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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 UNTO ALL

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



PEACE be unto you. That peace which I call to you will be the peace even unto eternity. I am happy to return for when I look into this material plane and see into the depths of the spirits that are still encloaked in their earthly cloak, I can see that there be many that are trying to help build up the foundation of truth—and that foundation of truth will stand to all eternity.

As I drew nigh through the realms I heard the strains of the organ and I heard the voices singing forth, "Abide With Me," and it seemed that it was a great hour at hand. As I passed the very Blue Sphere known as Summerland there too the strains came, "Abide With Me, the Darkness Deepens," the darkness of those shadowing spirits that surround the outskirts of that beautiful sphere. There I too heard the strains, "Lead, Kindly Light," and wondered if there had been many that thought of what it meant.

Yes, that light should come even into the darkest corner. As I this evening approached you there came to my spirit mind the thought there are some who understand from whence wisdom had come, from whence the light had come.

Therefore I want to bring one small point to you, and that point is, reach out and be in brotherhood one with another. It is well that we follow the Father's Will, it is well that we abide by the law which has been sent down to us, and be at peace one with another. Let that peace reign within each one.

Let not that which is about you, which is surrounding you, which is trying to draw you down, drag you to the very depths of destruction. Throw away conditions of this material plane, throw away evil. The weeding time is here and I call to my dear brothers and sisters out of the depths of my spirit, we will go now and we will weed out that which is smothering out the good and the righteous. You will find that many had worn a cloak of righteousness just for a cover, you will find them weeded out, and those that stand in clearness and cleanness will stand so hereafter.

Remember that a great Kingdom, the great Zion opens once every two thousand years and then those who have made themselves pure, made themselves ready, have purged themselves and who stand in brightness, in the very whiteness, will enter into that Zion. This hour might be the very one when that so-called angel of death may say, "It is you," and then what? Will you stand there and look about and see all that had been neglected? Will you see how the very most important part, the very God-part had been forgotten? Would it not be beautiful to hear, "Peace, enter thou."

It is for one, it is for all to have that peace, to hear that peace, to hear those voices call from that far off shore. It is with gladness that I draw nigh to the hearts of humanity, to those who are searching, those who are knocking. To those will the awakening come. They will say, "There is something that awakens the inner self, it is that I hear, that I see, that I know of knowledge that those who have gone years before me exist."

Do you think of the loving father, mother, sister, brother and child, and husband and wife, do you think and do you

recall the last look they gave you upon going over the border? It was a look of amazement, it was the last, and yet you know that silence had entered that clay. Do you understand, too, that the spirit had gone? Still, you stand and lament, and when they call from that far-off shore, when they call to you and they knock and touch you with that spirit touch, you close the doorway and the heart and the spirit.

It is peace humanity wants, peace should enter and peace should at all times be, and then when that peace has entered and brotherhood is at hand and we find we are linked as one great family, those sorrows of old will have passed and gladness will come, and all will sing with a joyful voice, "O Zion, city on that far-off shore, how I long to climb to that part." Yes, my brothers and sisters, you will see those far-off shores. They will beckon you again, "Come to me and be at peace." Those are the echoes you will hear, and not the tears from the heavy hearted calling, "Why do we have to part." They do not part, they remain with you. They stand beside you day by day, they call you and say, "Join our singing in that Zion, that great city."

Reach on and on to something more beautiful and more happy. As you were singing, "Lead, Kindly Light, Lead Thou Me On," I say, AMEN. For if you are righteous, if you are in brotherly love, if you are in truthfulness, it will lead you on to all eternity, to the far East light and it will be one grand communication. It will be as one ray after another, ascending and descending. Those who have gone before will say, "It is the truth, it is the light that leads us on through the weary night, it is from there I see the bond that leads me home to the Father's arms."

You have your Temple of Truth, and when you enter there you will see how it will sanction one and all, how you will feel strengthened. It will take you to the spheres, it will draw you onward and upward, it will be as a bond to the spirit, it will be a consolation, it will be that peace that cannot come from elsewhere. I, too, will be amongst you, and I will call the peaceful thoughts to one and all. Your Temple of Truth stands pointing onward and upward. As you gather within and will hold communication, let it be the truthful with the truthful, brotherhood with brotherhood, righteousness with righteousness.

I see the time is near at hand when others will gather with you and will want to help beautify your Temple, for they want it to stand and lead one generation unto another, bringing peace and happiness. Many will say, "I must go up to that Temple of Truth, it is from there we can quench our sadness and sorrow and have peace."

Peace be unto you. AMEN.

JESUS OF NAZARETH.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," and to be sure, His spirit comes for good only. With Him we give thanks to the Father that there is that instrumentality or mediumship through which His message is revealed.



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

## SPIRIT PREPAREDNESS

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LOOK to humanity and why? I see how very many have left that Supreme Force, God, I see how humanity reaches after the abundance of earthly goods. It is time ere the hour closes that we reach to something that is far better for us. Many have understood what was right and what was wrong and are reaching out to that better goal even if it had not looked or had been prosperous. I return and bring about a righteous pathway to travel. It is simple.

Those who have much of this earthly goods, be careful what you do. It has been rightly given to you and it will be asked of you, "What have you done while you journeyed thus in spirit encloded in earthly clay, what have you done with your earthly goods that has been brought in your earthly way?" Others will be called too, those who had been desolate, distressed and who had been dragged along in bondage of illness and all sort of torture. I call to them be of good cheer, the good will come. You are purging out evil that had been in your clay or body.

What can the clay offer you in tribulations that it has taken upon itself? Think not that it is God who has sent such conditions forth. No, it had come by chance in a manner to bring the spirit back to that Supreme Force. Happiness and contentment is reaching out to those; we shall be glad that we had been able to purge out evil in the clay instead of purging evil conditions when the clay is no more. It must be removed from the spirit-part. It is well for those who have such opportunity while still in this earth plane.

"Strange are the ways," many will say. "How is it that all this has been accumulated by myself." Try with all your power and might to withstand those temptations that would draw you down in terror. Then is the time to stand firm and say I am going to be as that God who sent me forth. The spirit cannot be blotted out, it is only the clay, the outside covering. I see how many will rise up and reach out to a better way, and I would call to those for you are blessed. It is your trial and when the hour is over you will think of what it was that God had sent. You know not now what it may mean. It means the welfare of the spirit part, it is to uplift that spirit, it is to bring the spirit forth in happiness and contentment, for what is of the clay will remain, but the spirit will carry away with it those loving thoughts and deeds that we reached out with and that bring us one hundred fold in return.

These are the things we should look to. Many times a teardrop will fall. Let it fall, it has its reasons, it will purge the evil. I leave it with you, my dear brothers and sisters, for you will be refreshed in short time. Soon you will find that those who remain who are traveling this earth plane will look up to God and will call, "Yes, Father, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Thou hast brought humanity again back to the fold from which it had strayed."

I see as an opening of Zion hovering over this earth plane and I too see how many will go under in their own foolish traits. I see how many will be uplifted, those who are reaching out to something better and they will sing that grand Amen. They will praise the God who had sent them forth. Is it not worth while? This short travel here whether it be 90 or 100 years, it is a short time compared to that eternity that we

travel forward to. We can reach to a better and higher place and then we will understand how we will have to go about.

The cloak is only a covering for the spirit for the reason that it serves its purpose while traveling here. When the spirit has left that house, that body is useless, worth nothing and no one can do anything with it. It must be destroyed in whatever manner one sees fit. Well for those who understand. I see how many loved ones stand about and beckon, "Now is the time to go forth, now is the time to reach out to that higher goal." Think it over, look forward, watch what is coming. You will see and hear of many being drawn out of body before their time is up.

No matter where you are, no matter where you be, always remember the One Watching Eye of that God who knows and sees what we do, knows every word even before we utter it. When we understand that that Eye is watching, looking on, why then do anything that we would be ashamed of to journey on that spiritual road?

Many understand not and they who have led them astray, who have drawn them into a net, it will be asked, "What have you done with those you had in charge, what are you doing for humanity? Are you on the brotherly, on the righteous way, are you truthful in what you are bringing?" Many who have been college-bred will stand with bowed spirit and say, "I knew no different, I had been drawn into the net myself, but I am going to return and bring wisdom that is right to those who understand not. I shall not rest until I have found them and brought each one that Light." But what will it mean. It will mean ages of what you count as thousands and thousands of years, for remember, Kingdom Come opens but once every two thousand years. Why not be ready and start for that real paradise? Be a starter in your own surroundings—I want righteousness where I am, those who are under the same roof with me must be truthful, brotherly, righteous.

If you start in your own inner homes it will branch out from place to place, and you will reap big things when you come over the border. You have prepared your place, you have set the foundation of your spirit home, you have set those stones, built your mansion which is in the Father's House. And when you reach out you will find how your loved ones will say, "You have done this for us and we will do greater things for you. You will witness wonderful things, you will prosper, you will find those things that had been annoying your clay will disappear and that you had purged your spirit and the spirit had driven away those annoying things to the cloak. It is for you to tell your brother and sister. Love one another and you will find that when you understand one another you will also reach out to that happiness and contentment in that grand land of that Supreme Force of whom you had been sent forth.

It will be one large grand family with God the Father at the head. Be ready to hear, ready to reach out and think not when those earthly goods are given unto you and you have accumulated great wealth, think not that it will help you. You cannot buy your place in spiritland while you are traveling on the earth plane. Earn it now in a righteous, good way and you will find how all will be one grand song. AMEN.

APPOLIOS OF TREON.



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## THE NEED OF GREATER PSYCHIC KNOWLEDGE

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**T**HE EVOLUTION of Spirit-man was first prompted by animal instinct, and as that psychophysical mental quality unfolded into greater bodily sensitivity this acquired mental sensitiveness was called intuition, and as intuitionism evolved, the mind was capable of divining, or through presentiment or prophesy was able to conjecture, future joys or sorrows. It was nothing supernatural or marvelous for Godman to prophesy coming events. The exercise of highly unfolded intuition engendered belief, faith, hope, prayer and worship of an indefinable power, called God.

His mind and senses are not sufficiently unfolded to acquaint him with the discarnate beings that so numerous surround him, who were many times incarnated as men. They are kindly beings, willing to help all and hinder none on their divine destiny. They are the intangible, invisible, inaudible power that soothes the bereaved mind, counseling when in need of help those who are dependent upon their intuition only as the guide of their conduct.

Since the advent of the dawn-man upon the earth until the present time a group of humans known as fundamentalists have parked their minds on intuition mental soil. Their minds were moulded by heredity and environment into ancient phonograph records of belief, faith, hope, prayer and worship, according to the Holy Bible. Ideas held fast in the mind of a person will mentally imprison that person until some psychophysical cataclysm releases the victim from his mental inertia. More or less awakened intuition of Spirit-man causes some of the parked humans to revolt against the ancestral mental parking conditions of the uncultured intuition soil. In revolting they went volting somewhere with the assurance they were not lost. This group of humans that have evolved beyond the limits of mental instinct and are parking at the outer mental border of the evolved intuition state of mind, an evolved state of consciousness where the animal mind and senses are nearing a greater unfoldment, and naturally they feel the need of a great "religion." How can a greater religion than already exists be comprehended by the minds of men guided by instinct and intuition only? What can their minds and senses cognize more than quadrupeds do? There is a reason.

What humans most need today is knowledge of psychic science, to know the natural laws of mental action and the unfoldment of mind. Have the group of Fundamentalists and Modernists reached the mental limitation of human enfoldment? They certainly have as long as they choose to be mental dependents and ignore their eternal Godself's creative potency.

We have traced the evolution of mind thus far and will show that further unfoldment of mind and senses can be made only by discarding all ancestral mental rubbish, that by proper or normal thinking and living the psychophysical animal mind and senses will gradually be transformed into a psychological soul that can perceive through its senses the phenomena of the ethereal earth and the discarnate beings that environ God-man. Psychophysical unfoldment of Spirit-man's soul enables him to observe through his soul's senses new territories or extensions of the earth's inhabitable regions that are adaptable to the various grades or groups of spirits while yet unfolding their psychophysical souls to enable them to advance to yet more spiritual ethereal regions of the earth's continuation, attaining the glorious ethereal luminous celestial zone or heaven where the inhabitants know no evil, emancipated psychophysically from all

that pertained to their existence and manifestation on the mundane plane of the earth. This much we are able to inform the reader of his future destiny through the soul's transforming creative efforts which no doubt only marks an epoch in a spirit's potential creative unfoldment beyond our ability at present to cognize.

Psychic science will enable Spirit-man to know his whence and whither. The various human religions have greatly hindered the mental evolution of the human race. Now large groups of teachers feel the need of scientific demonstrable knowledge as a basis for psychophysical evolution of Spirit-man. We realize that knowledge of PSYCHIC SCIENCE in all its bearings is the key that will unlock the basis problem of being and the resulting phenomena of life. Being is not so difficult a problem if approached in a proper manner and patiently continued, as demonstration and realization must follow. It can be approached on the lower conscious plane of being and gradually evolve to the higher planes of consciousness as we have already indicated. Spirit-man functions in a psychophysical environment that is created by his own mind on the mundane plane of manifestation. He who is wedded to tradition has turned mind against progress. Spirit-man is merely a domesticated being, like an animal, until his spirit-senses are opened, so that he can think rationally.

When Spirit-man's mind and senses are unfolded, he sees God manifested in every living thing and is a nature lover.

## SOWING AND REAPING

**T**HERE and hereafter we shall reap what we sow. Heaven or hell is the harvest; the growing crops, so to speak, we have cultivated and cared for through life. God does not punish or reward, but people punish or reward themselves as they have accomplished good or evil. Anything at variance with the code of conduct embodied in the teachings of Jesus or in the Ten Commandments is an evil and can be naught else. Anyone who at any time violates this law will have to pay the penalty. As individuals live they build a character good or bad which will attract to them a corresponding destiny.

There are many who profess to think that there is no after-life, no immortality, no survival, no spirit or soul, that when the body dies all is dead. Some believing thus live like beasts and like beasts they die without hope. I believe these people are mistaken, and bitter will be their regrets because they did not make better use of their earthly pilgrimage. The writer is not a Spiritualist technically, but broadly he is a Spiritualist, as a Spiritualist is the opposite of a Materialist. A purely materialistic philosophy may bring evil, as was the case in the Great War, when there was an idea afloat that might make right and an overconfidence in the power of worldly goods and a greed, and thirst for world power that caused a catastrophe from the effects of which the world has not yet fully recovered. A spirituality and spiritual conception implies a love of God and man and a due regard for the rights of others.

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## SUMMERLAND



**LESSON XLVI—FOR AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD.** Romans 8:14. God is Spirit and we are His children. That God-part or life that is within the bodies of the children of men is in His image. All are spiritually led and they who listen to that inner voice or better self do the Will of the Father and not the whims of man. There is not an only begotten son, for all are created the same, and when the earthly journey of that spirit is ended, it resurrects or becomes severed from its earthly house or man-made cloak and finds itself in the spirit realms, and its destination is according to how it made ready while encloaked.

There is no evil spirit, for evil is not of God. Evil is of man, of this earth plane, and one who is lacking in understanding as to whom he will follow—God or man—is as one in the dark. He that knows from whence he cometh and whither he goeth, he is one who travels in light which is of God. Such are heirs of the Father, inheriting the Kingdom and the blessings that come to the obedient child, and which endure unto all eternity. Such do wondrous works, speak in many tongues, prophesy, see visions, dream dreams, hold fast to wisdom and spiritual knowledge through this eternal existence, be it in or out of body. Life cannot be destroyed, and it manifests its continuity in many wondrous ways.

All of us who are brothers and sisters in this spiritual tie must make our way onward and upward, removing such conditions of evil or of the earthly that surround or obstruct our pathways, and is done by following the Spirit that leads. We communicate with that Father and He sends those who will guide and help us, if we will but understand Him and His ways and go to Him direct. It is the spirit that counts and not the material, and we give help as we too have received, and so please the Father.

**LESSON XLVII—BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.** Romans 12:21. Good and evil go not together. God is Good and we do not want to deny His goodness and love and so we would serve but Him and not yield to mammon. We should avoid false teachers and prophets, vain or idle words, lies and deceit, revenge and other lowly or destructive conditions. We must cast out fear, doubt and misunderstanding, and replace with light and wisdom and spiritual knowledge. This makes one self-reliant and more dependable and in confidence carries on.

By sending out pure thoughts and speaking kind words and doing noble deeds we would soon overcome the evil ways of man. By letting our light shine will we help, aid and assist others on the spiritual path. It is in doing unto others as we would have others do unto us that we increase the power spiritual and bring about that condition of heaven on earth.

As we learn and know ourselves better and follow in the way shown us by our Elder Brother, and abiding by the Law of God, so will we overcome evil. Good music, like good thoughts, brings about uplifting conditions. Flowers, a God-creation, bring higher vibrations. Peace and calmness come with good reading and conversation. Going about this God-created earth plane, and sharing in the wonders and glory of the heavens and earth and the seas renews within us a finer impulse. Above all, we must ever remember the Father, that Su-

preme Spirit, and to whom we should call in spirit and in truth whether we be in or be out of body. No matter how humble may seem to be our earthly abode, we are never without spiritual means to overcome evil if we but understand better. By becoming victors here will we make victory more complete hereafter.

**LESSON XLVIII—SO THEN EVERY ONE OF US SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF TO GOD.** Romans 14:12. There is none other upon whom we can rely to wash away or give account of our own misdeeds or reap the benefits of good deeds. We are not judged and we cannot judge another and it is only to the Father who first sent us forth that we give account for our earthly journeying. It is our own conscience that bears witness to that written into our own life-books by our own spirit-selves. So it is we should clean our own household. We can blame none other for our own doings, neither can another claim what is not his own. We are never alone, never forsaken, for that God-part within stands through it all and is ever before that All-seeing Eye of the Father, who sees how His children are journeying on the way back to Him. On being called or when we pass over the border, all stands before us. The righteous then find more peace and contentment and the spirit loved one whose ways have been covered with evil doings laments and begins to awaken to lost opportunities.

We find our sowing is as we have reaped. Failure to seek in time has left us no way to go onward spiritually. Here the iniquities of the flesh are burdensome and we become heavy laden and sorrowful. The struggle for advancement is hard, and all because we have not listened to the inner voice, have violated, lost, misused or abused the help and guidance that all were provided with by the Father.

**LESSON XLIX—FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT MEAT AND DRINK; BUT RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND PEACE, AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST.** Romans 14:17. The earth is material and all other of the universe is spiritual. What is of the earth remains and what is spirit must again go to the spiritual. One cannot buy his way nor take material gain along when the spirit is required of him. Materialism is left behind and spiritualism takes control. It is in the Father's House we have the mansion according to our own building, and if we have sought the Kingdom of God while in body we are better able to make the spirit journey now encloaked with a garment of the realms.

There are seven spheres, each of twelve sections. Step by step one passes from one section into another, until reaching into the next higher sphere. Each advance comes through a process of self-purification. The time required to complete a journey is up to each traveler. The more one progresses the more wondrous and beautiful are those conditions of the Kingdom that are revealed. The final or All-highest is in the so-called Zion, which opening is once in two thousand years as man would figure, and it is then we again combine or fully re-unite with the Supreme Force, God.

Such spirit loved ones who are unable to make their way because of not being willing to obtain and accept light and understanding may find itself back in the material plane once more, and again tries to complete its mission and return. The lectures of every issue of this publication should be carefully read and re-read for help on these points.



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## PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

### Lesson VII

**H**AVE the small candles lighted and in place. Open with the following prayer:

Masters of LIGHT and TRUTH, help me to rise to the heights of spiritual understanding, that I may absorb this evening's lesson; and thereby gain such knowledge as I am prepared to receive. Accept my appreciation of your care and teachings, for I am truly grateful to you for your help, and I desire to be worthy of your love. May the light of the God-spirit illuminate my soul. Amen. Sing a verse of Nearer My God to Thee. Commit the above prayer to memory if possible; but if you have to read it, have barely enough light to do so; then extinguish all light except the two small candles.

Take your position as last week, before the mirror, and relax in body; being in a peaceful frame of mind to receive impressions. Look into the mirror for about five minutes if possible without straining your eyes; but if strain is felt, change the direction of the gaze to a smooth or plain background, such as a plain space of the wall. Never look upon pictures during the sitting, for one is likely to imagine faces forming within the lines of pictures, and we must not deceive nor mislead ourselves by such superficial experiences.

Your inner self should have grown by now until you can see the deeper expression of life's lessons written upon the re-

flection in the mirror, and as you gaze into your own eyes, it will be easy to learn many things about yourself of which you have not dreamed before. Hatreds will be shown more plainly than love, if you are quite honest with yourself; for the old nature is there only buried by the complexities of social usage, and the veneer of pretense. In these lessons we can afford to be honest with ourselves, for we are alone with God and the teachers to whom all is revealed without our consent. So let us make the most of our opportunities and learn all we can during our lesson hour. If, as I hope there may, forms appear within the mirror, you may witness the presence of the teachers, and perhaps some souls who are anxious for recognition. If all is peaceful, welcome them; if not, as sometimes happens, ask the teachers to take them away and help them to find their place in the Cosmos.

Close with prayer: As the time for closing has arrived, I pray you to remember me this week, and to send me capable teachers to direct me aright. May every member of our PSYCHIC class be blessed and brought to a clearer understanding of the TRUTH. Amen.

(Letters from members of our class in PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT will be welcomed. State your progress as briefly as possible, or any difficulties that you may have experienced. In this way we can make lessons meet the general need.)

## TO GAIN SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

By Wm. J. Bryan, M. D.

**R**EFERENCE is given for those spirits of noble incentive and profound wisdom, because they yield not to any backward impulse or unseemly suggestion. And let it be known that the average spirit is very much like the average citizen of the republic; he is neither mediocre nor superlatively a genius, but rather gifted with a fair and full modicum of common sense.

So bring them to you with a cordiality that is sincere, without fear, and you will soon "sense" their presence, ready to "do their bit" for struggling humanity.

There is no greater barrier to spiritual success than to have a mind which entertains doubt and fear. So it is not only expedient but wise to cast aside those two backward qualities of failure and then you can start with your fearless investigation of spirit phenomena with assurance of reaching definite conclusion regarding their evidence or proof of spirit-force and spirit-return.

Accompanying the demonstrations of psychical phenomena are certain features which point to their genuineness. And one must first feel assured that they are genuine spirit evidences of spirit-return; then all will be well.

It can hardly be expected that any medium for spirit manifestations will fail to do his or her duty. But it is reasonable to assume that spirits do cheerfully return to accommodate us with a message. First, let us have a strong feeling of brotherly cooperation, and one hundred per cent of other things will be added.

When one begins to comprehend that he is surrounded by mysterious occult forces, silent yet powerful, it dawns on the

thoughtful mind that he had been living in a world that was purely material, to him. So he looks around and tries to discover the source of power.

We admit that the Supreme Force creates, controls, and exhibits all power on earth or in heaven, and therefore purely spiritual. There are intermediaries—spirits—who possess subsidiary power and can manifest it. But such force is primarily from God.

The wise ones discover these same truths for themselves, and thus all confusion of thought finds no lodgment in their brain. So the material substance is found to have spirit power as its motive force. Material conditions, like duty, pleasure, and self-interest, have their proper place in daily life, and, when wisely controlled, there is a fitness for spiritual growth. Good thoughts and deeds augment moral power, and these cause a yearning for spirituality. Spiritual food is obtained by asking, prayerfully, for advanced spirits to commune with us.

The success worth striving for is spiritual accomplishment. Because it finds us in sympathy and in cooperation with spirits of integrity. This association is conducive to our personal welfare in all of its aspects. Therefore, to miss a partnership with upright spirits involves a loss which by wisdom could be turned to the profit side of accounts.

This writer speaks from personal experience. Spirits, purposing well, may be trusted, same as we place confidence in good relatives and friends here. Seek the good, always—the best—and righteousness shall be added unto you. This advice applies to all, mortals or spirits, and reasonably so.

Trust the Divine Force (also those spirits who conform to moral imperative) to bring success of every kind.



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**T**his July issue ushers in the beginning of the second year of **THE TRUE LIGHT**. Resolutions are usually in order with the birth of a new year, but alas, many of these resolutions are soon forgotten. **THE TRUE LIGHT** therefore does not intend to change its policies and principles, but will continue to stand firm for truth, righteousness and brotherhood, regardless of race, color, or creed.

There is the unchangeable law whereby like attracts like, and **THE TRUE LIGHT** is no exception under the law. Thank God this magazine has attracted to itself spirits in flesh and spirits incarnate, all vibrating in harmony of thought and intent for a higher spiritual level for all humanity. Godly men and women have not only endorsed our message of spiritual upliftment, but have as truth finders expressed their wisdom in writing, thereby aiding the truthseeker in his quest for more light. This is true of the spiritual finder everywhere. He gladly passes on to his brother man the benefits of his findings, and while frequently he is not thanked for it by those who cannot see the light, nevertheless the truth finder is rewarded when he has helped the truth seeker by making the danger signs clear as he travels in advance.

Spiritual progress is slow in comparison with material gains for the average person. **THE TRUE LIGHT** offers encouragement to all truth seekers and truth finders who are searching for true values

in the treasure house of God, that inexhaustible supply that awaits the children of light. It invites the cooperation of all who advocate a higher level of living on this earth-plane and thus conform to higher planes of spirit consciousness. Our second year we also dedicate to the Supreme Force, God, from whom all blessings flow. May the Father's holy benediction develop human conduct for men to walk as Gods. Truth finders, remove the light from under the bushel so its rays will cover the household of humanity. The time is ripe to become doers as well as thinkers. **THE TRUE LIGHT** will continue its mission for suffering humanity. You can help it. Let us unite to make the second year of this magazine like unto a rock in a dreary land.

**Defense Letter**

**W**E HAVE a communication from our good friend and correspondent, George Heald, which we quote below and which indicates the obstacles that are placed in the way of those who would want to reveal something of what lies beyond the realms of man:

"Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, I attended the matinee to see the mystery play, 'The Skull,' at the Forrest Theatre, in New York. It is a play interesting to Spiritualists, and after the performance a colored medium, Miss —, held a seance with especial effort to receive the message from the late Harry Houdini. I felt the greatest admiration for Miss — to stand before the non-believers and, under the ridiculing conditions, did not expect her to obtain results.

"A few Spiritualists were present. Several times I felt compelled to speak and finally did. I asked them to stop the laughter and to be just as reverent as though they were in church. I asked for harmony, to sing hymns, and I felt pleased that Miss — spoke herself and asked them not to condemn.

"A representative from a Scientific Magazine was present and announced his magazine offered ten thousand dollars to any medium verifying Houdini's message which is in a safe deposit vault.

"It is my sincere wish that a medium will receive the message and show to the world a victorious challenge and convince the skeptics that Spiritualism is a reality."

There is much to be said about Mr. Heald's letter, and we quote below from a letter we sent The Editor of The World (N. Y.) and which seems somewhat an appropriate comment on the above:

"In the Editorial Section of the issue of Sunday, June 10th, appears certain views regarding the so-called controversy, **IS DEATH THE END OF ALL?** It would be interesting to have the views of Spiritualists to this age-old question. May we as publishers of a magazine of vital interest to truth-seekers and truth-finders put a few questions as a result of observations?

"Why should so many place any dependence on the Jewish History (Bible) or record of prophets of old, if there is nothing after the so-called death? Why, then, mourn for the dead, pray for them, hold memoriams, constantly think about them and talk of them resting in peace? Why so many testimonials of spirit communion, or spirit manifestations, or premonitions, or visions, inspirations and forebodings?

"Our observations have brought us to learn and understand that death is of the body only and the life or spirit carries on and it is not the subject of trickery or laboratory tests. The life has power beyond that of man to give or remove and it can and does prove itself to any open-minded or sincerely willing searcher. Too much is made of its phenomena and too little of its teachings.

"Mankind is and should be vitally interested in what is beyond the portals of this earth realm. From whom, then, can we learn best, they who are here or those who have gone over? It is up to each one to prove it to himself and not take another's meager and prejudiced experience as any criterion. Any honest attempt will soon bring a happy result, and it would then be well to remain honest and not commercialize it. In this way one has everything to gain and nothing to lose—**SPIRITUALLY.**"

Our concluding comment is that there will be tests and tests, but we should remember there are those things that can and other things that cannot be brought forth. Furthermore, it will require time to bring all forth, and when the turn comes, we may be surprised then, even though it seems a long time.

**QUESTIONS**

**W**HY are we so afraid  
When we hear the thunder  
And see the lightning;  
Why do we seek to cover  
And take it on the run?  
Do we not know  
That God is watching us?  
Be as little children,  
And ask Him to protect us,  
Then know it will be done.

W. E.



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## Our Names

THE name of this publication and the name of the corporation that sponsors it came as a result of four men who held "circle" meetings for a period of several months, and at which meetings strictly spiritual discussions were carried on. They finally decided that it would be worth an effort to give others a share in these discussions, even though they were not present. It could be done in one way only, and that was by way of the printing press.

It was decided that the "circle" members would give heed to inspiring thoughts that would be proper and suitable for a magazine, and after about two weeks of receptive waiting, one of the brothers offered the name of THE TRUE LIGHT. Other names were not as well received, and the selection became unanimous. The design soon followed and is as it appears on the outside cover, and is registered as a trademark bearing certificate numbered 234916 granted by the United States Patent Office. It was within another two weeks that the corporate name, Fore-runner Printing and Publishing Company was likewise agreed upon by the four men (The Board of Editors) and a certificate of incorporation granted by the Office of the Secretary of State, New York.

With the appearance of the seventh, or January, 1928, issue, we received an unsolicited letter from which we abstract the following. Rest assured that we all were even more pleased with our name when we read that letter.

"It may interest you to learn that the name THE TRUE LIGHT works out in Numerology to numbers which mean, LAW OF REGENERATION, or, RELIGION OF TEMPERANCE. Also by another method the letters mean cabalistically, WISDOM. The above delineations truly describe your teachings and motives."

Quite naturally, we are well pleased with the names by which we may be known, but not without thought for the helpfulness of those who are beyond and through whose inspiring influences we want to continue with our educational work. Ofttimes have we given thanks to God for the blessings that have come to this group, and our continued communications with Him are that great spiritual upliftment shall result, for righteousness sake.

## THE IMPROVEMENT

ONE night I saw a light,  
A light the shape of a side;  
I studied to see if I were right,  
And it looked the light of a guide.

I watched the light change in size,  
It was the light of a teacher;  
I saw the vapor rise  
And it happened to be an old Monk preacher.

It rose and rose 'til it took the shape  
Of a five-foot-eight big man;  
His eyes were blue, his face was grey,  
And he came to the side of my hand.

He looked at me, and then he flew  
To the side of the wall where he entered;  
There he stood 'til I had presenced—  
His visit with me that night.

By WEBSTER SHULTIS, JR.

TO A SPIRITUAL MEDIUM  
(UNSCHOOLED)

DEAR soul, tho to you Fate was rather unkind,  
And forced you to work for a livin'  
When you were quite young, and to your youthful mind

No high education was given;  
Tho you say "he come," when you should say "he came,"

(Which grammar would drive Webster blue),

Not one of us really can hold you to blame,  
For your messages always are true!

Words? well, they are needed our thoughts to convey,

And grammar is often a twister,  
(If you took the time now to study it, say,  
Methinks you'd raise many a blister)

So give us your time while you're yet of the earth,

To bring us a word from the spirits,  
And even if some, in your language, finds mirth,  
In heaven you'll find no demerits!

So bring us the messages, just as you will,  
E'en though you know not Greek or Latin,  
And you will find those who in language have skill

Will soon on your back be a-pattin',  
For spirit is real, and spirit is true,  
And spirit alone brings us knowledge,  
So just keep on bringing the dear spirits through,

And you'll graduate—from God's College!  
By REV. RICHARD WARD.

## Change of Address

THE rules of the Post Office do not permit them to forward MAGAZINES to new addresses as it does in the case of LETTERS. It can only be done by notifying the publisher. We urge you, therefore, to notify us of any change in your addresses.

Should any of our subscribers move after our mailing lists are closed, we will be glad to send you another copy to the right address on receipt of your notice of such change.

Our regular mailing for each monthly issue is during the first week of every month. Do not lose any copy which you are entitled to receive.

## Book Recommendations

IT PLEASES us to recommend the book of 236 pages titled. "What Spiritualism Really Is," by Carlyle and Bryan, Alberta Publishing Co., 333 E. 17th St., N. Y. C., \$2.00 including postage.

Seekers of truth regarding life after so-called death will find some new and interesting matter in this inspired work by Dr. Bryan, whom we all can know is striving to bring about upliftment for all mankind.

Plans are under way by William C. Hartmann, the editor and compiled of "Who's Who in Occultism, New Thought, Psychism and Spiritualism," to bring out a "Directory of Psychic Science and Spiritualism," to the exclusion of all other subjects.

All organizations, authors, writers, churches, mediums, pastors, psychical researchers and periodicals all over the world should file their name and addresses with The Occult Press, P. O. Box 43, Jamaica, N. Y., for a copy of descriptive circular.

This directory is to be issued annually and in anticipation of a great demand for this work, the selling price has been fixed at only one dollar. There is still time for those directly interested or actively identified with the cause it sponsors to register their names for inclusion in the Directory.

## SCENES

LOOK upward toward the sky  
And see the beautiful clouds  
As they change into scenes  
Of power and of glory.

When you look you will see  
Such beautiful scenes above,  
Of colors and of wonder,  
Of greatness and true love.

You will see beautiful scenes,  
As you have never seen before:  
Lakes, mountains, roads and trees,  
And the sun shines above them all.

You may say, "I have not time,"  
But it will be worth while,  
As the scenes that you behold  
Are symbolical of God's love.

Watch the clouds as they roll by,  
So wondrous and so beautiful,  
And see the scenes that take form,  
Accept the inspirations that follow.

A PICTURE FRAME I HAVE SEEN  
OF BEAUTIFUL CRIMSON COLOR,  
THREE GOLDEN LETTERS WITHIN,  
L. G. A.,  
MEANING, LOVE GOD ALWAYS.

By RICHARD ZEIBIG.



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## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS

By Geraldine Wood



WE HEAR a great deal today about the subconscious mind and about the result of suggestion to the subconscious mind. The word "sub" means under, subconscious—that which is under or does not reach consciousness. Now the five senses are the avenues of consciousness. When these are closed, as in the trance, hypnotic or sleep states, we are unconscious of earth, but conscious of life on another, the spirit plane. The conscious self is in abeyance, and the subconscious self of whose faculties we are normally unaware, is in the ascendant, and the subconscious mind is in operation through the avenues, not of the physical, but of the spiritual senses.

After all, the term, subconscious, is merely one of convenience. Any faculty of the mind which does not pass the threshold of consciousness belongs, of necessity, to the subconscious. Neither are there two selves and two minds, but one self and one mind with many faculties both human and spiritual. The soul is the meeting place for these faculties, the medium for earth and heaven. The psychology of the soul includes a study of these faculties which reach out into two worlds, the subconscious faculties reaching out into spirit and the conscious into earth.

Says Judge Daniel A. Simmons—"There constantly resides within you a mind which is very wise and very powerfully constructive. This mind is something entirely apart from the mind which you consciously use in your every-day affairs. In the language of psychology, this mind that builds, sustains, repairs and operates the body is called the subconscious mind." Now to prove the existence of a subconscious mind it is only necessary to show that there are those phases of mind operation which can not be consciously carried on, and here we have them. None of us can, by any means, consciously "build, repair, sustain and operate the body, which is the temple of the living God," spirit.

Viewed from this standpoint, all life is divine, for all life is of, and from, the Creator. Life is a gift to us, something which we did not command. Life, spirit is divine and perfect in all of its operations. It is we, ourselves, who are imperfect. A man is, after all, no more than his physical inheritance, albeit his spirit is both immortal and divine. Although the player be divine, if the instrument is poor and many times worthless, strains of divine harmony cannot result. Life shows itself in countless forms, but the beauty and perfection of its manifestation is restricted by the form itself. Life, when freed from the hamperings of the physical, becomes so marvelous in its manifestations that we, noting its manifestations, in our ignorance often refer to them as "supernatural happenings."

As we have known consciousness on the physical plane, so shall we know consciousness on the spirit plane, either now, by the powers of mediumship, or later, by the fuller release of death. We are very like something which was once all tightly rolled up, and now we are evolving, unrolling. Within us, yet unrolled, yet unevolved lie all those divine powers of which we are to be the heir. These undeveloped powers, for convenience's sake, and often for a lack of better understanding, are called the subconscious powers.

We humans are just beginning to realize these wonderful powers and what they may accomplish for us. These powers all operate according to natural law, which law is God's law. It is for us to know and understand these laws that we may the better cooperate with them. It is even possible that man, as man, might live forever if he understood and could carry out perfectly all the laws which pertain to his being. In youth, spirit is one with our bodies, every cell vibrates joyously. In age, we are just as much of a spirit entity as in youth, but the life force can no longer operate through diseased and dying tissues and so death results. And when spirit leaves matter, matter decays, disintegrates, and is absorbed back into its elements.

It has been found that more healthful conditions may be brought about through suggestion to the subconscious or developing self, whose will because of undevelopment is still natural and unconscious. Formerly hypnotism was much used to throw the subject into an unconscious state, in which state he was able to receive the suggestions of the hypnotist. Today an attempt is being made to correct ills by the use of auto-suggestion. As the subject approaches the unconscious state of slumber he is to repeat to himself the formula, "Every day in every way I am getting better and better," or whatever he may have decided upon. Phonograph records which play suggestions softly while the patient sleeps are now manufactured. In his waking moments he must cooperate with the suggestions given, refusing to allow himself to think negative thoughts of failure and illness. In this way he endeavors to cooperate with the healing power of spirit.

Some will smile at this and say, "If we lived naturally we would live happily and would not need all these suggestions," which may well be true. Yet so successful has this method become that during the last decade hundreds of Schools of Psychology have sprung up in America all based upon this principle of rightly guiding the inner self. One school claims 650,000 testified business and health successes as a result of its efforts. Another is busy teaching 60 different psychologists. The teaching staff of another has a whole galaxy of Ph.D.'s, M.D.'s and A.M.'s. Another school claims to have actually cured by mental suggestion at least 25 different diseases.

Now we, who are spiritualists, who believe through demonstration in life to come, through the power of the spirit to sustain itself, should understand and appreciate this light which is dawning for the human race, for in it we see the everliving and healing power of the spirit being demonstrated.

But there are moral laws as well as physical laws, what of them? If I do not obey the moral laws of God I am slain spiritually.

There was a time when we lived as animals do, following our natural instincts; nor were we immoral, because, as we say now, we knew no better. But as we built by effort, and reason dawned, we saw that it was wrong to strike our brother down, or, let us say, to tear and hurt for wanton cruelty. Thus conscience was born and the struggle with what has been called sin began. Laws were formed to restrict and control certain acts. Today, because we are evolving from the merely animal to a higher plane, we are passing through a state of development where there is a conflict between the higher nature of spirit and the lower or purely animal state. There are spiritual laws and we must obey them, and until we do, we shall suffer in the conflict, for the laws of God are both physical and spiritual.

Doubtless we shall some day reach that high plane of perfection into which some are now entering where we will see



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the necessity of controlling, not only every act, but every thought, and a new struggle will begin. Angels looking down on men must say of us, "Man is still unmoral, still in his infancy, for in his thoughts he commits all those crimes which he now forbids his body to accomplish."

Man's thought is as an open book,  
Upon whose pages angels look,  
For every thought is on the ethers written.

Angels say, "Man still unborn  
Awaits his future's morn,  
Till he, himself, may read the scroll."

There are shores where never mortal trod,  
Where man communes with man,  
And man with God.

There for every thought that's spoken,  
For every law of God that's broken,  
You may give account.

## MEDIUMSHIP

By Dr. Wm. J. Bryan

(Author, Writing Medium and Physician)

**F**VERY aid that is possible is brought to the faithful ones who co-operate with the righteous and advanced thinkers and doers now in the spirit-world; and it can be stated as a fact of primal importance that every faithful medium is guided and protected, and thus is progress assured.

This important overshadowing by the advanced spirit ones is attended with much solicitude, because many are chosen but few fulfill the necessary requirements for successful mediumship. "Many are called but few are chosen," is the trite saying that covers the matter of mediumship.

Why so many "fall by the wayside" or become incompetent is hard to explain, as each case is a different one; suffice it to say that a good, capable and lasting medium is a prize that is loudly acclaimed by the spirit ones who are in control of the medium.

ALWAYS SEEK THE HIGHEST AND BEST SPIRITS, should be the rule for mediums, and then a finer and more efficient mediumship obtains.

It is important for all who have psychic ability to place themselves in a RECEPTIVE CONDITION, so that the spirit friends may reach them freely, and not be impeded by an obstacle, like triviality, or by a mercenary motive.

Spirits are not in the business of making money or doing anything for the sake of pecuniary profit through their medium; and money matters are not considered, therefore, unless they happen to be for the real advantage or needed benefit to the medium or others.

Earth dwellers are prone to place all activities on a financial basis that is frequently incomprehensible at times for them to consider spiritual matters, from a standpoint of spirituality, or even altruism.

We want to see mediumship raised to a high standard of equality—and the writer, personally, is aligned with spiritual forces that bespeak a future success most gratifying.

Readers of *The True Light Magazine* will notice the writer's announcement in another page.

## CHOICE READING MATTER

By Thomas Carlyle



LD FRIENDS, like old books of choice stock, are ever welcome, and old spirits who fortify our mental arsenals are welcome.

Returning to the grand old subject of Spiritualism, we can truthfully state that there is an inexhaustible mine of occult knowledge in the literature of Spiritualism. And all of it is choice reading, because most of its authors were inspired direct from highly evolved spirits. Many persons seek physical phenomena in public meetings and seances, and do not read much of our literature on the subject, which is so explanatory of its phenomena and therefore helpful from a technical standpoint. But all must be suited, interested or entertained.

Wherein cometh the son-of-man to take possession of us spiritually, to act as a redeemer from the errors of church doctrine and orthodoxy in general? The Kingdom of Heaven being WITHIN (our true redeemer from churchly error), we need not look for a new Messiah incarnate.

The coming of the new Christ is purely a SPIRITUAL CONCEPTION, and therefore a bodily or PHYSICAL coming would be an utter impossibility.

But to know that the redeemer liveth is to fully realize the still small spiritual voice of prompting, that is stationed within us, and then the glory of the new conception of divinity will be appreciated.

Whereby cometh knowledge and righteousness, except by the deep inner force of spirituality?

So, let us question the official standing of any man-made system which fails to instruct us of the new SPIRITUAL kingdom.

## GENTLY JUDGE EACH OTHER

**S**CORN not them whom you perchance may meet,  
Those outcast wayfarers of the street;  
Honor and shame oft from conditions rise  
(Tho some may think it otherwise).

Scan slightly the errors of your fellow men,  
Perhaps they tried, but conditions failed them then;  
Their flesh was weak, their minds clouded with sin,  
No strength of purpose had, to help them win.

Let God be their judge, you their helper be;  
Your reward will be in eternity.  
You know the good Master, Jesus the Nazarene,  
Did lift from the lowly the outcast, Magdeline.

How the hypocrites left the poor woman alone  
When advised by Him not to throw the first stone.  
Know you why there are those of different skin?  
'Tis because of the pigments of blood within.

For on what men eat makes them what they are,  
Still they're all God's children, less blemish or scar;  
Tall grow the weeds, whose stench we know well;  
How different the scent of violets' sweet dell?

For where'er they grow e'en the grasses smell sweet,  
As if they were touched by an angel's soft feet;  
So try and teach men to love one another,  
To treat all alike, be they stranger or brother.

"Love thy fellow men," is the best key to Heaven;  
Without that in our hearts are no sins forgiven.  
"How can you profess to love God, whom you have never seen,  
And hate thy fellow men (whom you have)," said the Nazarene.

By SAMUEL WOODWORTH BRADLEY.



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## SHE DID RETURN TO EARTH

By La Pascaline



MARIAN! Do come in and tend the store while I run over to call on old Mrs. Grey." A small, bent woman, with a shrill voice, stood poised like a bird ready for flight, while she waited for an answer to her request. "Alright, Marg! Coming!" The answer came in a clear, ringing voice, and a girl of eighteen entered the small store that would be called "general" in the way of supply; for almost everything could be found there, unless you wanted something in particular—then it "was not in stock," or else, "they were just out of it." The place was neat and clean, for Marg was a careful housewife and carried her gift into the small business world that comprised her living and her social advantages.

Marian was her niece, the orphaned child of her brother, whose mother had always been "queer," according to her husband's family, for she was always "seeing things" that no one else saw, and often described sounds that no one else ever heard; and one uncomfortable feature of her "queerness" was that the things she described had either taken place or they happened very soon afterward. And, as her spirit awaited the angel of death, she had told her child that from beyond the veil she would watch over and protect her from any harm that might threaten her by warning her of the approach of evil. She had been gone five months now, and yet no word had reached her child, although two shocks had occurred to disturb her life and render her fearful of what the future might hold for her. And today she was especially sad as she took her place behind the small counter and prepared to wait upon the customers.

There was a noise at the door as of someone trying to turn the knob, but as Marian looked in the direction of the door she saw nothing. A moment later she felt a cold draught, and felt a presence that she could not see. A cold chill passed over her, and then she heard a voice. And it was the voice of her mother speaking to her: "Marian, my child, do not go on that trip. The train will be wrecked." "But, mother," answered the now thoroughly frightened child, "I do not know of any trip; I have planned to go nowhere." But the voice without a body repeated the warning. Then a sort of vapor filled the center of the room, and when it disappeared Marian stood alone, and so thoroughly frightened was she that she sent a small neighbor boy to request her aunt to return. However, when her aunt asked her why she had sent for her she invented an excuse, but dared not tell her the truth.

That evening, when her uncle came home, he had secured tickets for a Sunday excursion, at considerable trouble and expense, and was so elated to think that they would all have a special outing that he neglected his supper, although his wife had prepared beefsteak and onions, a great favorite with him, and only prepared on special occasions. But the niece remained so quiet throughout the meal that at last they asked her the reason for her silence. And finally she consented to tell them about her mother's voice and the warning. They both laughed so loud and long at her story that she became angry and told them that their merriment was an insult to her intelligence and her mother's memory and that nothing could persuade her to go on the excursion contrary to her mother's warning voice.

The uncle and aunt were sorry that they had taken her story so lightly when they realized how deeply they had hurt her, and, to make amends, refrained from demanding that she accompany them.

Sunday came, a bright, beautiful morning, and, with packed lunch, they started upon the day's trip in a happy mood; Marian waving a good-bye from the front door. It was twelve o'clock that night when a policeman knocked at the door and informed Marian that the excursion train had been wrecked and many people hurt, among whom was her uncle and aunt.

It was three weeks later that again the vapor appeared to Marian, and that time the voice said to her: "From now on I shall be able to warn you of all great danger. Be a good girl and trust GOD." When the experience was told to her uncle and aunt, both joined in a fervent "Thank God for our darling angel." No more did they disobey the warnings that reached them through their niece as the medium, while each time they offered a thanksgiving for her protecting care.

**EDITORIAL NOTE:** This is representative of many actual experiences that some of our readers have known to happen right in their own households. Let us be frank about such cases and acknowledge as well as understand them.

## OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

## SUPPLICATION

WHAT a wonderful upliftment one receives at any spiritual gathering that opens its services with prayer said in that truly sincere and reverent manner. Still at most meetings those who participate will rush through with the so-called Lord's Prayer as if they would be glad to get it over with.

Just recently this Observer shared with a group of worshippers in repeating the Nazarene's entreaty and it was with so much difficulty to keep up with the others that it seemed an act of hypocrisy to continue. Spiritual leaders and advisors should discourage this sort of giving prayer.

## BIBLE READING IN THE SCHOOLS

INQUIRY reveals that in some schools the Bible is read in open assembly, in other schools it is read only in the classroom and it is optional with the teacher if it will be read at all. This inconsistency breeds carelessness and contempt. Either it should or it should not be read, and let each and every one read what has been ordered shall be.

It is fully appreciated that this matter has been the subject of controversy between the Jew, the Protestant, the Catholic and the Athiest and others. All are disagreed with each other and none are willing of any compromise. Very evidently something vitally wrong.

This Observer well understands that Bible reading is good provided the right matter is looked for and the unrighteous and doubtful matter overlooked. Man has always seen fit to re-interpret and revise the biblical records, but there is one section that has withstood the attacks better than other parts. It is the Law or Ten Commandments. Here then we have something well worth reading and re-reading many times. It applies to every race, color or creed and of any age and generation. One commandment per day, with possibly the longer commandments read two days, will provide sufficient daily change and avoid what might be feared, monotony. Yet it would be far less monotonous than some of the usual forms of prayers indulged in daily in the home or in the church. The more all of us knew of the Law of God and practiced it, the more peace, harmony and understanding would endure. And the best time to learn and think about these things is in our school days, and it will stand us in good stead in our older days.



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## RELIGION PARAPHRASED

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

**I**T IS impossible to describe the first form of religious worship of deity, but we do know that man has ever turned his attention to something beyond his personal knowledge of creation. And long before organized society placed the seal of approval over the signature of religion, men worshipped God. In the beginning there could scarcely have been clergymen to officiate at the services held, and a chaotic form would be the result. As time and circumstances developed in the minds of the people the need of official clergy, they chose the most capable men to serve them as leaders and gave them the position of mediator between themselves and God, for they believed in a God of anger, who punished severely all those who disobeyed His mandates. And it was to appease the anger of this God (or in many instances several Gods were recognized, one for each element in nature); and thus the living sacrifice came into existence. And along with the sacrificial service a crude and ugly attitude sprung up toward the races that were considered enemies: war was supposed to be under the direction of the Gods, and victory was looked upon as a sure sign of the God's approval; defeat was caused by the God's disapproval.

Now, with the people looking to the priests to interpret God's wishes for them, is it any wonder that abuses grew out of such a situation and that the priests came to impose their desires in the place of what should have been God's will? They were the most intelligent to begin with, and, naturally they were able to deceive their ignorant followers by telling them that God said thus and so, when perhaps the priest alone would benefit by the decision. Out of this state of affairs grew the power of priesthood, and that power was emphasized when priests were given the power that under democratic or republican rule is reserved for our politicians. They governed with an iron hand and were most despotic in their treatment of the common people, but were less severe upon those of wealth, who might, under excess pressure, turn upon the priests and remove them from office or lessen their power, which as we know did take place later. The rule of the priests in the beginning and the church as a body later on has always been tyrannical and prejudiced. The more republican countries have learned to fear the consequences of religious influences in politics, when such rule gave to any one denomination supremacy in matters pertaining to state affairs. Strange to say, bigotry has always resulted from such relationship, and oppression because of church influence in politics, although one would suppose that religion would soften the hardness of all who really believe in God. History contradicts the supposition.

On the other hand, today we have a too free translation of religion that leads to near-atheism, if it does not actually declare against churches and all forms of worship by the people of any diety, other than NATURE. They have gone from excess superstition to the other extreme, and refuse to acknowledge a God-head, or to follow the teachings of any church or cult, claiming the elements as GOD. These extremes seem natural to humanity, so unstable and contrary at its core. They are the result of abuses by the governing classes, who have always considered their own interest first and have been governed by their inherited desire for power rather than a sense of justice.

No sooner than a man or woman find themselves possessed of power, than they are tempted to exercise that power

to their own advantage. They forget that the people have shown their confidence in the integrity of the person they have chosen, and by act, seem to believe that the power vested in them is for their own personal benefit. It is this human weakness that proves conclusively the need for a balance to intelligence, beside confidence in integrity. We must have an ideal. We must turn to a power so superlative in character that we implicitly trust its sense of justice. We must know in what measure we are entitled to consideration by this superlative power. We must align ourselves on the side of the noblest interpretation of GOOD, not with the freer translation. We must affiliate with persons of high ideals, whose intention is to lead clean lives, at what-so-ever cost, and who cannot be bought with the social toys of destruction. The people who pose as leaders must exemplify their interpretation of God's law in their daily lives. They must set aside all personal considerations beside the necessities of comfort and health in order to make their message more impressive. They must let their light so shine that others seeing their good works will be satisfied with the result, and also willing to follow suit. "No good comes of evil," is a common expression, yet through suffering are we born into the world, and by suffering—which is called evil—are we made worthy of God's Love, providing we accept the scourge of suffering for disobedience and improve our behavior.

In Spiritualism we have the most perfect example of God's provision for our needs. He has permitted the ex-carnate soul to visit the inhabitants of earth to teach us some of the lessons that are learned in this way only, for one cannot know a country until they visit it, or learn of it from those who have. That is the situation: spirit people visit earth people to describe life to them and to help them understand the purpose of suffering, that the knowledge will train them in patience, and the promise of freedom from present obstacles in future planes will engender confidence in God's Love for them.

Spiritualism as a cult is not responsible for the TRUTH, it is merely the vehicle for broadcasting TRUTH and means by which others may come to know the reason for many things that could not be explained without this particular vehicle. Too many of the Spiritualist clergy have not awakened to their responsibility, but as the public makes greater demands upon them they will be forced to recognize their responsibility, and, because they are in touch with higher influences, they will learn to govern their activities according to the instructions given by the more advanced teachers of spirit spheres. Until we have learned our lessons and effaced self from the picture, we must go on doing the best we know how, trusting to God and our fellow-man to excuse our shortcomings, and eventually we shall reap the reward of patience and long-suffering, reserved for those who do His Will, as they are able to interpret it.

And Jesus answering said unto them, do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels in heaven.

And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?

He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

MARK 12:24 to 27



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

## STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM

By Louisa Riemvis



STRANGE caption for a spiritual discourse! In my childhood days my thoughts would go rioting and soaring into unfathomable heights of childish bliss. On one of these occasions I mentally speculated on how it would feel to have a million dollars, and what I would do if I had it. Vain fancy! For I was one of a large family, where material wealth was not in evidence. We had the comfortable necessities of life, and occasionally the luxuries. I well remember that in springtime, when all the earth was in flowery array, and strawberries were in the height of season, that it was a luxury for us to have strawberries and cream, especially enough for so many of us. And in my great happiness I wondered if other children loved strawberries as I did. And, my thoughts traveling on, I wondered if the rich children had all the strawberries and cream they wanted.

Musing still, I felt like Lady Bountiful, who waved a fairy wand and changed poverty to riches. I could conceive of no greater happiness than to have all the strawberries and cream I could eat; and, being unselfish, I wanted everyone else to have what I had. So I dreamed and visioned.

If a fairy came to me with a million dollars and told me I could do anything that I desired with it, what would I do? I had it! I would buy enough strawberries and cream for all the children in the world, and consider that I had accomplished a wonderful achievement.

Childhood with its dreams! How little do we realize the far-reaching thoughts that germinate in the childish brain. My earnest thought has grown with the years, and in maturity I can conceive of no greater achievement than giving to my fellow-mortals the great luxury of inspired thought, the cream of all knowledge and understanding.

I am sending out a tiny tendril of love and joy and spiritual illumination at this very hour that shall find response in some receptive soul. The great raying light of The Master sends a vibrating force out into the universe touching with all souls receptive to receive of its illuminating rays. It is a great gift of our Creator, God, to spiritually tune in on those great pulsing, vibrating thought waves, and privileged is he or she who is sufficiently attuned to catch the peaceful strains that find lodgement within the human soul.

Oh ye seekers of the luxuries of material life, turn your gaze to The Light; put one foot on the spiritual stairway that leads upward to the great White Throne where the Ideal of Perfection sits enthroned. Cast ye aside material thoughts for gain, for they perish with the body. The soul seeketh higher, ever vibrating in the direction of its original divine source, God; and the soul contacting its own finds perfect peace of understanding, contentment and happiness.

The luxurious thoughts that the soul may riot in in perfect ecstasy only can come with spiritual attunement with God; and if the God-part within us rays out from our souls, casting its glorious reflection before us, then indeed have we the cream of all knowledge and wisdom and the strawberries of happiness. My great joy now, in full bloom of maturity, is to show the ready souls the higher way, and contact by thought waves, not only the world, but the whole universe. Our thoughts grow with the years, and in childish fancy, the universal seed germinating within, took firm root, grew and expanded through the power of God, until now the flower in full bloom must needs shed its fragrance in a universal way. All glory to God for

this blessing and great privilege. In humbleness I pray for greater illumination that I may send out God's inspired messages in His chosen way, and we, all of us, children of a loving Creator, may we thank God for all blessings bestowed.

Even in our distress and sorrow, let us be thankful that we are privileged to work out our destinies on so beautiful a planet as earth. And when the time of our release comes from mortal contacts, may we aspire still higher, and triumphantly tread the spiritual stair with confidence, reaching the perfect goal in aeons to come. The blessings of God on all Humanity!!

## SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 13

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

1. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
2. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us.
3. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.
4. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
5. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious and full of compassion and righteous.
6. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
7. Put not your trust in princes nor in the sons of man, in whom there is no help.
8. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adder's poison is under their lips.
9. Seek the Lord and His strength: seek His face evermore.
10. O give thanks unto the God of Heaven: for His mercy endureth for ever.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 12 follows: Psalms 145:18, 77:6, 5:2, 55:17, 6:9, 10:17, 147:5, 72:19, 103:19 and 33:11 respectively.

## THE MOON

OH MOON, you hang suspended in the diamond studded sky Of azure blue; and as a brilliant crystal lamp You shed your rays o'er land and sea, enchanting all Who come beneath your mystic spell; a soft, white radiance Penetrates the encircling space where dwell the unseen Land of mystery, fathomless, serene, supreme. In majestic strength and power you wend your way, Unmindful of the storms of men, or heavenly beauty unrevealed In the bosom of eternity; oh Moon, where is it That you hide when you have glided out of sight? Do you fall into the depthless sea, or drop behind the Clouds of purple mist, or is it that you return to your cradle of infinity?

Oh Man, I do indeed mystify with my birth, for who knows From whence I sprang into existence, inert; thence into A revolving mass of tempestuous earth, breathing forth Crimson flames in the roaring canyon's waste, Tossed into my allotted space! As the Hand of God all things doth guide, in His wisdom Must we abide; so I leave my trail behind on the trackless Path of time, the mighty magnet in the sky, The unrevealed, the mystic eye!

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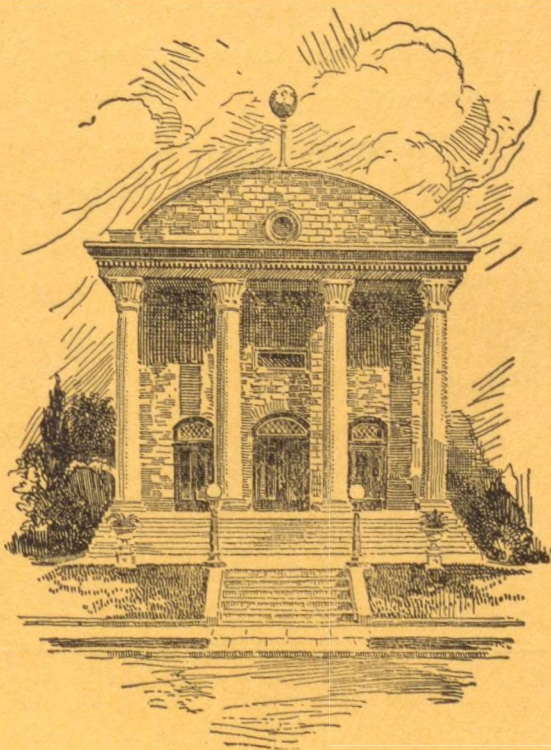
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