marveled at His wisdom. As the loved ones have told us, these men had books in which appeared much of what He told them, so they knew He was right. They did not call Him God as many do today, neither did they worship Him as many do in ignorance today. They listened and saw here was one from whom they could learn.

When about fourteen years of age His parents, who had means, decided to send Him on a travel of learning and experiences, through all of which Jesus never wavered from His stand for **TRUTH**.

**LESSON XXI—THE MANHOOD OF THE ELDER BROTHER.** After having traveled and bringing Himself to greater spiritual heights, His cousin, John Baptist, also a righteous living man, proclaims the coming of the example.

The Elder Brother had many disciples, among whom were twelve He selected and whom He taught of the spiritual truths, and later had them go forth and freely administer for all the willing listeners.

Many temptations came before Him, but He would not yield. He went about His Father's work not for name nor for gain, and His trials were many, but He stood firm, and always showed love even for the very ones who would not listen to what He brought forth. He went before Jew and Roman with the truth, ever strengthening Himself by going for many days into the mountains, where He would commune with the Father on high, and where He would purge Himself from the conditions met with during His contact with those in body.

He foresaw His own disciples deny and betray Him. He bore no ill will and never lost confidence in God. What He did was for the upliftment of all mankind, and the mocking and scoffing heaped upon Him did not cause Him to stop in His service for God. It was from His thirtieth to the thirty-third year that all His wonderful works were brought forth. He was always fond of the children, and a great Light was extinguished only too soon.

His teachings and more of His earthly journeying will follow in the next lessons. Prepare for great revelation and absolute **TRUTH**.



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## EVIL SPIRIT—A MYTH

By Union Coursean



**G**OD IS SPIRIT, God is Good, God is Love, and herefrom cometh all life and light. Where God, there truth; where truth, there harmony, and where harmony, there is an absence of anything evil. It is a slander against God to say He or any part of Him is evil.

One can readily understand God is not the creator of evil. The God-part within the man-made body is not evil, neither is it evil after it passes from the body at the time of so-called death. The source of spirit, good, love, life and truth is not and cannot be the source of evil, harm, sickness, distress and other forms of unrighteousness.

Spiritual knowledge is the power by which the un-Godly is overcome. Water and oil do not mix and good and evil cannot go together any more than spirit and material are one. Each is a condition unto itself and it becomes a grave error to mock God and the Godly as evil.

We speak of evil and of a devil, of Satan, of a false god or idol, and it all means the same. These are of conditions that are not spiritual. The Nazarene communed with God, Spirit to Spirit, and asks, Deliver Us From Evil. Here was one who knew the material could not reach God, and surely we cannot by any stretch of the imagination suspect that He would associate as "evil spirit" with the Supreme Spirit. Let us take example from Him.

Since there is no evil spirit, let us not speak of it. When we do not understand what we should know to be the truth, then do not speak vaguely. Each individual is responsible for his own actions and misgivings, and it does not require any great degree of light to realize that violation of truth and of things truthful exacts the price thereof.

There are evil and wayward conditions, and one who is careless and disinterested may become surrounded by its destructive influences. This condition, when it overcomes us, or its wicked effects are cast before us, brings forth the cry, "It is an evil spirit," when in reality it is our own material shortcomings and the result of our own iniquities. God does not visit these things upon us. We attract them by our own actions.

In GENESIS 6:5 we read, And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. This prophet of days gone by had no misunderstanding as to the source of evil. The Psalmist sang, I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Here again a prophet well knew that where God is there can be no evil. Paul in his letter to the EPHESIANS (Chapter 5:15-16) writes, See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

One possessed with the devil is as one with evil conditions in his own environment or very midst. The Nazarene implied in His words to cast out the evil with the good. It was not by killing a man that the evil was removed, yet, if it were an evil spirit, how else could it be removed except by ending its earthly journey in a man-made body?

Evil is symbolized as the work of a devil or devils. This is true only so far as it applies to a man and the works of man. It abounds in this earth plane. It appears in the guise of the good, but the righteous and the alert quickly disrobe it and yield not to its telling effects for harm. Unless a condition comes for the spiritual upliftment do not welcome it.

Ofttimes a spirit loved one whether in body or one that

has passed on becomes surrounded by evil conditions, and shows it. It is not that the spirit or God-part itself is evil, no, for when it was first sent forth it had all the purity, wisdom and light endowed with by the Father, but it is slow to penetrate the wall of darkness that was built around it during its earthly journeying. The spirit is always willing and knows best, but the flesh is weak.

We can see those evil conditions, but let us not review them. Look beyond and there one may see the very spirit itself. This is possible by cleaning our own household, after which we cleanly see into another's. After all, it is not for us to judge one another.

The spirit journey in the realms is according to its journey in the earth plane amongst man and man's creations. Progress in the realms is slow if little or no progress was made in its house of flesh, blood and bone. Such a spirit loved one that is not purged of its earthly conditions manifests itself with those conditions through the power given it by its Creator, and which man cannot take away, try as hard as he may. By the same power, a spirit loved one from the higher realms comes forth with its conditions, which are of greater wisdom, more truth and higher understanding. Would we call such a one an evil spirit?

Let us look at truth squarely and openly. There is no doubt about SEEING, as evidenced at every turn. The doubt mainly rests with whether we properly interpret the conditions surrounding. We cannot judge a book by its covers, so we look inside, and behold, we find! So with spirit manifestation.

## THE RELIGION OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALISM

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**T**HERE is nothing that the world is more in need of today than a religion that makes better men and women of earth's children. The doctrine of Christian Spiritualism is opening the way and giving unto all of its followers the knowledge of Life Eternal and teaching them how to live on this plane so that they may enjoy that Larger Life after passing from the physical body.

It teaches the children that God and the unseen Helpers are watching over them. It teaches them to be honest, obedient and kind, and to pray earnestly to God. As they grow to manhood and womanhood it helps them to realize their responsibilities as children of God.

It helps in youth as it does in old age. It takes away the fear of death, and prepares us for our entrance into a world that is quite as natural as this one, where we will be clothed with the Spiritual Bodies spoken of in our Word of God. The fact is that our loved ones who have passed to the Great Beyond watch over us, prompts us to do right in all ways of life, thereby helping us to become better men and women.

Christian Spiritualism is a religion that helps in the home as well as in the Church. The knowledge of Angel Guidance is a priceless gift and brings to all who possess it a sacred happiness that makes life more worth the while.

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great; and ye shall be children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the untruthful and to the evil.

ST. LUKE 7:35



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**EDITORIALS**

From SIR ARTHUR  
CONAN DOYLE

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**I** HAVE read with the greatest interest the copies you have sent me. What the world needs above all things is to break away from dusty old conventions and to make religion a real, vital, living thing, which we who are in actual touch with spiritual forces can do.

Why people should think that our semi-barbarous ancestors could get into direct touch with divine power and we cannot, is a mystery to me.

I am sincerely,  
A. CONAN DOYLE

The letter appearing above and sent to us speaks for itself. We are grateful and acknowledge the message as coming from one who is in a position to reveal much of the LIGHT he has found by diligent search.

He is willing to give the benefit of his experiences for the good of his fellow man in the face of idle criticism from the unwilling seeker. Mere comparison of the words of wisdom from a willing searcher with the words from one who refuses to seek is reason enough why we should seek enlightenment for self ere we stumble in the shadows of one groping in the darkness.

**WORSHIP**

**F**OR AS I PASSED by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription: "To the Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you." Paul never minced words, so as he addressed the men of Athens from Mars hill, he fearlessly criticised their ignorant forms of worship. To him, idolatry, or worship of idols, showed the excessive veneration for the material thing. It is not difficult to agree with Paul, for the Supreme Force does not desire, nor require, the vain worship of man through idols.

Idol worship is rank superstition. It has traveled down the ages, impeding progress, warping minds and casting the shadows of fear to shut out the sunlight of love. What heartaches it has left in its wake. Its sorrows are legion and it thrives on despair. It was born in error and develops like some plants, in dark places. It is the wrong worship of the Father, the God of Love.

The magnificent temples that were erected in which to worship an unknown god are stumbling blocks in the way. The precious jewels that have adorned their altars and shrines are but expressions of man's vanity. Their offerings of material splendor and pomp are wasted opportunities, and their rituals are tell-tales of ignorance. Tersely, every temple of worship that has been dedicated to other than the Living God is a dedication to the unknown god.

The cunning hand of art has created the material structure and studded it with gold, silver and precious stones, so that it stands as a work of admiration, but again the cry goes forth, "Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you." The Lord of Heaven and earth dwelleth not in temples made with hands, and the material structure that many venerate will crumble into dust with passing time. The wondrous beauty of the temple of Solomon is lost to posterity, but the spirit of Solomon lives on. If we do not realize that we are temples of God and the spirit of God dwelleth in us, we ignorantly worship an unknown god. No flesh shall glory in the presence of God and on the border-line of eternity the mighty works of man are as naught.

Men of earlier ages walked in paths of simplicity. Stipulated forms of worship were not the fashion, and God and his children talked and walked together. Each spirit reached out in meekness and love to the Supreme Spirit. A later example of simple worship would be that

of the American Indian. He lived close to nature, had neither cathedral nor chapel to retard his individual worship of the Supreme Force, and, in thankfulness of spirit, praised God from whom all blessings flow.

Worship can be made simple or complicated. It is safe to emphasize that the simple worship of a contrite spirit will be more effective than the complicated worship of the haughty spirit with its many-sided beliefs. The present complicated age requires specialists in most fields of endeavor, and it seems that specialists are required to explain the different types of worship. Humanity has to learn some of the things it has forgotten, the most important being simplicity and the Law of God. The Law is not the least complicated and is the proper worship of the Supreme Force. It will guide us home, while the man-made forms of worship are ebbing out, their very existence crushed by the weight of men's opinions.

**KINDNESS TO  
GOD'S ANIMALS**

**A**S MAN was created a little lower than the angels, we would expect his divinity to assert itself in the grade of conduct manifest to the lower order of life. All living things over which man has dominion need his loving care and protection. As part-God he is the custodian of the perfect works of the Creator, from his own spirit self, to the lowest of the animal kingdom. The responsibility is a large one and man has not assumed it. His conduct reflects his true feelings toward the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field, as well as all life that swims the waters of the earth.

Wanton slaughter of fowl and beast has exterminated some species and called for corrective legislation to conserve the supply of others. The excitement of killing has stimulated the sportsman so that his thrill bars remorse for the wounded quarry. The trap of the hunter has mangled the wild beast to die in agony. Trapping, transporting, slaughtering, hunting, bull fighting, rodeoing are some of the forms of cruelty man has so inhumanly given to life in animal form. There are other forms of cruelty, but nothing equals vivisection. Think of the depths to which a child of God can sink to dissect, dismember and flay alive the helpless creatures over which he holds dominion. Read for yourselves the testimonies of vivisection, glorifying their deeds of cruelty in research laboratories. Study their lists of inhuman activities to



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poor creatures without defense. If it does not arouse the intense desire to abolish animal slavery, you are not humane.

The light of love is shining in the distance. Its rays have reached noble men and women and they are laboring in the vineyards of God, bending every effort to cleanse society of the inhuman practice of vivisection. Like all reformers, their pathway is rough. Access to the speaking platform of halls and churches has been denied them. Possessed of scientific data to present their case, little sympathy was extended. Their influence for good, however, is making contact, and slogans such as "Be Kind to Animals Week" and "Humane Sunday" will draw forth the better conditions. This magazine is not making an attempt to deal scientifically with the subject of anti-vivisection, but offers its support to those who do so and prays to the God of Love that the horrible practice touched upon will soon be abolished. We urge all to join hands with the humanitarians of all lands that would uplift humanity by kindness of thought and deed to animals. May the God-part within assert itself in human conduct to shame the evil practice of unkindness to animals. If the claim be true that the Humane, Religious and Educational forces are fifty years behind the times in propaganda, then, humanitarians of the earth plane, arouse from slumber. Help those who are trying to help those that cannot help themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A NEW department is to be established for the instruction of anyone who wishes to become informed in psychic development. A series of lessons will be provided under the direction of Rev. Milicent Hubbard, who is well qualified to conduct such work.

The object is to learn and think more of the science and philosophy of Christian Spiritualism. Our readers should find many helpful points that will make for spiritual progress for here as well as for hereafter.

We urge all of our readers to share in this opportunity that will come with the next issue. It is our sincere hope that you will reap much benefit for good and good alone.

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God.

OUR COMPLIMENTS

ONCE again we come upon the last days of a year. The Christmas and New Year season approaches with its usual traditions, both spiritual and commercial. Finally the day of days is reached and we seem to forget the complexities of life and become as little children.

Christians in every land celebrate in gladness and joyously sing the old familiar and sweet carols. Many gifts are given and the hearts of many are made happy. Evergreens and ornaments of all sorts are placed in full view to arouse enthusiasm for the time.

Alas, here and again there is the touch of sadness. The spiritually sick and those ailing materially do not seem to know how to find the comforts of the Peaceful. Our kindest thoughts are for them.

To all, everywhere, we greet you. May that which lies ahead be more wondrous for you. May God's blessings unfold before us all, now and forever.

ARMISTICE DAY

IT SEEMS proper to write a few words on this day, Armistice Day. As we listen over the radio to the representatives of the nations, many thoughts are presented for consideration. Each speaker glows with pride as he recalls the heroic struggle and sacrifice his country endured for the benefit of humanity. Timeless words are being spoken of those who had made the supreme sacrifice and the prayer goes forth that they did not die in vain. It was observed that one speaker was not certain that the late war would be the last one. He contended that as long as one covets the possessions of another the harshness of war will cloud our happiness and the commandment to love will fall on deaf ears. For this reason he urged preparedness and in covered language defied another who would seek our possessions.

The observer listened to many beautiful words from these commemorators, offerings from sincere hearts that are grieved by the evils of war. The outstanding remarks, it seemed, were contained in a brief address by a representative of a foreign country when he said that prior to the World War humanity had spoken and written of war, therefore had received war; but if it would speak and write of peace it would receive peace. How simple a prescription for world peace, requiring only love for our neighbor.

The claim is made by those in a posi-

tion to know that back of every war we will find an economic reason. This undoubtedly is true, for in the spirit of covetousness men rush to arms and covet life, limb or property of their foes. There never was and never will be a righteous war. It is impossible to reconcile righteousness with hate and killing, for these feelings are the direct opposites of each other. The Law of God, commanding us not to kill, was given to men in Divine Love. Therefore man must rise from the depths that produce wars to the heights of love where peace abides. It is possible to rise to the heights, or the Law would not have been given to humanity. The love of man for man should be greater than the love for national boundaries.

Wars spring from stirred emotions, as the thought waves of strife grip the emotion, called sympathy. The power of sympathy is a mighty force for good or evil, depending on its application. We never knew that we possessed much patriotism until the martial music was heard. Patriotism, another emotion, has clouded the friendship of nations and the love of man for man. When our emotions are stirred, the voice of conscience cannot be heard. The God-part within is speaking with emphasis, but the abnormal clamor without reduces that voice to a whisper.

Wars and strife will positively cease when humanity cries out for peace. The bitter lessons of life are slowly learned, but each lesson means progression. Perhaps the time is not far distant when humanity will yearn for permanent peace. This glorious time is here at hand, this very day, if man will listen to the inner voice that guides in paths of peace and love. We do not have to wait until the scourge has beaten us into submission and the lower conditions have tried our souls. There is a vast gulf between good and evil and man will soon cross the gulf to walk in wisdom's ways. Blessed are the peace makers, was said in the days of old. On Armistice Day, this year, humanity was urged by one who knows, to speak and write of peace, and peace will come.

SEEK THE GOOD

LOVING thoughts are always good,  
Send them out to all you meet.  
Never hold a thought of wrong  
To those who have gone before.  
Forget what they have done,  
And find the goodness they did  
That you could not find  
When they were here.  
Each one has a part of good,  
For God is good and love and all,  
For we are part of God. W. E.



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## COSMIC KINSHIP

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard



OME, let us reason together, was a wise and timely invitation; so we repeat it as an invitation to the human family, barring no race, creed or cult, but with the earnest intention of valuable discovery. Our interest for the moment centers in the triune being called man, the thinking, active genus of the great Cosmic family of which there are so many specie; of which no two are alike but each bears a relationship to all others, thus uniting one degree of consciousness to all other degress of consciousness throughout the Universe, and is largely the reason for the scientists attaching such importance to the similarity of physical construction that has led to the adoption of the Darwinian theory, that man is the product of evolution through the various states of animal life to his present degree of consciousness.

The schools that adopt this hypothesis have been vigorously opposed by the fundamentalists and orthodox groups, for to them such teaching seemed profane and reversed the whole order of their belief in God and His plan of redemption for the sin burdened soul of man. Neither the scientist nor the fundamentalist realize that the physical body of man and beast is but a habitation for the Ego, the soul, and that animal as well as man is attached to the source of Being, not because it inhabits a body, but because it is related to all life through and by the Spirit, which is God, thus establishing kinship with the Cosmos, which is Universal.

Having established that fact, we are prepared to go a step further: in order to avoid misunderstanding, we must bear in mind that man is the most evolved specie that we know, but that in no way proves that in man God has completed His plan of developed consciousness nor that perfection has been reached without including the soul of man. No one will dispute me when I say: as yet man is far from fulfilling the requirements by his own standard of right and wrong, but according to fundamentalist reasoning, the soul must grope in the semi-darkness of delusion, with only the Bible and his conscience to guide him. What a libel on the intelligence of Divinity. It places a limitation upon God's power, simply because they are unable to define the real contact between the source of supply and the human family, and ignore the teachings of Jesus, while claiming to be followers of him. Jesus was a mystic of mystics, having unfolded under the teachings of the oldest mystic brotherhood of the Orient, and was in no way the ignorant carpenter that the present-day teachers claim him to be. He was a well-informed man, a Master in every sense of the word, and a leader in introducing innovations that shocked the people of his day as the Spiritualist shocks the Pharisee of today even as Jesus shocked those of his time.

However, Jesus taught the Oneness of the Father and himself, applying the same relationship to the human family. Now, if that be true, why do the ecclesiastics claim his leadership while denying the principles he taught? They deny them because the burden of their guilt rests with them, and not upon a human or divine sacrifice, and man wants to shift his responsibilities to an intercessor, rather than assume them himself. But the law remains the standard of justice, and despite man's unwillingness to consider himself responsible before the Holy Tribunal, he is subject to the Cosmic generative law and must experience soul growth as God has ordained; and in order to receive inspiration and, through inspiration, knowledge and direction, a direct line is established between the various planes

of earth, allowing for communication with higher intelligences. In this manner has the TRUTH been transmitted to the earth plane, and the old facts known to man thousands of years ago are becoming the property of the people of the twentieth century. It has been the privilege of the Spiritualists to be the exponents of the Truth and to bear the brunt of abuse that every revival of science, philosophy or religion met with from the Pharisees of their time.

But Spiritualists have stood up for the revival of intercommunication between the planes of spirit and those of earth, until they are recognized by the more progressive type of people, and only the really ignorant or the prejudiced remain to be convinced of the kinship of the various expressions of spirit life, and the close association of spirit with human beings. Having thus established the Cosmic Radio, God has enabled us to receive the result of purified thought from the great teachers of the spirit planes, exactly as we are entertained or enlightened by the radio that brings to our homes the exact reproduction of voice or music created in cities hundreds of miles away. To be sure, there are times when static interferes with a perfect transmission of sound, and so does Cosmic static interfere with the transmission of spirit voices, and confusion results. But just as certain programs are educational as well as entertaining, so are some spirit lessons educational and interesting as well. Then, there are the broadcast messages of the purely elemental type, which in some instances are rather misleading for the recipient, or any one who witnesses the demonstration; this has led to misunderstanding and brought communication of spirit into disrepute, because the instrument (medium) either lacked spirituality, or because they were ignorant of the Universal Law, and it is due to the elemental manifestations that intelligent persons have held aloof from the Spiritualist movement, and have attributed the manifestations to magnetic action or any other natural power because they believed that if spirits really did communicate with man, they would at least bring to him Truth and a high standard of morality, whereas much of the phenomena was of a crude and repulsive nature. They do not realize that there is a real Cosmic Kinship and that these elementals are a by-product of the great Spirit in formative state of being, no better and no worse than the inhabitants of the physical plane of which we are resident. And that a good, clean-living person of earth may be an angel as compared with some of the spirits who manifest, for they find a person who vibrates to a slow, or elemental, vibration, which corresponds to the wave upon which they can broadcast their message, and immediately they send forth that communication which will, according to their understanding and ability of perception, be truth, but very often their measure of facts is as different to the actual experience as our own miscalculation of events or standards.

This being the case, an adept should be careful to create a rapid and fine wave upon which the higher teachers manifest, and hold to the abstract rather than become intent upon receiving word from some special individual spirit, for in that way has many an adept been deceived by impersonating entities, who, rather than miss an opportunity to deliver their message, will claim to be the one for whom the sensitive has asked. This has led to much confusion and misunderstanding among Spiritualists as well as orthodox and fundamentalist groups who have sought to discover the truth, and who have become disgusted by the crude demonstrations and expressions purporting to come from spirit friends and educators, for, not knowing that elementals are residents of the lower planes, and fearing—they know not what—they discontinue their experiments with mediums and the Spiritualist movement. Still, if they conscientiously reviewed the conditions of orthodox movements, they must in



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all honesty admit that the spirituality is lacking with them in a still greater degree than among the much criticised Spiritualists. I offer no apology for our mistakes; their name is legion; but I do say that our mistakes are no worse than those of other denominations, while we do and can bring comfort to the disconsolate, the bereaved, those who are outside the social pale—those despised and forgotten by all but God and us, and we can encourage a fresh start upon the highest and best authority. Thus we prove our Cosmic Kinship despite social regulations, and the ultimate redemption of the soul through its contact with Cosmic Consciousness, whether it speaks as the individual, or blends with the Universal.

## THE FLOWERS



LORD, how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psalm 104-24.

The velvet covering of moss that transforms the woodland dell into a wonderland of beauty speaks in its own way of the omnipotence of the Supreme Force, God, as do the richly colored blossoms bursting forth from tiny buds. Mosses, ferns and lichens belong to plants that cannot boast an array of blossoms, yet they are singular in appearance and worthy of our notice, if only as a contrast to the flowering plants so familiar to us. The Creator has diversified the manner of growth of these flowerless plants, as he provides their reproduction from very simple and minute bodies known as spores, instead of evolving growth from seed.

Flowers spring from flower buds in the same way that branches grow out from leaf buds. Now the places for buds are in the axils of the leaves and at the end of the stem. The axils of the leaves are marked by the hollow or angle on the upper side where the leaves are attached to the stem. The first bud to appear makes the main stem, and its continued growth week after week or year after year carries on the main stem. It is called the terminal bud, as its place is fixed at the end of the stem. The other buds that are to form branches appear on the sides of the stem. The bud arrangement, whether alternate or opposite, determines the peculiar placement of the branches. It is interesting to notice this in the winter time, when the leaves have fallen and the bare branches stand out prominently to view. Each fallen leaf has left a scar to mark stalk separated from the stem and above the scars there are the buds ready to grow into branches in the spring. As there is not room for all, only the stronger buds grow.

So as we approach the winter time of life and memory again reviews the happenings along the life's journey, the scars left by our shortcomings loom up menacingly to confront and remind us of the misdeeds of our years of youth and strength. These spots have been impressed on the spirit self and can be eradicated by the individual willingly working out his own atonement and gradually washing away the stain of guilt. This can be done in part here, as well as hereafter. If we only realized the difficult task that awaits us on our passing over, when with clearer comprehension we endeavor to make right every wrong deed, we would reach out while we are still here to acquire the light of understanding and wisdom, so as to purge ourselves and begin making amends for our transgressions. For this task is easier of accomplishment by one in body than by a disrobed spirit, who on reaching the far off shore stands there in confusion and bewilderment and knows not which way to turn.

As the leaf buds develop into branches, so the inspirations we receive from time to time in the form of uplifting thoughts

might, if we held them for serious consideration, work out into deeds of worthiness or helpfulness to other weary pilgrims, who, lacking much of this world's goods, need the human touch of sympathetic aid to brighten their outlook on life.

As the flower buds burst forth into wondrous blossoms, wafting their sweet perfumes for all to enjoy, so the spirit, cognizant of the Creator's purpose in sending it forth, reaches out and takes on all the attributes of Godliness, thus radiating influences far reaching in their power for good and upliftment.

The duration of plants of different kinds varies greatly. With some the length of existence on this earth plane may stretch out to a thousand years, while with others a few weeks or months may be the limit.

So it is with the allotment of time required by us in our travel here. Some individuals complete the span of life in a short time, while others totter along into infirm old age. The time of one's passing out marking the end of a short or long life as we reckon it, should be of small consequence, so long as the mission that the individual has set out to accomplish has been fulfilled. Unfortunately, if the objective has not been attained, it might be necessary for the spirit to again enter a body for another travel here to do what it had previously left undone.

A. M. W.

## ALONG THE SHORES OF GALILEE

ARM in arm with Jesus,  
Come with me to stroll  
Where the Galilæans  
Watched the billows roll.

Hear Him tell the story  
Of the long ago,  
How these simple people  
Learned to love Him so;

How He won disciples  
From their very fold;  
How, in love, He labored  
With these lives to mold.

Share with Him the quiet  
Of this holy place,  
And, as all these friends did,  
Meet Him face to face.

Then out on the high roads  
And in busy marts  
Fling the Kingly challenge  
That His love imparts.

AMOS.

## A SUNSET

A SUNSET all glowing and purple  
Steeped my soul in its heavenly bliss;  
The misty grey cloudlets surrounding  
Gave my spirit its own nightly kiss.  
The thrill of the knowledge of beauty  
Set my tingling spirit on fire,  
And thoughts from the brain's deep recesses  
Were attuned, as the strings on my lyre.

The smallness of all our life's troubles  
Realization vanquished away;  
My soul, unfettered, alone, wandered  
As it thrilled to the beauties of day!  
There was hush in the air, as whispers  
Of birds at their orisons, while light  
Deepened the peace, and the at-one-ment  
Seemed to deaden the fear of the night.

Oh joy all transcendent, uplifting,  
Oh how little our life here below—  
We look at sunsets so glorious,  
Then we feel, and we thrill, and we know!

By FRANCES HOWE.



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## PRAYING

**I**T HAS been said by one that he had prayed, but the Heavens seemed as brass, impregnable to his appeal. The prayer did not feel his prayer had been heard, for at least he did not experience the thrilling influence of answered prayer. Further, there was no evidence at any time that his request had been granted. Being sincere in his desire, why had his request been refused? He also had prayed the way he had been taught, using words he knew from memory so there would be no mistake. It all seemed impossible to understand and he could not subscribe to a policy that if one asks, he will receive.

The disappointed ones, claiming unanswered prayers, are legion. This multitude of kindred souls have sent forth their resentful thoughts that poison the environment of happier lives. The scale of justice is hidden from their view and they assert there is no justice. They dampen the efforts of others by their chilly moods, drawing further away from God, the giver of light and warmth. The selfish veins of their ingratitude carry their disappointments to a blackened heart. In the darkness of ignorance they offered their prayers. In the darkness of ignorance they claim unanswered prayer and in the darkness of ignorance they resent it. Like children of earthly parents, they sulk for their own way and sadden the heart of the Father.

The all important point is to know how to pray. There is no prescribed form, or collection of words to memorize for the prayer of understanding. The first essential of prayer is Love. To love our Father we must know our Father. We can never know our Father through the experiences of another. Each individual child of God must reach out in sweet communion to his Creator. He must be willing to abide by the Father's will and to do as the Father desires. Not for an instant should he doubt the results of obedience, ever remembering that the depth and breadth of the Love of God cannot fully be measured by mortals.

As we pray or talk to the Father, shut the door of the world, to send forth your spirit desires. Do not crawl around on your knees, like a worm of the dust, expecting to find your Creator down in the depths of your shortcomings. We would not delight the hearts of our earthly parents by kneeling before them. Would they not in love soon cause us to rise to an upright position to talk with us? Since we had erred they would explain our failures and to teach the lesson would insist that we make restitution to our debtors.

As part-God, children of the Supreme Force, prove your divinity. Send forth your prayer of love to the Creator of All, drawing to yourselves in confidence the strength of wisdom to guide you. Be the god-part in reality; not the sulking or fearful child begging forgiveness of an angry parent, but the all loving and just child of God, acknowledging your mistakes, but requesting only justice of the Father. Stand upon your own feet, with eyes toward Heaven, talking to God, spirit to spirit. Your heart-felt prayer will be heard and your appeal for spiritual strength will be answered as soon as the rubbish of life you have placed in your own pathway can be removed.

In the vibration of love, wisdom abounds, for the patience of the loving Father will melt the resentment of the child. As we grow spiritually, the God-part, in wisdom, has patience to wait, realizing its desires will materialize. We will know what to pray for and when we will receive it. No disappointment will cross our pathway, for in wisdom we will know, there is no need to guess. We will have enough common sense to refrain from praying for more wisdom until we can digest the wisdom within our grasp.

In love we can offer the prayer of the Nazarene, because we fully understand it. In love all of our thoughts will arise. As part-God we can be what we desire to be and that would only be an instrument of good. Prayer is defined as asking a favor. We do not ask God for the favor of being and doing good. We are good, God-like, clouded by earthly doubts and fears. Talk to the Father on high, and as a true child show your divinity to the world, that the slumbering spark of God within our fellow man will see the light.

T. R. W.

## THOUGHT

By Dr. L. C. Lindemann

**V**OLUMES have been written on the subject of thought. This vital subject should be given close attention, for on it depends our destinies. The secret of life therefore is to be the master of our thoughts. Ignorance and knowledge, good and evil, are the results of thought. As all human conduct reflects our thought creations, it is fitting that we should think right before we act.

This limited article offers the thought of our divine origin. As divine we should think of wisdom, purity and strength. In simple thought language the God-part speaks and moulds our characters. Apply this simple thought to the care of our physical bodies and we immediately gather strength that will grow in proportion to our practice of that thought. In other words, exercise some of that faith that we so earnestly claim we possess. The pills and powders of the medical field cannot equal the healing power from on high. If sickness has overcast the physical body, pray to the Father in Heaven for relief and you will obtain it, if you have first removed all doubtful thoughts.

I would like to shout to all my brothers and sisters in the flesh to think health and health will be yours. If we continually discuss sickness we influence others that come in contact with our thought waves. If we will realize the body ailments were never intended for suffering humanity, we have at least started to use the power of thought for a good purpose.

Referring further to our subject, you have noticed the faults we think our neighbor has, while we seldom think of our own. The shortcomings of ourselves seem so small to us that it seems hardly necessary to bother about them. We were reminded by the Nazarene to do just the opposite and to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Think kindly of your neighbor, sending out thoughts of love that will return to you. If you send forth the thought of hatred, it will likewise return in due season. Remember, we are all children of the one Father on high, not one bringing anything to the earth plane and on returning take nothing with us. Therefore let us live righteous, truthful and brother-loving lives, and God the Father of us all will gladly welcome us on our homecoming.

## CHILDHOOD'S LOVE—GRACES

**D**EAR Lord Jesus loves me,  
Just as I love you;  
And I want to tell you  
I love Jesus too.

Thank you for my breakfast,  
May it make me grow;  
Bless the folks that love me,  
For I love them so, dear God.

Amen.

By UNCLE AMOS.



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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.



NEW YORK CITY—The following questions are asked by a brother who wears the cloth. In substance they are:

(A) Have you read the several references in the Books of Moses on pagan necromancy and which were anathematized by the Law of Moses, and which, it seems to me, makes it a hard saying that "communication with the spirit loved ones who have given up their earthly bodies is an established fact"?

(B) Why the feverish excitement of the uncanny seance?

(C) Why are ministers of Spiritualistic Church services mostly women who are mediums?

We thank the brother for his interest. Our answers, briefly, are: (A) Moses knew of the truth of spirit communication and condemned its violations only. He was opposed to any witch, enchanter, charmer, wizard or necromancer who bound over one out of body to do the bidding of one in body for material purposes. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, should be the motto of all who seek spiritual enlightenment. Any one who will call to the spirit loved ones to make a dollar grow into a hundred, or to tell them what business to get into, or what race horse to play, or to tell them who stole their belongings, or to bring iniquities upon another, or torment or unrest, and other "Black-art," should be anathematized or avoided. Woe unto him who does mockery unto the gifts of God.

There are very very many today who call to the saints, to Jesus, Joseph and Mary for material instead of spiritual upliftment. Much rather communicate with the Father direct, and with that power given one, be true for righteousness sake.

(B) The feverish excitement prevails only where the LIGHT has not fully entered in. It is as a stage setting, and useless, and we are unalterably opposed to any one who will not conduct meetings in an orderly, simple and strictly spiritual manner. Every form of worship has its rituals, chants, bowing and bending of knees, formations and regalia, and it, with the burning of incense and display of images along the lines of the pagan and mysterious, is unnecessary. Communication with the Father does not require it, neither time nor place, so we stand steadfast for simplicity. Death is death and life is life. Let the living advance and progress in the spirit realms and do nothing to call them from their onward journey unless it is for the mutual upliftment of both communicants. Ask them not to do anything (possible or impossible) that you would not be willing to have asked of yourself, is a good guide and rule to go by.

(C) Men predominate in every land and are from every religious denomination. In the Eastern section of America women seem to be more active. God does not deny the right to see, hear, feel or in other ways such as to be impressed, inspired or prompted, to any of His children. The conditions are though, to be very mindful of the second commandment. Do good, and if good has been done by you, go before the tried and the untried, the true and the false, and give testimony, and help drive out the wolves in lambskin clothing.

In conclusion, brother, we urge you to grasp only the good not from what you hear through others, but from direct and positive experiences yourself.

## SPIRITUGRAMS—No. 6

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

1. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.
2. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.
3. He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.
4. Know ye that the Lord, He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high.
6. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
7. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
8. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
9. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
10. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 5 follows: Psalms 102:1, 94:12, 98:2, 111:9, 136:3, 150:6, 100:4, 104:24, 134:2, and 107:1 respectively.

## SERVICE

They serve the best who take the time to bring  
Out to the light of day some perfect thing,  
Inspiring in this earth-bound plane below  
To strive their utmost to the heights they know.

You make your place in solemn Future's Hall—  
Only as you yourself give up your all,  
In flight or play, in book, in dance or song,  
Your own heart's visions help to carry on.

To serve, the words I hold myself most true,  
My God, my country, parents, friends, and you.  
This solemn trust I pledge I'll try to hold,  
My best to give till centuries grow old.

By FRANCES HOWE.

## PERFORMANCE

Were you ever ill and down-hearted,  
And you prayed to your Father above  
To send you strength and comfort,  
And you promised to give Him your love,  
If only He'd grant what you asked Him,  
And helped you your strength to gain,  
And then did you keep your promise,  
When your prayer was not in vain?

When He granted all that you asked Him,  
Did you do as you promised you would,  
Or did you go on as you did before  
And forget that you vowed to do good?  
He needs you to help in His service,  
To do all you promised you would;  
You said that you'd do it, so do it!  
And reap the reward of the good.

By IRENE M. KOHLER.

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



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## OBEDIENCE AND LOYALTY TO ONE MASTER

By A. Rissmeyer



**W**HAT is the Law of God, who needs them and for whom were they made? The Law is a rule for the actions of all. There are those who try hard to find the beams and splinters in their own eyes, and there are those same as the people of long ago, who yield to the evil more and more. The All-seeing Eye provided the way in which all children might keep from going astray entirely.

We say to the Father, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, then proclaim, *only I* can decide such matters. We should not forget that we here only know part, but those from the higher realms know more. Let us not turn that prayer into a lie. Make it to be of comfort.

If we want the kingdom of righteousness established here on this earth plane then we should give a helping hand. Yield not to idle gossip, for it should have no place in the household of God. Here we have a duty to fulfill, and well for those that recognize their missions and follow it out, for a reward awaits them.

Humanity should reach perfection, or as close to it as possible. Then the ever showing mercy will enfold us silently and the happy and contented souls will taste its sweetness in the mouth. Sad for those that have bitterness in stomach, because of their actions of yielding so easily to evil mind. They are as ones ever ready to condemn a book before even knowing its contents, whereas, if they cared to they might well learn from it.

Each one is fitted to do good, some for greater and some for smaller duties. There are many different parts needed for a **WHOLE**. If the parts do not correspond then success cannot come. We must harmonize and be able to show results, and reach the mark required of us. Then we will become that shining light that the Nazarene spoke about. How it would please Him and all those spirit loved ones who are trying to let their light shine. It would be the crown of their good work, and we too should reach an ever ready hand to every one.

Avoid sarcastic remarks of things we are ignorant about. Seek information and light before condemning, and it will keep out bitterness. Let us become like little children and enjoy the living waters given us so freely, then we will be working on the foundation of that glorious kingdom of righteousness. Then the blessings of that all loving Father will be felt everywhere. Then it will be an easy matter to go on the highways and spread good tidings, for such happiness and contentment you will want to share with others. Let the heart be filled with rapture and the soul stand in praise for the Glory and Honor of the Most High.

Defy not the army of the living God, of whom we all are part. "He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone." Seek to know that which is good and true and listen for the sound in your ears. Fear not, I am with thee. Then you will be comforted and happy in great measure not only here, but also when passed over the portals.

Divine Love is the perfect expression of unselfishness. One who does not own this quality needs the Law. Let us be ever ready to hearken to that sweet message of love. Let us listen to those beyond and who are able to bring to us a message if we open wide the door to their knocking. Soon we may be at the doorway knocking, sad in spirit because they open not, be-

cause they reach not for the spiritual gifts that make for progress.

We must be ever watchful. As the ice gets smooth we are apt to slip, therefore watch and pray that temptation be removed. Remain firm and you will succeed. Use less of the self loving I Am, and more of the We, and when victory is written on thy banner, boldly fling it to the breeze, bear it ever bravely onward for the right against the wrong, and free those that are slaves to error.

With reverence let us look upward, giving thanks for all good to God. Be a true disciple and not stand idly waiting for some great work to be done by the others. Let us call to God to give us more light and wisdom and power to see more clearly the Divine ways. Let us come to know our duties plainly, to become as cleansed and fit to be a good worker in the great field we call the Garden of Eden.

Let it be our desire to help our Elder Brother fulfill His mission gloriously—**PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND.**

## TESTIMONIALS



**B**ROOKLYN, N. Y.—My education, training and influences have been in the Roman Catholic circles. Without having spoken a word to any person, my full intentions were to study for the Priesthood, as I thought that would be a wonderful way in which to serve God. I had been told by quite a few Priests that if I ever had any intentions of being a Priest to let them know and they would help me. But I never told them of my intentions.

I found a natural yearning for religious matters and did what I could to learn of the subject I had intended should become my life work.

One time my father spoke to me of spiritual phenomena, and, because of my inward secret, I listened for anything that would be of knowledge to me. At a later date my father asked me to accompany him to a medium, where he promised me I would hear something worth while.

At first I was undecided, as this was against my religion. But my yearning for religious matters finally overcame it and I went with my father to a medium who was very spiritual. The meeting was held in a small room, void of all decorations but flowers. The ceremony was very simple, but, as I thought later, also beautiful.

I sat through the ceremony wishing I would receive a message. Finally I did, and the message was from my earthly mother, who had passed out of body some years before. To my utter surprise, the message from the spirit of my mother was to request me not to enter the Priesthood, going into the matter fully and completely.

This message convinced me that Spiritualism was true, as no other person knew of my ambitions, not even my earthly father. I was also convinced that those out of body were about and knew what lies before us.

Further investigation fully satisfied me of the truth of Spirit contact or communication. I took the step as given me in love and light, and without any regrets, and in sincere thankfulness. I willingly make my testimony for righteousness sake.

MR. C. K.

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

JOHN 12:36



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