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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 ANYTHING 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

SPIRITUAL DEEDS

Brought forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



AGAIN as we stand upon this very threshold of the material plane, we bring what would encourage and what would enlighten humanity. It is that we should look to a higher source, that we should look to that Higher Being. When we call to that Unseen Force whom we worship as God, then we should worship in spirit and in truth only. Too much is made of in this material plane in worshiping idols and worshiping things of that sort. These are of no account, for they cannot go with you when you reach to that other side. They remain.

There is only one thing that goes. It is the spirit self, the life, the thoughts, the very deeds that had been done. Why wait until that hour is here when we reach over and when there is so much that we have to gather in. Think of the small shortcomings that are about our every day going. Why not start now and be right in the small things? The very small things are the ones that in the end will accumulate into mountains and mountains of things that will draw us down.

I bring you this message that if we are faithful in small things and in our small doings, then the larger things will come right and the burdens will vanish and we will stand in happiness and contentment. Is it not much better when we reach over on the other side, that is, when we have passed over this threshold, and we are holding hands on the other shores—is it not much better then to look back and think "Well has been spent my journey in the material plane. I have done as I thought best. I have been lead by those unseen thoughts that have come to me, by the inspirations of those whom I had loved and who have gone before me and whom I have helped on the way, and they have helped me to gather in rightly, and now I am contented."

Rather than when we have to look back and think of all the things we had left undone, all those small obstacles that stood in our way and we simply tramped over them and left them for another to finish. Is it not sad when we stand and have to look back and have to say to our very self, "We have been unjust in the manner in which we have journeyed in the material clay." So I bring you this message.

The time is when many will cry and will call to the hills and to the mountains to cover them, for then they will see what is before them. But then the hour is too late. Be wise, as those wise men were who followed through inspiration the star they had seen, and you will find it if you follow your better self.

So often it has been brought by those that return, if we would become much better acquainted with ourselves we would soon be acquainted with each other. We would know how to speak and act. But in selfishness we think of that "I am." It is always I and I. We do not think of the brother or sister that is downcast. We do not think to bring a kind word or a lov-

ing thought. We might see a poor mother trying to hold her little ones together, and we could do something, for many of us are materially and financially well provided, and so be more helpful to the suffering. It would be counted for us.

Is not the giver more glad than the one who receives? Therefore, after giving we are in happiness and contentment, and we take it with us when we journey over the border, for we see, we know—the conscience, the thoughts, the very life itself—is there.

Are we not a small atom of the Creator and should we not then as gods walk this plane? Often it has been brought to follow the Elder Brother's steps. He brought truth and the truth was not accepted. Humanity did not want to hear what was right. It wanted to go on its wayward path and cared not. When the final hour came then what did it mean? It again meant the sad sufferings of the spirit that it had to return and bring back even to the smallest farthing. Yes, the shortcomings had to be accounted for. I say, each one of us is a child of the living God and we should walk in the pathway pleasing the Father, walking and following those commands which had been brought.

They are simple. A child can follow them if it will want to, and much more if we have more thought and are more enlightened. Then we can follow still better, and is it not for ourselves and is it not for our brother and sister who look on and see and go the same pathway? Did not the Elder Brother say so often when He was here amongst men to let your light shine before men that they might see your good works and then go away glorifying God? Yes, show your good works and show your power for the right, for the truth, for brotherhood, and you will be well repaid in that hour, for fear will not enter then. Fear is but an outstanding obstacle and when overcome it is then a pleasure when the call comes and we know we have done as best we could.

We have followed as near right as we could. We have tried to be as near perfect as we could. Then we will hear that beautiful song come to us, "Yes, you have done many things right and you too will find that your reward is great, for you will be able then to help many that understood not. You have started on your earthly journey, so go on your journey henceforth which never ends."

So you too will be prepared on that day when after two thousand years the Elder Brother's time expires and He then enters and takes those with Him that are ready to enter into the beautiful Zion. Is it not worth while?

I bring you this message of awakement. Sleep not, and be wise. Look for righteousness, for truthfulness and for brother-love, and have peace on earth and happiness henceforth in the spheres. That will be the greatest time. Take it, follow it, and when you have the time and you are by yourselves, think it over and over and you will find that I have brought it right.

This I bring with all happiness and with all contentment, for your upliftment and happiness. AMEN. PAUL.

Brother Paul was a tent maker by trade and later studied law. While on his way to Damascus he suddenly became mediumistic, and heard the voice of the spirit of the Nazarene. This awakened him to light and truth, and from that point he became a most worthy worker for the cause of truth. "Hearing a voice and seeing no man" was convincing enough for this brother to carry the message into other lands (Acts IX), and he still rings forth a message for all mankind, "for upliftment and happiness."

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

LOVE

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(An Abstract)



APPY I am to get in touch with this material plane once more. There are many things that are seen and done and there are many things that we think have not been seen. I would call to each one to be not deceived. As I draw closer and closer to this plane, I see how humanity think that they understand everything that is to be understood. It is well if we think so, but does humanity understand everything?

I would like to just ask that one question of each one, but if I did go from one to another, each one would have a different answer. The best is therefore to leave it with each one to solve the problem for themselves. The time is here when each one must give thought to that point, to that part which well belongs to each one.

Your own loved ones return so often. They are about you day in and day out trying to impress you, trying to bring you the right thought, trying to bring you that which would be worth bringing. Many understand it not or they accept it in the wrong way. The one great problem here in this material plane is that there is not any one that understands what it really is, or what it really means, to love.

You will say, "I care a great deal," or you would say, "I love my wife, my husband, my child, my parents," and I say it is well. Are you sure you love them? Think over that little word with but a few letters in it. How often it is brought to one and to another, "I care," or "I love but you," yet, in the twinkling of the eye, just let some little point cross your path and that love that you had sworn to or had held to be so holy is torn to pieces and thrown aside as if it were naught. Is that love?

Do we not all know and have we not all understood that God is Love?

Many will say, "That is a different question—God is Love, He is a Spirit, but what is it to us in this material plane? We look upon this love entirely differently," and I say, it cannot be looked upon in any different manner because when you use the word LOVE, you are referring to that Higher Force, God, and if you do not hold that word LOVE rightly, and in honor, and in obedience, then you are far from the standard even when you have chosen your wife, your child, or your parents.

When you say, "I love my wife, I love my child, I love my husband, I love my parents," have you ever thought what it means? There is not anyone that has thought it over rightly, for if you have thought it over rightly then as soon as you say, "I love you," you are speaking of a Higher Force. You are speaking of the Divine Love, you are speaking of the very

atom that is within each one, that spark of God. When you start to trample down with your feet that which is within, when you throw it aside as if it were naught, then you are committing yourself and you are bringing forth that which is going to make you sigh and make you think and make you stand and look on until you understand how to undo the error, and how again to bring forth the true love, for you as well as I are part God, and that God within cannot offend.

That is one main point, of a sort of explanation that I today attempt to bring. As I look back and see how I myself was told, "I do love you," and how I myself did commit myself, and today when I look back even since the very hour I reached over the border, I see what love really means to humanity. It is what "I" can get, it is what it can bring me materially, it is what it may mean for my own good, not another's good. It is not that "I" look at my brother or sister with love, I look to what it may bring me materially, not what it might bring me spiritually.

I too have had the selfsame experience. When I look back I could almost curse the hour when I said, "I love you." It was a material condition, and, in the end, what did it mean? Today I am looked at as something that had been and is no more. I thank God, that Father, I thank that Supreme Force for having let me get in touch with humanity that I might bring forth something through my own experience that others might reap what I had lost, and as well as it may seem to each one.

I can look about you and see how many have said and gone through the selfsame things. You can speak for yourselves when the downcast hours come, then that which had seemed all love had become hate, that which seemed as love is as nothing. That is the way it is, and I hope each one might take it with them and think it over well when you say or bring forth that little word that means so much in the material plane. It means so much good and yet so much evil. It should not be used in an evil way.

Each time we use it we mean the Divine Force. Let it be pleasing to that God that looks down upon His children. We should use it in reverence. We should keep it in soundness and in health and in all that this material plane might bring with it. I say, remember it and take it with you and oftentimes recall it that you heard the explanation of what it had cost me. Let the material meaning not come in your path, or you may look back and lament in sadness and sorrow, and think in what other manner you might have done well with that which brought you nothing.

Happy I am to be able to bring it in this manner. So take it with you and carry it safe with you, for that Love is Divine, and offend it not. AMEN. TOM.

Brother Tom enlisted in the army of the world war and was mortally wounded. Many times his spirit has returned and seemingly with the very important message, thou shalt not kill! We wish that his messages could circle the entire world, yes, throughout the whole universe, and that the messages of Love would be better understood by all mankind and Peace prevail throughout.

Think and learn to be righteous, truthful and brother-loving, that others may also think and learn to do likewise, and wear the crown of life.

Inspiration has manifested itself in many ways. It comes from a source that is not of ourself. It comes from beyond the Border, which is the line that separates those of earthly existence and those who exist in the spheres.—THE TRUE LIGHT, October, 1927.

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

THE TRUE SPIRITUALIST

By Union Coursean



PIRITUALISM has been and still is receiving much attention from the Press throughout the entire world, and it is attracting considerably more interest on the part of the great churches of the world than at any time of the past. This is very gratifying to the followers of Spiritualism. These followers, both real and hidden, are ever increasing in numbers, and it is no wonder that the churches are beginning to show alarm.

There is not one single individual, honest with himself and his Father in Heaven, who cannot recall personal experience in some of the many phases of the phenomena of Spiritualism. It is called a religion, a philosophy and a science, but it might better become known as the TRUTH. Regardless of the name, what counts most is what makes a true spiritualist, and how best to measure up to the highest spiritual standards.

We are happy to quote a message of great wisdom from the spirit side and make it our text. This is it: "Where your love, there your treasure; so let your treasure be with the Father."

To the true spiritualist, that is exactly what the God within shall reveal. In communing with the Father, the true spiritualist will do so, spirit to spirit. He will commune direct, and not through anything nor anyone. He will abide by and follow the laws of God in thought, word and deed. Only in this way can he follow on a pathway that is Righteous, Truthful and Brotherly.

This pathway is very different from that chosen by the rich man's son, and who wanted to know what he should do to inherit the Kingdom of God. Very different, indeed, it is from any pathway littered with material conditions, and with an huddled mass of humanity, bent on selfish desires and material gains.

It would be well to remember, if we would be true spiritualists, that it is the will of the Father that we are here. If it were our wills, many of us would be in rich surroundings rather than in poor surroundings. Therefore, it is the spirit within that we must develop, and not the outer cloak or body which is man made. So it is that as true spiritualists we begin from within. We listen to the inner voice, the God-part within, and, thus guided by the dictates of our own conscience, proceed on our spiritual upliftment, ever seeking greater wisdom and more enlightenment.

Many would become agreeably surprised at the spiritual progress that would thus be made. There is awakened within that true desire to investigate and inquire into all matters spiritual. We would want to understand all about the varying forms, rules and rituals; how they were founded and what purpose is accomplished through them. We soon would know whether we are following the right or the wrong way.

May it be said at this point that spiritual truth is for all mankind, regardless of race, color or creed, and for every man, woman and child. It is for all who have given up their earthly

bodies or cloaks, and who are making their travel in the realms. So we can understand it is for here and hereafter that we must know and understand the truth of life. Any ism that has these precepts has the light. This is Universal, and is Spiritual, and is Truth. Let us, therefore, continue to search the additional attributes as manifested by those true to the spiritual.

It is such that will not deny that life exists beyond the border. They well know that the spirit loved ones that have gone on can be communicated with and acknowledge their spirit presence. Not that the "dead" return, but it is the living, and full or proper precaution is taken when entering into such spirit contact, in order that the best results are forthcoming. It is well remembered that there are varying degrees of intelligences in the spirit realms, same as there are in this earthly sphere, and that the competent and advanced communicants bring best results. This applies, no matter by what method, means or medium one will contact or become *en rapport* with those from beyond the border.

The true spiritualist (now we would prefer to know him as the truthfinder, and which is just a bit more than a truth-seeker) will ever reach for higher results and, in doing so, leaves the material conditions further from him. He will stand for the truth and be firm in that understanding, even if it would mean for him to lose his earthly cloak at the hands of the false teachers and prophets. How much finer this is than to be misled and mis-guided, and so fall a victim of error and deceit and hypocrisy!

The truth-finder does not believe in a hell, neither does he believe he is going into a heaven where nothing more is to be done by himself. He actually KNOWS his destination and the conditions abounding. He ceases to guess or speculate about it, and travels with more wisdom and power and strength, to reach ever higher, and so continues until he again is reunited with the Supreme Spirit, God, who first sent him forth.

All the while that he is making his earthly journey, or later his spiritual journey, the follower of truth and of light will do unto others as he would be done by. He will help others to reach ever higher. He is neither jealous nor seeks self-praise, for, remember, he is willing and ready to help others reach even higher than he himself may have reached before he had such opportunity as he gives to others.

Anyone who wants to serve one master and serve well, who worships God and only one God, and will keep and abide His laws, needs have no name. Jesus of Nazareth is one of these. He is the example for us to follow. As did He, we, too, must not yield to evil temptations. Like Him we should call, as did He, to Our Father.

There is just a final thought or two that shines forth from the enlightened. They have learned to think and become self-reliant. Along with this is the ability to do, and do rightly. Which reminds us of the words of wisdom of a prophet of the days gone by, which runs something on this order: "Be ye also doers of that which is good, not only hearers."

"Where your love, there your treasure; so let your treasure be with the Father." Need we any more than just these few words to bring us to the All-Highest, the Whole Truth? Such is the message from one who has gone before, but who is still in our very midst, if we will but open wide the doorways that will let Him enter. Enter He will, with that Peace not alone for one, but throughout all humanity, and with Good-Will toward all who are TRUE.

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

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 XXX—LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU. God is Love and that love is within each one, and all should reflect that love. We should be kind, considerate and helpful one to another. Avoid embarrassing anyone by gossip and untruth, destroy the monsters of hate, envy, jealousy and bitterness. Neither lie, covet, steal nor kill another, and start at the very beginning or as early in this earthly journey as possible.

It is not well for one who has wisdom and knows this truth to deliberately violate it. Remove that malice and spite that may linger even to the extent of persecuting the flesh. Go about with a smile, give a good word everywhere, do a kind deed at all opportunities. These things to be of the right understanding must be free of all self praise and self glory.

Do these things not only in word and action, but also in thought. Practice it at once, and with patience and perseverance every inharmonious condition will be removed, and when our earthly journey is ended we will well know how to make our spiritual progress when it is required of us to continue our journey in the realms. There it makes for even more peace, happiness and contentment, for greater are the beauty and wonders and opportunities.

The Teacher of Truth of that time showed His love from boyhood. To His Creator, to His earthly parents, to ALL humanity, even to His very last moments did He reveal the love for all. The very ones who wanted to destroy His earthly body and those who proceeded to, received His love. His spirit still comes back and forth, all for Love. He returns and returns, and asks, and knocks, and waits for all to love as did He.

LESSON XXXI—HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR FATHER WHOM YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IF YOU DO NOT LOVE YOUR FELLOWMAN WHOM YOU HAVE SEEN. All have that spark of God, of Love, of Life within. When it was said, I and the Father are one, it is that each one of us are spiritually tied with that Father and with each other, and so must we understand why Love should abound. We must not hate our fellowman, for we hate the God-part and in so doing fall away from our loyalty to the Father. Our Elder Brother repeatedly showed by example how best to show that love to our Father—His, yours, mine, the one and only Father of all, be they in body or out of body, or those spirit loved ones that never did take on material form.

That is why we should worship God in truth and in spirit, because it is His Love for us that we return, and so are worthy of those blessings that are bestowed upon us in love.

The Nazarene proclaimed His love for the Father. The Nazarene proclaimed His love for all mankind, and it was His commandment that we understand this LOVE is perpetual. By learning to love our fellowman we will better know how to love the Father.

LESSON XXXII—NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS. God comes first. It is His commands we must abide by and follow. His laws are above those of man, and are not subject to changes as are those man made.

Good sees all our doings and knows our very thoughts.

To serve Him well is to serve Him always. We should therefore know ourselves, heed the inner voice, commune with the Father direct and not through anything nor through anyone, and know we are in Oneness with Him. In that way we rise to higher heights, become more purified, and manifest greater wisdom and power, and more and more become as God the Supreme Force, until again reunited with Him, utterly purged from all material conditions, influences and environs.

The spiritual conditions are possible in great measure ere we are called back. The spirit can master the fleshly if it will cast out other gods or masters. We must be rulers of our own destinies, which is to serve one God and Master. Many wondrous things can we then do, many spiritual gifts are given us, many miracles can we do, by serving God only.

We must not yield to evil temptations, must cast out idols, fear and avoid the deceit of mammon. We should stand in praise and glory to God and His wondrous works. We should respect His name. We should not make any vows to anyone in body or out of body, but the vow we made to God must not be broken.

We cannot worship God and material. We cannot follow the guidance of an erring one and cast blame on the Father. We cannot serve two masters and do either of them justice, for one or the other will suffer and in the end we of ourselves reap the fruits of our own sowing. The boy Jesus knew from His youth that He must be about His Father's service and do so with honor to His earthly father and mother. We should be brotherly and sisterly, but we should best know how to serve Him who is over all and who should come first because it is our duty and the vow to be performed, regardless of how long it takes us to fulfill the mission we have set out to accomplish, namely, to make our return to Him in the same manner in which first sent forth, in purity and in love.

LESSON XXXIII — JUDGE NOT LEST YE BE JUDGED. God is Love, and if we would keep His commands, there would be no need to judge. We who travel this earth plane are not perfect and so are not capable of judging. When we do, we judge our Father, who dwelleth within each one.

Let us clean our own household before we try to enter another's. It was not commanded by God that we should judge one another. We are responsible for our own shortcomings and judge ourselves. We write our own life books, witnessed by our own consciences, and when we go over the border, and many times, when about to depart, it is revealed before us. The spirit knows best but it is the flesh that holds it down.

Our shortcomings are not wiped away through any saviour unless we do that which is right and for ourselves in justice to do. There is no blowing of trumpet to be looked for in order that we be judged. Each one knows right from wrong, and it is personal responsibility that governs. "He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone." False teachers who tell you to violate God's laws for any reason whatsoever and then say you will be judged righteously, are as ones judged. They judge or brand themselves. One who speaks the truth does not judge. They who brand themselves as liars, deceivers and who otherwise betray the law of God, must needs have the helpful thought and comfort of others in position to give it in love, in truth and in spirit.

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

LAW AND LABOR

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

BEGINNING with our earliest recollections, the word 'work' has symbolized a task imposed either by force or circumstances, or undertaken through duty or volition of the individual will. We were taught to believe that a command had been disobeyed, and the penalty for that disobedience was that man should work for his sustenance, and in pain should he learn the price of disobedience.

As man evolved from the primitive state, he developed ideals; and work was given a higher meaning for it represented accomplishment, although its significance still presents an unsolved problem to the masses. Youth resents restraint, and at times the successful and ambitious feel they have reason to complain of a surfeit of labor as compared with material return. People compare constructive labor with pleasure that requires an equal amount of strenuous exertion, and though pleasure exhausts as well as labor, without being constructive, they invariably wail over their work, because it is compulsory, and clamor for more and yet more laborious pleasures. Why? It is because they choose their pleasures, but must labor whether they want to or not, and human nature resents compulsion in any form. So much so, in fact, that their aversion becomes a weakness, that in turn perverts their natures and makes them lose sight of true values.

A command arouses resentment and the word Law a protest. Both are considered a form of oppression by men who like to have their own way; yet these same men delight to make conditions for other people, and cannot understand why anyone should not fall into line with their propositions as soon as made. Man is full of conceit; a little frightened at his limitations, but unwilling to acknowledge them. Now success or failure depends upon his acceptance of conditions as they are and making the best of circumstances. Nature provides us with a precedent: Her system allows no changes or corrections, but follows the schedule of each cycle, going through the same process eon upon eon; never making a mistake, never abusing her privileges, never complaining of the routine, NEVER NEGLECTS TO SUBMIT TO LAW AND ORDER! Wonderful, evolving NATURE, so true to her objective, so loyal to the UNIVERSE, that accidents to the heavenly bodies never occur. Man can well afford to tear a page from Nature's book of instructions and apply them to his own career, and he will never be in a position to complain that he does not succeed. Why, if Nature seems to destroy some object, she but changes its form, so that it becomes more useful. Even her terrible storms that tear up sections of country, and her volcanos that pour forth lava, are all following precedent and preparing for a greater demonstration of power for God and man. When Nature whines it is while in the throes of misery and when she gives birth to a new form of creation. She is a part of DIVINE LAW, and, therefore, she performs her duties according to Divine direction and does not resent the LAW. Is it because we resent compulsory DIVINE LAW that we likewise reject the idea of man's version of LAW? But if that be the case, we should take time to consider why Law is necessary and what would happen were there no laws to guide the Commonwealth. Had man been a willing servitor of DIVINE LAW, there would be no necessity for other laws to compel his obedience.

That man does not live in the spirit of the law does not exempt him from the consequences of disobedience to the law. Activity is necessary, but mere activity is not enough, it must be directed along constructive lines, and thus we come to

the important part of our discussion: Per se, "Man is a duality, consisting of an organized form, evolved coincidentally with and permeating the physical body, and having corresponding organs and development. Death is the separation of this duality and effects no change in the spirit, morally or intellectually." It is largely due to this duality of man that he writhes under restraint and endeavors to free himself from conditions he cannot interpret. To him labor is unwholesome, no matter how necessary or productive, simply because he is unconsciously reaching after the unattainable, and is not willing to wait and perfect himself by severe discipline to gain moral and spiritual fiber, after which he could govern his actions according to the requirements of Nature. Once man has learned the lesson of submission to necessity, he will find most of the obstacles removed from his path and the way made easy for spiritual progress.

No man can understand himself until his divinity is awakened, but once he realizes that within himself is stored a FORCE that is unlimited when properly applied, and that SPIRIT is not confined within the human body, any more than the air he breathes, but is an independent agent and can leave the physical habitation, going to regions of greater knowledge and power, where it will absorb information that will make his earthly life more bearable and far more useful to himself and to others.

It was because Jesus gained this knowledge that he was able to endure hardship with no feeling of bitterness toward God or man, and his esoteric knowledge carried him through trials that were literally beyond endurance, leaving no trace of malice in his handling of the multitudes. The modernist is a slave to prejudice as much as the peoples of ancient times whom he so freely criticises. He accuses the ancients for negligence that he himself is guilty of, and is apt to limit his vision to the school that handed him his diploma, and to feel satisfied that he has done very well for himself in preparing himself for every emergency. But to cultivate the mind to meet material does not furnish it with spiritual culture, which is so much finer, and which provides an alibi when materialism fails to satisfy or answer the question: Why must I suffer so much and labor so hard to get a meager living, that is little more than a bare existence. To answer that vital question one must know that to conform to DIVINE LAW is very easy once one comes to know IT. But ignorance of DIVINE LAW is the cause for much misery and retards SPIRIT in its effort to evolve.

The way most people interpret rest is to remain idle, and idleness is a negative state, while SPIRIT FORCE is positive motive power. All creative Force is positive and without action existence would cease to be. To overcome inertia one must have ideals and be willing to exert every ounce of will-power to obtain the realization of those ideals, and the one sure way to get strength for the effort is to get in touch with denizens of the spirit world, that they may direct our course and bend us to the LAW governing our actions, so that we shall grow upward, not downward; straight, and not crooked.

By conforming to Natural Law, we work with SPIRIT FORCE, not against it, and who is so capable to teach us as those who have passed through experiences similar to our own? It is natural to believe that the spirit friends are willing to aid us to travel an easier road than they themselves pursued, and to do anything within reason to make our going safe. No honest teacher makes life's lesson harder than necessary, and the advanced spirit is in a position to do more for us than any mortal, no matter how earnest they may be, nor however advanced according to material standards of efficiency. Our hope lies in learning all we can from these instructors and then to apply that knowledge in a manner to obtain the greatest and noblest results.

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EDITORIALS**Spirit Waves**

IT IS the intention of The True Light to publish for its readers the opinions and experiences of notable men and women pertaining to spirit communication. This will be done with the hope that the doubting ones will seek for themselves and benefit by the experiences of others.

Mme. Olga Petrova, actress, novelist and playwright has presented her views, under the subject of spirit waves, in an interview to the daily press. Her remarks are timely, indeed, and so ably presented that, if space permitted, we would desire to reprint the entire article.

However, we agree that there is a definite wave length of spirit vibration, which the discarnate spirit causes to travel to earth and to communicate with a certain spirit—all that is necessary is to contact its wave length. In other words, we can develop that delicate state of sensitiveness to tune in on desired vibrations. As like attracts like, our contacts should be the highest and best vibrations. Anything that falls short of this will not prove of benefit to humanity, those spirits in flesh.

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IN ORDER that this publication might continue to exist for the spreading of Spiritual Truths, it becomes necessary to build up our advertising columns. In fact, greater dependance upon this source of income is required.

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Have a Hobby

IT IS very interesting how many people find so much enjoyment in some favorite pastime in which they will indulge at most every opportunity. Some have a postage stamp collection, others coins and medallions, trinkets or curios of the earth or of the seas.

Again there is the book collector, one who studies and accumulates steins, and many there are who still add to their childhood collections of insects and butterflies. Regardless of what the particular hobby might be, it brings that feeling of contentment and joy.

Just what causes it in every instance may be hard to say, but it does seem most generally to be the satisfaction with which one goes about his or her pursuit. Now and again we find one who is somewhat selfish about his hobby, but not often. In all cases, however, the "hobbyist" is very well versed in the technique of his object.

If it is satisfaction that brings about contented feelings of one who has a hobby, we wish that every one would adopt a hobby. Be it sports, literature, music, art, or what not, seek one that will bring about satisfaction. Satisfaction of body and spirit.

From Previous Issues

HOW not to be neglectful of one's own spirit seems to be the problem that most of humanity will not understand. Still we wonder at times why we have discomfort. Now and again we think we do no wrongs, but discomfort

comes just the same. Now, if we would only think about the spirit within and give it a chance to lead us on the right path, we would soon realize how happiness would come to us all.

Some of humanity do not seem to know they have a spirit within. It is the life, and, without that spirit, the body would not function and would be useless. A spirit is part God and is sent forth into a newly-born body. It is first sent forth free, pure and in wisdom, and must return to the Father same as it had been sent, no matter how long it takes to fulfill this mission.

By seeking we shall find, and we have a most worthy example to follow. The Nazarene was always seeking for truth and wisdom. It came to Him, for He traveled on a righteous pathway and so knew right from wrong. He let His spirit master the fleshly. He followed the Law of God. That is the way we should travel this plane while in body.

Not many are following the Law of God these days. Too often is God's name taken in vain. There is much slander against our fellowman. We do not help one another. Stealing goes on in many ways. We throw out evil thoughts to one another, kill and do other lowly deeds. That is not the way to treat the spirit, for it must all be made right before we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us be to others as we would want them to be to us. Start right now, and be your own teacher and prove it to yourself. Soon you will see what a pleasant journey will be had while traveling this plane.

Spiritualist Literature

Every Spiritualist meeting place should have a reference library containing Spiritualist books and literature. Very often the newcomers would want to seek more enlightenment and they should be helped in the searching.

It is also well to have a ready list of various works, magazines and publishers or suppliers from whom sample copies or information could be had. Goodwill and co-operation on the part of all should be productive of stimulating even greater interest, not only of prospective seekers of light and understanding, but also of those already firm in the truth of communion with those gone on before.

Any assistance we may be called upon to give will be cheerfully offered. It is one of the ways we have of practicing what we preach—namely, to be good and do good.

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THE POOR IN SPIRIT

By T. R. W.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."
MATTHEW 5:3*

THE poor of earth, lacking material possessions, are humble and unpretentious. They do not hold seats in halls of the mighty, for their station of life restrains them. Frequently the poorer class expects nothing more than the opportunity to live. This is true, regardless of reasons for their lowly conditions. Occasionally one rises from the depths of want, and how differently he feels as he enjoys the freedom of abundance. He discards the shackles that limited his movements and can roam the pleasant desires of his heart. The higher station of ease and plenty brings tests of character unknown to his former condition of life. The strong character continues the humble spirit, whereas the weak character becomes the proud and haughty spirit. This is due to our philosophy of life, nothing more. In the confidence of material possessions and satisfied desire there is a tendency to value our personal status as sacred, not related in any manner to another, and to be enjoyed solely by ourselves. This is the proud uncharitable aspect that holds back the triumph of brotherhood. There is no place where it can fit in the structure of righteousness. We cannot gaze on the holy things, the lasting, satisfying things, from this viewpoint. We did notice, however, the arch-enemy of human beings which is selfishness, the survival of the fittest, eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die. Man, climb higher!

How confident one becomes as fortune smiles each day. We boast of no fear for any condition that could arise in our midst. Our lives are patterned accordingly as our philosophy takes on form in our deeds. Pride rules our opinions, our creeds, and destinies. If pride precedes the fall, why not use common sense and remove the stumbling block before disaster?

A man in his boasted strength draws plans for his life work on earth. The values of life are measured by his perception of things. There is no other requirement for success than the will to do; so he starts amply prepared for the work in hand. He becomes part of that surging sea of humanity, tossed back and forth, until his identity has almost been lost among numbers. Just as long as there was material progress, he was satisfied and admired the fruits of his labor, the harvest he had sown. He glowed with pride, but as he reached forth to pluck the golden fruit of material achievement, the twilight of inactivity descended upon him and his worn-out carcass was cast upon the shores of a mis-spent life.

Brother man, look through the archives of the past from the earliest records of time. See the horror of your proud and fallen civilizations, as the records will disclose. Eulogize, if you will, your preferences of saints and heroes, and you will find that, exempting a small minority, the masses of human beings followed pride, the guiding star, that led to ruin, not only spiritually, but commercially and socially: Pride, the destroyer, the governor of war and hate, the bone of contention and never satisfied passion of the lower levels. How it has scarred the pleasant things, the real worth-while, Godly things that would add a touch of sweetness to human lives.

Oh, pride that locks the emperor in seclusion from the inferior contact of his fellow-men, that divides races, colors and creeds into hostile camps of strife, your record is stained with the grossness of your vibrations. It was your ornaments of conceit that delighted the eye of men, to cause brother to rise

against brother and obstruct the progress of God's work on this earth plane. It was your baseness that prevented the orderly procession of thought and chained men in the cells of ignorance. Your army of followers contested every advancement to benefit the human race, but you will not be victorious, for you form no part of God's plan for the children of men.

Each traveler of earth has his guide posts, the markings for material and spiritual success. The signs for the material results are found displayed in glowing colors on the proud and prominent highways of life. We note their influence in the confusion of the business mart, in seats of learning and in the religious differences of opinions. Wherever we discover form and ceremony, pomp and glitter, we find the proud manifesting in loud tones. Wherever we find the poor in spirit, those despised and rejected of men, the misunderstood, the spat upon, we find the contrite spirit who has risen above his fellows spiritually and delights in the meditative hours in quiet places. Truth speaks for itself and does not require the brass bands of boasting, if humanity would only realize. In every age, truthful men have trod the earth-plane, preaching truth and righteousness, only to be scoffed at and persecuted. Truth, however, remains fixed and immovable, lighting the pleasant walks for spiritual masters, those who have purged their garments in the pools of humility and retribution.

The glaring mistakes of the haughty spirit has taken centuries of time to correct. Indeed, he is accumulating shortcomings with each tick of the clock. It is not good practice to continue our mistakes, so let us change our viewpoint to see life in its broader sense. Be humble before God, your Father, and snatch a gleam of eternity. Remove that proud armor you have placed around your perishable bodies of dust and stand contrite but firm, spirit to spirit. Do it willingly, without fear, and only prompted by a deep sense of your failures. We will be surprised at the seeming helplessness of our efforts, but as our cry of sincerity reaches Heaven, the light of understanding will pour into our troubled souls to tell us we are children of God. And, knowing it act like children of God.

Men today are asking grave questions, as what is life and where do we go from here? Serious minded people of good intention are attempting to answer these questions, but making little headway. Clergymen are preaching on these subjects, but are not giving the troubled soul what it longs so earnestly for, light, truth, peace and satisfaction. As men have not found the eternal springs of life with all their healing joys in the lower strata of their own conceits, I, for one, will go to God direct in all humility. We are stubbornly following the wide road of speculation that offers no hope. Yes, it is pride and stubbornness, downright deep-seated pride that causes civilizations to decay. You know we are digging out the debris of buried cities, the dead civilizations of other days. Poets have sung of their beauty and culture, their marble halls and splendid achievements, all created in the falseness of pride. Do not scoff at their failures, rather profit by their mistakes. Are we any better than they, have we risen higher spiritually that entitles us to boast? Close analysis of our civilization discloses that we are trodding the same dangerous by-ways, making similar mistakes and steering straight for destruction of our false philosophy, our boasted grandeur of culture and refinement, and all the conceited things that surround the upliftment of our spirits.

Danger hovers near, our civilization hangs in the balance. Gaze upon the material grandeur of our cities, our amusement halls, our homes. Note the high pressure of modern living, all for dollars and cents and passing pleasures. You have observed

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THE FLOWERS

A FURTHER study of flower life reveals the symmetrical flowers or those having an equal number of parts of each kind. Flax affords a good illustration, having a calyx of five sepals, a corolla of five petals, five stamens and five styles. In other unsymmetrical flowers, the different organs do not match in the number of their parts. The anemone has many more stamens and pistils than it has calyx leaves.

When the parts of each sort are all of the same shape and size, the flower is said to be regular, as in the case of flax mentioned above. In the irregular flower, the parts of the same sort are not alike, as in the case of the violet, displaying five sepals and five petals, one of which differs from the rest, having a sac or spur at the base.

Unlike the roots hidden under mother earth, yet performing work necessary for the plant's growth, are the showy blossoms. Made up of the rich green calyx, and stamens and pistils nestling within the colorful corolla, they spring up and live in the world above the ground. There, turning their faces toward the sun, they send out sweet perfumes and vibrate a message of cheer and happiness in the ether about them. The internal organs of the physical body, like the roots of the flower, are hidden from view, yet upon their proper functioning depend the health of the body, but it is through our five senses, of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch, that we come into direct contact with the outside world. Through these avenues or nerve telephones we send out and pick up thought vibrations.

As the flowers lift up their faces toward the sun, so we should turn our eyes toward the East from whence cometh the Light. It is by means of the brain and the nerves of sight that we see. If the promptings of the spirit within are heeded, the thought waves sent out by the brain will be of such an uplifting character that the eye will look for the good in everything. It will always detect the Supreme Force, God, in all His creations, great and small, and will not fail to apprehend the God-part in his fellowmen. In this attitude of charity toward all, the individual will ferret out the good points of his associates, instead of picking out and disclosing those shortcomings that characterize them and that most humanity look for. By acquiring complete mastery of self and kindly consideration of others, we reach this state of development. The Nazarene spoke along these lines when he said:

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

And even though the physical eye were to be deprived of its sight, shutting out the material world from view, the psychic eye might be gladdened by wonderful manifestations that God has allowed the spirit loved ones to bring to those who are reaching out rightly. And the higher the aspirations, the more elevating and uplifting the manifestations become.

When the rain falls on the flowers it brings out their fragrance. The rain sets going the chemical changes which

result in the production of many pleasant odors which are added to the air. When the sound waves, caused by something capable of making a sound, are made in the air, they move forward in circles, and when they strike against our ears the nerves carry the message to the brain and cause us to hear. We cannot see the sound waves, as we cannot see air, and yet we do not doubt them. As the sounds produced may be pleasant or discordant, so the information coming through this sense will be made up of good and evil. If our thoughts have been trained to run in a righteous manner, then we will pick up and register only those messages that will be constructive toward truth and righteousness. In this way we would discourage all forms of gossip and banish from our midst this evil, with its baneful influence on brotherhood.

Like the sound waves that strike against our ears are the vibrations set in motion by the spirit forces. Through these spirit vibrations or waves, the psychic ear picks up the communication of the unseen and oftentimes hears the melodious strains of music, as they waft through the ether from the realms of love, peace and goodwill.

A. M. W.

OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

Jazz on the Run?

WHENEVER we turn on the switch of our radio set and tune in on the different broadcasting stations, we hear the sweet and old familiar songs that were the "hits" in times when dad was a boy and when mother was a girl. They are good to hear in contrast to the more modern jazz tunes.

Perhaps it is that the public at large welcomes this kind of music which seems to us is coming more in favor, both vocal and instrumental. The strains of the music in vogue a generation or two back leaves pleasant vibrations upon the human system longer than will the strains of jazz.

Hymns and spirituals also have their soothing effect upon the listeners, which harmony rings longer in the ears than does jazz. If it is up to this Observer to ask for request numbers, they would never be for the jazz numbers so long as the old-timers are to be had.

Tribute to Boys and Girls

To those boys and girls in the age of the 'teens, who are holding themselves aloof from the trying experiences that beset the pathway of life, we give this thought: Be strong for that kind of teaching that will keep you spiritually fit, rather than fall into the snares of those too interested in the worldly doings.

Our attention has been directed to many who are more desirous of dancing, drinking, smoking, swearing and dressing in the extremes, and who far outnumber you who are gentle, kind, loving, helpful and sincere, and who dress and conduct yourselves as your forebear of several generations ago did—simple, sensible and respectable.

The future lies in your hands and there will be more leaders needed than there are today. Make your conversations of today be to your joy and goodwill of tomorrow. Prepare your health now for the power that will be yours later. Let your better understanding grow in truth and in wisdom, and so be ever ready and always willing to be what our relation to God requires of us. Your reward will be in the measure you merit, and it will be yours to keep into eternity.

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SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 9

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

1. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.
2. For in thee, O Lord, do I hope; thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.
3. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.
4. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
5. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.
6. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.
7. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
8. So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.
9. Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.
10. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 8 follows: Psalms 47:8, 117:2, 100:2, 104:14, 65:9, 91:16, 23:6, 51:16, 119:1 and 37:18 respectively.

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.

NEWARK, N. J.—Someone has said we do not want Spiritualism, what we want is Jesus. Your comments would be interesting.—Mr. P. W.

We have Him. Look within ourselves and see if we are following His teachings. His teachings are not earth-made and which mislead. He taught simple truths. He taught that we must make right our wrongs whether we understood the truths or did not understand. That is exactly one of the great yet simple truths that Spiritualism teaches. May we in turn ask a question—What other ism teaches it?

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—It is prophesied in the Bible (Mark 13:22) that "there will arise false Christs and false prophets," and it would seem to me in reviewing the many religions we have today and the dissention within them and about them, that we are nearing the fulfillment of prophecy. I have my own opinion as to what may be meant by the above quotation, and wonder if you will give us yours.—Mrs. B. C.

Many there are today who claim to be not only as a Christ, but there actually are those who claim to be successors to the Nazarene in so far as "authority" is concerned. Hypocrites and false teachers are plentiful. The message within these pages repeatedly brings the forewarning, "AWAKEN AND BE NOT DECEIVED." So you need not wonder if you will have not our opinion, but the positive TRUTH. Just a short while back one of New York's noted clergymen said, "What we need is less talk about Jesus and more about His teachings." If all religious sects, cults or those preferring no name, and those professing no association with these, would follow as did the Nazarene we would have the paradise on earth that the example for all mankind tried to bring about.

The Nazarene taught that there was only one God, who is Love and not a God to fear, and to be obedient to His laws. The man of truth did what He preached, and we today say as did He, that is the way to serve God. There are indeed many religions, and many many more gods, but the victims must answer for their own actions. We hope they will awaken while they still have opportunity and help bring peace throughout all parts.

SPREADING THE TRUTH



THE SPIRIT loved ones will protect and guide every one who will help to spread the spiritual truths the world is sorely in need of. The blessings of the Father will not be missing for those who plant the true points. Surely it is worth while. Just think of the millions who know not where they go after their earthly journey is ended, only because the most important point was neglected, and that is, they did not nourish the spirit part which the Father Himself implanted within each living being. It is the most valuable part and the least cared for.

No longer is it a question of a battle to be won on the mistakes of the foes of truth. It is a victory to be accomplished by a charge along the whole line of all humanity under the banner of TRUTH. It is not a choice of a creed nor of a color, for all must strive for the selfsame goal.

All of us must pass through the portal of death, and it will surely mean much if humanity would live more naturally on the basis of Righteousness, Truthfulness and Brotherhood.

Some time ago I attended a Spiritual meeting and took with me a few words from a very impressive lecture I heard. These are the words, "Humanity is afraid!"

How sad that we should be afraid to enlighten the world. As true spiritualists, let us never deserve to hear that again. We must not be cowards with such privilege we call our own. Of course, I felt guilty, for did I not hear a voice say like through the air, "Write." Time again and again I heard it and I was afraid.

Much care must be used even where the right understanding exists. More care will be used, for Knowledge is protection, but Ignorance is danger. Let people know that we ourselves write down upon our own consciences the thoughts, words and actions from the start to the finish of our earthly journey. There is no getting away from that point.

Time alone will prove what can be accomplished through the mission of a small magazine devoted to truth, and whose aim is to get humanity to become more acquainted with wider relations of the UNIVERSAL LAW. By sowing rightly while traveling here we reap the ripe fruit of truth in passing to the life beyond. May you continue. L. R.

MY BOY PRAYS

SAFE in my bed so white
Keep me, dear Lord, tonight,
And at the break of day
Wake me to laugh and play.
Make me a healthy boy;
Thank you for every toy
And for my clothes and food,
Dear Lord, you are so good.
Help me to keep from wrong
And to be good and strong.
Bless those I love so dear,
To all bring Jesus near. Amen.
By UNCLE AMOS.

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SPIRITUAL CONSISTENCY

IF THERE is one thing which this earth-plane requires more than anything else, it is spiritual consistency. I mean consistency of noble purpose, Kindest thought and lofty deed, for our beautiful plane should not be soiled by contact with lower vibrations. And it is because we have not developed into a fixed state of well doing that humanity needs spiritual light to understand its mission. Just as long as we deny that light, or refuse it, we are inconsistent, for the light comes from God and we are children of God. That statement is as plain as one can make it.

The spiritual man or woman, the consistent lover of truth and righteousness, will continue his or her worthwhile life on definite well-lighted plans that lead to glory. Of course, the opportunity to slip is ever present, but the master who holds the reins of thought and action, based on a real love for spiritual values, understands at least something of life and selects the noble and glorious things each time he has to choose. We admire the person who controls the situation and is not controlled by it. The world respects his ability to know the proper disposition for every obstacle, that something he has of calm and poise, that seem so far from our grasp. How we long for it when bereavement knocks on our door and we drink the dregs of bitterness. What fortitude it would bring our fainting hearts when friends desert and hopes are shattered. What is that elusive gem of life we are searching for, which occasionally flashed across our path and refreshed our souls? We have not found it in books and sermons, although we felt it was there, and the measuring instrument of the scientist did not bring it into focus. It was not to be seen in the opinions of many brilliant minds, for their deductions were guesses and speculation. Where is the spiritual gem to set in the hollow places of our lives?

You say you will look for it in the articles of your favorite creed, is it there? Does hope alone calm the troubled mind and light the pathway as the shadows fall? It has been said that the just shall live by faith, and yet faith without works, consistent works, is dead. Spiritual consistency has its abode, its own habitation of loving justice, on the brilliant heights, far removed from the changing minds of men. This jewel of sweet habitation is the consistent God-part within the human breast. It is always present to urge strength of character to overcome life's problems, and yearns for peace and repose when the clouds hang low. We hear its voice in the silent places and enjoy the calmness it brings as our spirits soar above the cares of earth. Its touch has blessed all ages—freeing slaves, healing disease, ending wars and soothing hearts. It educates the masses, supports charity and longs to bring Heaven to our earth plane. It loves the God in you and me of any tribe or land we claim. It cares nothing for creed or skin, for it is no respecter of persons. It is the spark of that Father, the never changing, eternally consistent God. And man it is worth our listening to, for it will solve our difficulties and bring the sunshine of wisdom.

It is man who changes and is never consistent and dependable. The physical man varies with different view points and environments. It is difficult for the downtrodden by adversity to realize this and stand firm. When his aspirations are chilled, he, from force of habit, looks about for leaning posts. The cry goes forth that no sorrow is as great as his, no cross so heavy to bear. We all feel abused at times and lose hope which we boasted would be sufficient for all needs. The

blame is placed on fate for all our upsets. Our philosophy of life has crashed and we stand bewildered beside the wreck.

Men search the material world over for that tangible foundation upon which to build their spiritual homes. It must conform to their ideas of material values and human associations or they will not accept it (note the inconsistency of it all). Like the spring of eternal youth or the undiscovered rainbows, men claim there is a secret of life and death; to be manipulated to fit their hopes and desires. Perhaps there is, but it is not of material composition, to be fashioned at will—like putty in the hands of children. It is a divine creation, the crowning glory of men, the God-part on earth in you and me. It is spiritual life, that sacred, holy, Godly life, the never-changing God-part, and it actually belongs high above earth, in that Heaven which we sing about, pray about and forget about.

Humanity give that God-part a fair chance from this moment on. First remove the barriers, the little irksome things and then the larger, fearful things. Free the spirit and it will rise to administer with deeds of justice and loveliness heretofore unknown to the human family. It will follow the straight line of spiritual effort, reaching from earth to Heaven. There is no reason why we cannot make our earth-plane a decent place to live, if we are consistent with God and man. We have tried many prescriptions to live by and we are tired of disappointments, wishing for the real cure. Listen to the dictates of your better self, the God-part within. Let that spark of divinity control our physical shells and clear the cobwebs of our minds. As we master the changing scenes of life, we are gods in flesh, consistent spiritual beings, in oneness with the Supreme Force and reflecting our spiritual estate, a little lower than the angels.

The pattern of life is the Law of God. It is the light the masters enjoyed as they traveled before us. It was the strength of Jesus of Nazareth, the example to follow. His spirit was consistent before God, and so will ours be after we discard the earthly things we now treasure.

T. R. W.

LIFE IS SELF-SUPPORTING

By Walter Scott Haskell



AS A WHOLE, life is self-supporting. Its periods of activity tend to certain results beneficial to itself, and for the purpose of conducting its affairs in a workman-like manner. There is no part of life made in vain. All is for a purpose, the purpose of living and providing for its needs. Even divinity has needs. The main need of the divine is to reproduce its kind, to sow the seeds of divinity, and reap the harvest periodically.

Hence, every manifested thing is a God plant in process of unfolding from an impersonal protoplasm to a living God. God lives in his creations, animates them, thinks with them, acts with them. In fact, God interprets Himself via His created personalities; which latter is expected to learn by experience something about life.

In that sense, we humans are living the divine every day, and it is our duty to try and interpret the meaning of what we are living. If we do not we are thwarting the divine purpose in creating us. He does not ask us to merely believe, he wants us to know, to get a mental grasp of life's verities. By doing this we help God to live and realize His life. We also unite ourselves with the divine in the proportion that we learn to know Him. God is to man the size of man's brain, no bigger. If we want a wonderful God we must cultivate a wonderful brain.

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