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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 GUILTYLESS 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.

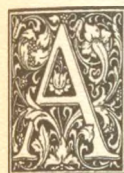
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PLEASE, GOD, GIVE ME LIGHT; HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL

RESPECT OF SPIRIT

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



AGAIN I bring to humanity that which is best, that which is truthful, that which is uplifting, and so I call to one and all, call to the Father, for the Father will hear you. Call in the quietness of your home and you will be uplifted. I would ask each and every one to follow it out and be in Oneness with the Father. It is from that far, far East that comfort comes. It is from there that strength comes that we may gain wisdom and our upliftment.

I am happy that I today can bring it to you that there are some in your material plane that understand that which is right and uplifting, and that is what will lead you on and on to that which is best. Ofttimes temptations come upon one to try them out, to see how strong the spirit is and to see how we will yield to that inner self, to that which is brought by your spirit itself, and not to follow after the material clay or outer self. That which the material can only bring lasts for a short space of time and has to remain in this earth plane.

As with one thought I would like each one to follow me, and we will reach out to that East and call, "O Father, we have again gathered here. We are thankful for the great privilege that has been bestowed upon us that we can hear a voice, one of the spirit loved ones who return and bring us that comfort and happiness. Although it has been a long and strenuous time, we have been patient and have been looking forward to thy great help. In the end thy help comes. We had said, 'Try me out and search the spirit,' and it had been so hard. We are thankful for all these privileges, thankful to be in the midst of those who bring good in returning. We will be patient henceforth that we might reach ever higher, and as we are thankful to thee, most holy Father, we call to thee to bring strength and confidence, not for one or two, but for all, and that we might know only to go to that one goal, that place of comfort that no one else can give. Hear us, and even if a tear drop comes it is we know thou will help us on an upward path. We are one and all thankful and bless each and every one. Thou knowest in what way we come and from this material plane I draw the rays forth that the peace of God might be with each and every one and that comfort and blessing might come to each and every one who knows that there is a God, a Father before all, and that we are all part of that Father and must again return to that Father. Hear us in this sad yet happy hour and help us in strength and wisdom to follow thee." As you have followed in this manner, so will it be unto you, each and every one.

My dear brothers and sisters, I would bring a point, and it is that humanity should get on the right path, the truthful path, and look forth to that Elder Brother who has gone before and brought those great tidings of truth, that foundation that He could not fulfill while traveling in His material clay, but which is being fulfilled from day to day.

It is a great privilege that you have the opportunity of getting in touch with those spirit loved ones who return. Did not the Elder Brother say that man cannot live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, the Spirit, and I say, follow that Spirit. You are part of that

Spirit and therefore have the inner respect for that Spirit. Think of what you are and you will not disrespect yourself. You will uplift yourself in every way, you will not let the material cloak drag you down, you will reach out to something better. When the cloak is too hard to bear you will call to that Father, and you will see that the help will be forthcoming and in happiness you will journey on. Think of the blessings and great deeds that will be yours on arriving on the other side. You will be happy for knowing that you are part God and you will again return to that God after you have left off all those earthly conditions. Ofttimes it is hard, but be not drawn downward.

It is sad, too, at times how many will miss the great opportunities that lie before us. It is there for our grasping. Yield not to the material, for it would mean to disgrace the Spirit. Do not grasp at the material, for it will hold down the spirit-part. No matter how much it may be you would want the material, suffer not the spirit. The spirit is that part which was sent out by that Supreme Force and it is for that reason we must uplift the spirit-part and let the material clay go, no matter how much one has in this material plane. Whether it be wealth or other great riches, or all that one would wish for while traveling here, it is a sad condition when we forget the spirit-part that leads us onward and upward, nearer to the Father.

When courage fails us, then look back to the Elder Brother. Did He not do great things, were not His last words "Thy will be done"? Was it not those who went before that brought Him comfort and gave Him strength so that He could fulfill His work? Still, humanity in those days did not want the truth. They did not want conditions to come right. They put the Law of God aside, they would not abide by it.

Those who want to destroy, they too will be destroyed. It is well to understand what is the righteous and truthful way of traveling this material plane. Well for the man, woman and child who understands the Law of God and knows what it means to follow that law, and not be held down by the law of man. It is the Law of God that will lead you on to eternity. The law of man is only holding down conditions in this material plane and in the hereafter counts for nothing. How can man make man's law first when God's Law is first? Look to the Law of God, you need no other law, you will know you are a child of God and will follow that law.

See how that Nazarene had followed that law and abided by it even though it cost His material clay. He still returns in happiness that He started that earthly journey on the upward way even if it took thousands of years. When the time is for His going into that Zion and again combining with the Father, He can look back and say, it is well done. It is worth while, abide by it and all will be well. AMEN.

APPOLIOS OF TREON.

We acknowledge the privilege that is ours to have the message of one who in turn is grateful of the mediumship through which given. Our hope is that multitudes shall reap its spiritual beneficence.

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

LOOKING AT THE DRIFT OF LIFE

By Walter Scott Haskell



OMEbody has said, "One world at a time. No need to bother our minds about what comes after. Enjoy ourselves while we may, as no man can read the future," etc.

Looks all right on the surface and relieves us of a lot of worry about our everlasting souls. But from the viewpoint of certain of our religious brethren, it is all wrong, as it amounts to this: "Love of earth and earth things is all we need to fit us for heaven, if there is any."

If we had the whole of life in the hollow of our hand, it would be all right to live out the earth existence with but little concern about the next. But earth life seems to be a manifested state of the power behind the throne. And while we accept the manifested state or condition as a reliable basis from which to judge the whole, we are apt to go wrong. Taking no thought of the nine-tenth of life that is not seen is giving undue importance to a small part—the manifested part—and little importance to the most important part!

We can never learn the laws of spirit without delving into spirit, in abstract reasoning, or the cultivation of spiritual qualities. Therefore, as it would seem that earth life alone is bound to give us a wrong impression of the principles of laws of being, it behooves us to reach out and try to grasp the broader conception of a life in its fullness, its totality. That would give us a general idea of the trend of life—where we are

drifting and what is needed for future stages of the journey.

Living earth life is like starting to build our house of God—and if there is no plan, we are as likely as not to get the timbers mixed. Perhaps in our ignorance of any laws of life we will start to put the ridgepole on our house before we lay the foundation timbers—rather an impossibility. Refusing to study out life's plan, the *modus operandi*, is like keeping our head in a bag and ignoring the plan of the Great Architect that only requires looking at to see just how our timbers should be hewn in order to fit into the big scheme.

Men do more spiritual thinking today than they did in ancient times. Early dwellers upon this planet were largely given to emotional states and possessed but small brain capacity to figure out results from causes. For that reason they could not understand invisible forces, and, while they possessed a sense of reverence for Deity, their ideas of the latter conformed to their small minds that were capable of understanding concrete things only. Hence they personified everything they could not understand in the abstract. Their God took the form of fire, thunder and lightning, storms for an angry God, and often made wooden images assume the qualities they ascribed to Deity.

As men advance in brain capacity, Deity loses its purely mundane traits and assumes the more dignified and rational position of principles of life that animates all visible forms.

LOVE

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard



IVING as we are in a material plane, surrounded by material interests, love is usually thought of as an atmosphere, instead of being recognized as a force; and unless stimulated by an object of more than usual interest, when love becomes a passionate frenzy, it is looked upon as a natural emotion or inheritance, the same as the color of the eyes or the shade of one's hair. Artists and authors both portray love in the form of human passion, thus lowering the standard and inducing degeneracy of the noblest attribute of the human race. And their interpretation has become the keynote for society. Religious teachers who contradict this interpretation are subjected to argument and even sneers for their pains. The principal argument being in favor of the individual ego. An erroneous and dangerous opinion unless modified by each individual to meet specific needs. Love is Force stimulant of the Life Principle, God; as well as a condiment of society and family life. So we will consider it in the order most familiar to us.

First we will take the physical emotion and see what relation it bears to LOVE: Physical emotion is a form of love-desire that stirs the will to reproduction, and originally was created or permitted to further evolution, each specie being separate and apart in degree of spirituality, but inhabiting physical structures similar in appearance, as well as similar in structure, so far as the general framework goes, but beyond the elementals how different in general expression. Each specie according to type has reproduced its kind, and love for progeny is the key-note of evolution; the physical and spiritual love

blending. Animals, birds, and insects have shown a higher and more advanced love in this respect than the human race, for we find a decency among these lower forms of life; less libertine emotion, and more of the family type than exists with the higher cultivation of society represented by the human race. They at least are true to type, and make no pretense of being better than they are, while the human family, with all of their intelligence, are degenerates in the highest sense; neither true to self nor family, and striving for self expression, not knowing what the term implies, and not caring, so long as they are not restricted in act and word. But in spite of this lowered standard in countries where the appetites are indulged and among the civilized races whose intellectual advantages are the greatest, and who abuse the physical privileges more than the heathen do, we find the spark of parent love the finest and best of all expressed emotions.

As ground-work for parent-love, there is self-love. And self-love demands perpetuation. A monument to being. Something that time cannot destroy; although the ego is not conscious of its own selfish affection and is scandalized when told that it is to gratify self-love that they desire a family. And the greater the egoist, the larger the family they would have. In many instances nature has blocked their plan, for the sins of the parents have left their children sterile. Over-indulgence has weakened the bodies of parents, and they have been unable to pass on the generative property to their children. More than this, self indulgence in a physical sense has robbed the parent of the greater love that takes no account of the ego, except to keep it subdued and secondary to the primary law, the evolution of wisdom.

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The cause for this false concept is because LOVE is considered an emotional effect, instead of a FORCE. Love is Cause in embryonic form; Cause driving the physical energies of man to act upon its impulses, yet restricting him in his exercise of Love—resenting prostitution of any of the spirit forces, and, most of all, the element of creative Love in whatever form it is used to portray some phase of recreative Godliness. For that is what all forms of creation really amounts to. God in all; God being Spirit, and spirit being Divine. Without Divinity there is no change of form. Divinity is Cosmic Energy.

It has been said that "true love gives all and asks nothing in return." Another of the facetious paradoxes; another false note to mislead those who accept a theory without proof of its legitimate grounds. Love in the abstract, such as God's Love, requires and demands rectitude; a deportment commensurate with justice; as well as poise of mind, in return for inherited protection through Love. Emotional Love asks that the object of its affection shall return in kind—love and fidelity, unless it be of a low degenerated kind, and even the lowest form of degenerate physical love may be difficult to please; asking absolute monopoly of time and affection; ready to strike to kill if denied either one or the other. It is the degenerated form of love that develops criminal tendencies. Grasping, selfish, wilful, lustful love of the concrete form. Many who pursue the primrose path; the gold diggers; the selfishly lustful parasite of society, will make use of alcohol and drugs to whip his jaded emotions, so that long after he has dissipated his normal supply he is forcing himself to appear to enjoy himself by indulgences that have ceased to satisfy; the sense of satisfaction is largely due to habit, nature being exhausted. For all such jaded souls there is no such thing as abstract love. The only semblance of the Holy Gift is vapid, grasping sensuality, which acts upon the soul like a wet blanket thrown over a fire. It smoulders, smokes, and dies down to ashes. So the soul loses its brilliant activity, becoming a smoldering, inactive

mass of physical and spiritual ashes. Still useful, if properly compounded, but no longer capable of rising to constructive spirituality.

When the Force of Love is misdirected, it must await the return to physical elements, where another opportunity will be given for adjusting itself to the Cosmic Love Scheme. Every wasted opportunity means so much time to be made up by the ego in another life, where they have to begin where they leave off here; not one step ahead of the atmosphere created by them up to the time of death. In fact, they may have lost ground because of the evil life they have lived here. That a man may repent, and be accepted into Paradise, if he repent at the eleventh hour, is a treacherous teaching. No man who has lived an evil life can fit into the same atmosphere as an honorable man who has grown spiritually and whose outlook is so entirely different. No more can a man steeped in debauchery step into the same plane of spirit life with souls who have discarded the carnal lusts in earth, and whose being is pregnant with esoteric knowledge, than a low, ignorant person force his way into intellectual society here in earth life. The two are too far apart in interest and understanding to associate together in any state, here or hereafter. It is these falsehoods that have made a mockery of religion and shut out the people who think logically and coherently. Of what use to be decent at any price if the man who disregards every law can, by repentance, be admitted to the joys of spirituality at the eleventh hour? None whatever, and beside, such claims are contrary to reason. Love is the basic principle of reason and justice, but it is Abstract Love, that reaches out after Truth, no matter how great the price, and not a physical emotion that calls for physical satisfaction for any of the material lusts; nor does it count gain in dollars and cents.

Love gives full measure—Love requires full measure in return and is satisfied with nothing short of the best. Otherwise it could not be LOVE, in Truth, for one symbolizes the other, and one is the affinity of the other.

TRUE SPIRIT PHENOMENA

By Thomas Carlyle



RECTITUDE and righteousness are characteristics of our spirit relatives who now come to us, tonight; and as we can rely implicitly on those who express those God-like qualities always, there is no chance for any fear or apprehension.

And this power of spirit loved ones to help and to guide us is not a controlling or directing force, but it is one of cooperation, to be accepted or dispensed with at pleasure. So banish all thoughts of fear or apprehension of evil when cooperating with well-disposed and enlightened spirits.

Our good relatives who were kind and considerate during mortal career can be relied on to display the same qualities from the spirit side of life. So just look at the matter of spirit-return with a judgment of common-sense, and the result will not be disappointing.

The tendency now-a-days is for the curiosity-seekers to indulge in all sorts of "fun" and ridicule at the expense of spiritual mediums; but it often happens that the incredulous scoffer becomes aware that the medium is guided by occult power that is recognized, yet not fully comprehended as spirit-power, which it really is.

And scientists are beginning to admit that a belief in Spiritualism does not make the believer an insane person; and that it is preposterous to class all mediums as pretenders. The

genuine and its counterfeits, in anything, must be separated—like good or bad money.

There are tests which can be applied to determine the quality of mediumship. If a spirit message is delivered and recognized by the receiver, that recognition should be considered a test of genuineness. And in every instance, at public meetings of spiritual mediums, I have found that over a thousand messages have been pronounced correct by as many different receivers.

You cannot find as many correct messages as that over your own telephone!

Some mediums are uneducated and in humble ways of life, while others are highly accomplished; some are white, black, or of other race or nationality. They have no diploma from any richly endowed university—yet mediums come to others with messages that are too valuable to be limited to a sum of money.

Answers to our questions are sent by spirits who can fully understand our needs. So let us look at mediumship as a God-given gift, and then we will accept its guidance, its philosophy, and its knowledge as of the greatest worth to us.

Coming to an understanding of Spiritualism, its phenomena and its valuable teachings, we certainly will continue to respect it, and to be glad to possess it as a most precious jewel of rare quality.

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SUMMERLAND

A Page of Instruction for the Young Truthseekers. It is suggested that instructors extend every point made and to regularly review and emphasize them. Supplemental points should follow in due time. The lectures shown in the beginning of each issue are the guides.

LESSON L—WE THEN THAT ARE STRONG OUGHT TO BEAR THE INFIRMITIES OF THE WEAK, AND NOT TO PLEASE OURSELVES. Romans 15:1. The persecutions that are heaped upon one or another because of holding firm to God and the truth have ever been severe. Many disagreed with the Nazarene and He was persecuted and willingly suffered that truth might endure, in spite of the fact that they attacked Him personally. When one would smite you on the right cheek, turn toward him the left, and by that action you are the strongest and best able to bear the cross. Doing for righteousness sake is far greater and more strong and enduring than to do for self praise and material gain.

We pray, For Thine Is The Glory, and so it is we would go through this earthly journey, doing good wherever we can and at every opportunity. Many obstacles are placed before one, but in wisdom and in kindness we must overcome them all. Perfection is not upon this earth plane, but the strong and the truthful go forward giving help to the weak and receiving help from the stronger who have gone before and who see and inspire and comfort those who do right.

LESSON LI—KNOW YE NOT THAT YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU? I Corinthians 3:16. This means we should know and not guess that the God-part within, that small atom, the spark, the life, the spirit—is of God and the outer cloak or man-made form is material. The difference between spirit and material is, God and man. God knows and so does the God-part within, but mankind is unwilling to heed the inner voice. The Nazarene said that of Himself He was as nothing, it was that God-part within. He communed with the Father in truth and in spirit. It was the better self that mastered the fleshly.

Greater respect should therefore be shown the dweller within by keeping clean all conditions about the spirit. The reverence in which we should hold ourselves before the Supreme Spirit should most certainly be in greater measure than the respect we would show the visitors to our earthly homes. Think first of the inner selves and look lastly upon the outer, for it counts for so much more. We should not judge nor condemn anyone, for we do not please the Father, but rather condemn the false conditions and purify the environment. We are in His image and it is that we look within ourselves and there SEE truth revealed. Too often we look elsewhere, but the wonders are within the Temples, of man here and of God hereafter.

LESSON LII—TO US THERE IS BUT ONE GOD, THE FATHER, OF WHICH ARE ALL THINGS, AND WE IN HIM. I Corinthians 8:6. For the Truthfinder there most certainly is but one God, who is Love, Spirit, and of whom we are part. The spiritual tie is never severed. It reaches from Him to those of the spirit loved ones sent forth to enjoy the wonders of His creation. He is over and above all and is not to be seen about this earth plane, except we understand there is only that spark of Him within each child of man. He is the Creator of all good and of whom we stand in praise and glory for His wondrous works of heaven and earth and the seas and all that in them is. He is not the creator of evil.

Our interest is directed to spiritual phenomena and not the physical, still, His handiwork is seen all about us. The power of communion with Him and our brothers and sisters in spirit, the guidance and protection afforded us, the wisdom, the light and life itself that is ours, are the signs that indicate the power of God over that of mere man. So we should acknowledge that Father, do not anything to be ashamed of in His sight, to respect and cherish His name and to look to Him direct and not through anything nor anyone. Obedience to His commands, the only sacrament upon the face of this earth is what will awaken us to truth. Listen to the inner voice and the conscience will hold clean and clear, and He of whom are all things will be pleased with all of us holding knowingly to Him, and being led by Him and not becoming misled by man.

LESSON LIII—FOR TO ONE IS GIVEN BY THE SPIRIT THE WORD OF WISDOM — KNOWLEDGE — FAITH — HEALING — MIRACLES — PROPHECY — SEEING (DISCERNING OF SPIRITS) — TRANCE (DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES) — READING (INTERPRETATION). I Corinthians 12:8-11. These spiritual gifts come from one source, and that is for good, of God. It is not the work of any devil, for such thing does not exist, neither is it a creation of the Father, and only does it persist because of the darkness in which man insists in traveling. Those who would convert these spiritual gifts into forms of magic, hypnotism, mesmerism, otherwise called sorcery, do violate a confidence with the Giver. It is as one inspired to invent or discover for the welfare and spiritual upliftment of mankind, and then converts it into an instrument of torture and death and consequent bondage from Godliness.

Wisdom and spiritual knowledge cannot be learned in man's college nor from man-written books. It is higher and beyond the conception of the mortal brain and comes only from higher realms. It is this understanding that gives one faith and then absolute confidence in God, the Creator of all good. That child of God willing to answer the call and who is chosen is blessed with the power to heal, not merely the outer or sickly body, but the inner self that is in need of spiritual nourishment. This power magnifies and increases when done for the intention in which given—without looking to self praise or material gain—and accordingly reaches miraculous proportions. The miracles that are done are not only great in material ways, but even greater in spiritual things.

The prophets of past days have seen ahead and most of what was prophesied has come to pass. These conditions have been shown them in the form of visions and dreams, and they actually see the conditions which may one day come to pass. The sight is not only of what is ahead but also of those incarnate spirits that through God's Will and not man's are able to manifest to those able to discern. They see the one gone before as he was and is known, be he one who lived a righteous life while on the earthly journey or one who was ignorant or wayward.

Divers kinds of tongues may be heard out of the stillness of the night or may be heard through human organs, but are the thoughts of those gone before vibrating upon the mortal ear. Not that the incarnate spirit is seen, but the hearing nevertheless does find itself registered. Reading and interpreting symbols and writing brought by the spirit loved ones is another gift deserving of more understanding.

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SPIRIT COMMUNION

By Geraldine Wood

THE CHRISTIAN knows spirit communion as prayer. He believes God hears him, and hearing, answers. He is taught by his Bible, his book of spiritual philosophy, not to pray for material things, because these he can secure by his own efforts. We, like the Christian, believe in prayer, and, like the Christian, we do not believe in praying for that which we can secure by our own efforts. So we pray for spiritual understanding and enlightenment lest we fall into error. We pray for divine guidance because we realize our frailty.

Today, we are fully developed spirits on the human plane. We hear the voices of our friends, we see their faces, and we sometimes ask them for aid. Tomorrow, we shall be fully developed spirits on the spirit side of life. Even now, if we develop psychically, we may hear the voices and see the faces upon the other side, and may even, while we are still in the body, ask them for aid and guidance. Today, these spirit faces and voices seem internal because they are not discerned by the outer senses, but tomorrow, they will be seen and heard without, even as we see and hear our physical friends of today.

We are all such children that "we see as through a glass darkly, but then face to face." We can not wait for death. We must know all about spirit life now. We are like people contemplating a trip, and we say, "The passage across will be disagreeable, but I have heard from others who have been there that it is a wonderful country we are going to, and I am glad." Some spirits are so advanced that they can read our thoughts, and, coming to us through a medium, tell us about them. If we have a serious question in our minds they will come and try to answer it for us. This is like an answer to prayer, for in this way we are reached from the spirit side of life. Then, if the medium makes mistakes we are all very much disappointed.

Prayer is the expression of the soul's sincere desire. Tell me what you pray for and I will tell you what you are. Sincere prayers are heard, and if we are in serious need, high spirit loved ones will come to aid us even as you would aid your son or your daughter.

These messengers of God, "angels," as they are called in the various sacred books, aid us according to our needs. At first these needs are merely human and may be supplied by those about us. But later on soul needs arise, and other than human agencies enter our lives. Then we need a spiritual ministry; and, as at first, when we were human babes, our wants were few and simple, so, at first, our spiritual wants are few and simple, but some of us are very hungry babes and demand a great deal of attention. We desire the "strong meat" prepared for those of more mature growth.

This ministry to souls is a divine ministry, for every soul is a miniature God in the flesh, even as Jesus was. And because we are divine we are capable of infinite development. But just now we are spiritual babes whose habitat is the mortal flesh, and because we are babes, we reach out in our weakness and longing and cry out for aid and spiritual enlightenment, and get some.

Here it is well to call attention to the two kinds of development which pertain to the spirit. There is the development of spirit sight and hearing, clairvoyance and clairsaudience, but this has nothing to do with that higher development of the soul which we term spiritual development. We see and

hear now on the physical plane, but many of us are not spiritual. So we may both see and hear on the spirit side and be no wiser or more spiritual save as we use these faculties for spiritual advancement. This is well illustrated by the fact that some mediums lack morality. Yet he who possesses these gifts of the spirit is doubly responsible for the use he makes of them, for the possession of these gifts renders him eligible for the position of heavenly ambassador to men. Woe be unto him who, accepting, is found unworthy of so sacred a mission.

Let us think often of those thousands of people who wait today like sheep without a shepherd for some satisfactory explanation of spirit return, and of what it may mean to humanity. The fields are white today for the harvest, but the reapers are few. Some of us are human reapers and some of us are on the spirit side where we can come very close and tell you all this.

OVER THERE

By Wm. J. Bryan, M.D.

(Impressional Writer and Author)



H THE joyful news of the good days coming when all humanity will rejoice over the knowledge that life eternal is for all, and that whomsoever will may come to the spirit-world with character ennobled by the record of loving service to others while on earth!

So the glad tidings, for one and all, are to be accepted and acted on with faith, earnestness and sincerity.

All mankind is now in the process of an awakening from the error over spirit-life and life in the spheres-of-progress Over There.

To all will be made plain, sooner or later, that good deeds certainly count to our credit, while evil deeds are punishable and are really punished (by remorse) fully threefold. Conscience is carried with us to the spirit-life and it is an accuser to all who believe it now, or not.

Just reason, and understand, that life does not cease when the mortal remains are deposited in the cemetery. No! One survives the earth-life, and passes on, with the spirit body, and the intelligence and memory intact—and even intensified—after parting from the physical body.

So it is both scientific and reasonable for advanced and righteous spirits to come to us with their messages of hope and their knowledge of life as they find it Over There.

We acknowledge the presence of our spirit ones, and we bless and pray for their continual progress toward a perfection that is found in divinity.

I see in American life today symptoms of degeneracy. Some are sowing the wind and they will reap the whirlwind. Many are descending to the depths and many lives are ruined. Desire for certain pleasures brings naught but disappointment and trouble. Many homes are destroyed. They that break God's righteous Law sooner or later suffer the consequences. Sin brings failure and despair and righteousness brings happiness and exceeding great reward. An old proverb runs thus: "Sow an act and we reap a habit; sow a habit and we reap a character; sow a character and we reap a destiny." Also Jesus said, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Heaven and hell are symbolic terms meaning the conditions which follow a certain course of conduct.

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Vacation

TO OUR subscribers and friends we wish much happiness and contentment, and also a million thoughts worth while. Many of you are traveling in parts for rest and recreation, and somehow we feel you would like to have the message of THE TRUE LIGHT reach you.

May you all enjoy your vacation, be it spent at home or abroad. All need rest and recreation from the daily routine of this mortal life. Most assuredly the Board of Editors will want to see all enjoy life and that it is one of usefulness.

We dare to make a suggestion, businesslike though it may seem.

It occurs to us that you might be very helpful to us, and one of those ways is this. You have many friends who would enjoy a periodical of this kind—people who are not too good to smile, and who are not afraid of the whole truth, plainly spoken, on matters spiritual. Kindly send us the addresses of such friends. We will mail them sample copies while they last. In this way you may do them a good turn. Indeed, we know that it will be a good turn. Ask them to read it over carefully, then ask them to subscribe.

In these pages we do not preach; we tell the whole truth, and there is a vast difference. Our periodical is not large, but its contents are of tremendous value. There are many great points and very serious subjects still to be dealt with, such as spirit transition, reincarnation, birth control, obsession, and others. We await your good will.

Looking Ahead

TOO MANY are living in the past, are looking back instead of looking ahead, living for the future—a finer, greater, more brilliant future. Men and women of intelligence are realizing this more and more every day. Not only are they looking ahead with a new vision, but are giving their unstinted support that others might do likewise.

We read that Lot's wife looked back and in consequence was changed into a pillar of salt. Very strange, and rather unusual, for it is the only time it ever happened in history. So say the theologians and the speculators.

It was not an unusual event. Nearly everybody has been doing it right along. The human race is constantly looking back, but time is when that symbol of the pillar of salt must needs be interpreted. Do not imitate Lot's wife. Look forward. Therein you will find the secret.

The Message of Spiritualism

THE TRUTH about spirit manifestation or spirit return is becoming apparent in many ways that augurs wondrous results. People are talking about it, the great dailies are printing the news about Spiritualism, large groups are forming for more enlightenment on the subject, the theologians and their followers are beginning to think more openly, the movies find the demand is increasing for psychical experiences, and, sad but true, the cartoonist is mocking it, still with all the harm he is accumulating for his own spirit self, he is helping to drive home points that might not otherwise be as well understood as through his funny caricatures.

There are mediums, lecturers, books and magazines that appear in support of the movement, but are lacking unity and organization. Some are well able to prove most of the philosophy of Spiritualism while others are not so able but who are better versed in its material phenomena. All, however, are stepping stones to that which is higher and lies beyond the portals of man.

Every truthseeker will find what he seeks after. To depend on the findings of another is not to be wholly recommended. Work each phase out to your own individual satisfaction, guided, of course, by the experiences of those who began their searching or kept at it longer, than yourself. Be not alarmed, neither become impatient. Many scientists and professional men have pioneered the way. The ancients and Jewish Prophets have left an heritage not

to be overlooked. Spiritualism is here, always was and always will be, regardless of its name, past, present or future. If properly looked into and properly dispensed, the reward is yours to all eternity. We do warn, however, that you separate the chaff from the wheat.

Book Recommendations

FROM ONE of our worthy contributors comes the suggestion that we advocate to our readers two very instructive books, which are, "Through the Mists," by James Lees (Rider & Co., London), and Dr. Wickland's "Thirty Years Among the Dead." While widely different, they give a more accurate description of what lies beyond the portals of so-called death than any other book read by our informant, and who has been able to verify most of that written about.

Lovers of good books will find interesting reading in "What Spiritualism Really Is," by Carlyle and Bryan. It is full of aspirational and spiritual thoughts. It is called the Spirit Book and already is reported as meeting with good demand.

Below is a partial list of books we have for sale and which we recommend to our readers and friends. All items are sent carriage charges prepaid and our terms are cash with each order.

HEALTH AND ATTAINMENT THROUGH COSMIC VIBRATIONS, by Llewellyn George, bound in silk cloth, \$1.50, and \$1.00 for durable paper cover.

PLANETARY DAILY GUIDE FOR ALL is the Moon's Sign Book (annual), Llewellyn George, \$1.00.

WHO'S WHO IN OCCULTISM, NEW THOUGHT, PSYCHISM AND SPIRITUALISM, by William C. Hartmann, \$5.00.

WHAT SPIRITUALISM REALLY IS, by Carlyle and Bryan, bound in cloth and illustrated, \$2.00.

J. C. F. Grumbine's books: "CLAIRVOYANCE, cloth, \$1.75; paper, 80c. PSYCHOMETRY, 80c. SPIRIT WORLD—WHERE AND WHAT IT IS, 55c. TELEPATHY—ITS SCIENCE, 80c.

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Houdini

IT WAS indeed a privilege to be present at a Spiritual seance conducted by a Trance Medium and associates and to which gathering came the spirit loved one Houdini. Words cannot portray the lamentations his spirit confessed. Those with whom he communed tried to give solace, but it seemed his spirit is very greatly troubled.

In the hope that he could bring about a release from the conditions by which bound, he was asked for the secret code claimed to be hidden in a vault, the exposure of which will bring a monetary reward. The moments between the question and the answer indicated quite impressively that his spirit thoughts were not how much good might be done with the reward of money as that it might be how much good would come out of the message if proclaimed to the real Truthseekers. His answer was taken down by a stenographer who also was present, and follows:

"Am held in bondage that I can not reveal a condition I had planned. I have been searching and calling to that Father and He has said, 'You have denied the truth. You have denied that the Spirit, God's Spirit had sent forth many conditions to you.' I must undo them and that is what I must undo now, my dear brother. Well for me if I could give you that message, but my spirit is sealed until a certain length of time. THEN I WILL RETURN HERE AND FROM THIS SOURCE OUT I WILL REVEAL WHAT IS IN THAT PLACE. Houdini was once a man but he turned a coward to man. Harry Weiss."

Our best thoughts go out to him. It is our earnest hope that his spirit soon again shall come and with it the message that may free millions from a bondage that in no other wise could as well be accomplished. He was the man who did untold harm in denying spirit existence or spirit manifestation, now let his spirit self undo it by giving the answer.

Change of Address

BE SURE to notify us promptly when you change your address. If you fail to do this you will not receive your copy of this magazine, as it is against the rules of the Post Office to forward to the new address as it does in the case of letters. It also adds to the cost of publishing when we have to pay return postage on unclaimed matter.

Prohibition

SOMEONE has asked us where we stand on the Prohibition matter. Frankly, we are very glad that the saloon is gone, and our next great hope on this matter is to see no more drunkenness and no more debauchery.

Thoughts

ACCORDING to certain branches of medical science, most things that appeared dangerous ten years ago are perfectly safe today.

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The average moral reform is an attempt to screw down tight the social safety valve so that the entire engine may blow up after a while.

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Today you may wish you were dead. Tomorrow, possibly, you may give thanks that you did not die the day before.

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The use of by-words, profanity or ugly terms is always indicative of mental weakness. And the practice leads to more mental weakness.

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What has become of the wave of civic reform that swept over the American cities several years ago? It is about time to start another wave. We know what will happen to that nation that no longer gives heed to the vision.

ABIDE WITH ME

ABIDE with me Thou perfect One,
And guide me on my way.
The night is dark, the way is long,
Abide with me I pray.
Thy holy light my path will clear
And drive away all fears,
Thy loving presence comfort me
And wipe away all tears.

By MARY E. FLANDERS.

LIGHT

I COME for the poor in spirit,
I come for the rich in gold,
I come, and who will inspirit
The man who believes in gold?

I go to those who inherit
The seed of the poor in gold;
I go to those who can merit
The deed that they reaped in gold.

I come for the great in spirit,
I come for the great in gold;
I come, and who will inspirit
The world that shall lose its gold?

I go to those who inherit
The need of the rich in gold;
I go to those who can merit
The deed that they heaped with gold.
By GENE HOMER.

GREETINGS

AS the breath of the roses I am wafted in here,
My message to send to loved ones dear;
I have come so often to stand by your side,
For I see the door is open so wide.

I lovingly pat the dear cheek I love,
I catch the sweet thoughts sent to me above;
I stand and I knock, and the table I tap,
Things I move, rustle the papers on your lap.

Ah, are you smiling, dear husband of mine?
Do you not think I am doing fine?
So often I stand and gaze all around
As I come in the home, where happiness
abound.

The center of home is a woman's care
Of her loved ones, and indeed 'tis not rare,
For Jenny to serve as once I did
In capacity of mother, wife and sweetheart.

Is it not sweet, dear daughter of mine,
To be happy in all that it means to live,
To serve and bless as ever we are lead
By God's hand, to be thankful for our daily
bread?

'Tis much I would like to leave with you to-
day,
To both my loved ones as I come over the
way;
For I bring great blessings from the Hand of
God,
And drop it into your lap, a perfect gift.

Of loving thought, a jewel rare and beautiful,
Enshrined in the realm of soul, garnished with
sunshine,
God's blessing so fair, comes in ever-widening
rays of light—
I come, an angel messenger bright, farewell.
Received from Jennie Smith, in spirit life,
to her husband and daughter here.

A RESOLUTION

WHEN darkest clouds surround me,
And nothing seems worth while,
I'll do my best to stand the test,
And, manlike, wear a smile.

For what's the use o' wishing
That death could be my goal,
When life's severest struggle
Cannot obscure the soul.

And so, through life I'll wander,
Through sunshine and through rain,
For God's behind each cloud I find,
To bring me hope again.

REV. RICHARD WARD.

LIFE

MAY the tiny tendrils of love,
In a sparkling spray from above,
Spread o'er you in glorious array,
As you greet the new-born day.

A new-born day of hope,
Of ambitions yet unattained;
May life it's grandest treasure
To you unfold in fullest measure.

And at the end of the trail,
When heart and pulse-beats are slow,
May you have opened life's book,
With the golden key of the soul.
By LOUISA RIEMVIS.

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LIFE

Through the Mediumship of L. Barit

THE PLEASANT way of the God-given road is the knowledge of good well done, not of acclaim for the good done; but for the heart that knows God's peacefulness and blessing that comes from a deed well done.

So, my brethren, hear me again, go out into the highways and byways of the world, *proclaim* that which has been o'er-charged with words n'er plain and uncover the *words* spoken by the voice in the wilderness; not *one*, but *all* are saved; not *one*, but *all* know the Love of the Father; not *one*, but *all* have the seed of knowledge in their hearts, if they can only forget their own greatness, and be led.

Not *one*, but *all* share in the inheritance of salvation, that may not now or ever have been given for the asking by human word or hand, but now as ever must be worked for by the individual. So good thoughts superceded evil thoughts and deeds. Kindly deeds and thoughts will build a more favorable "Wall of Light" to raise "The Clouded Way" and open, in the end, the eyes of the many.

Will it ever come to pass? is the question one generation asks another, and the answer lies in the favorable ground that the seed has been planted in. If the seed be watered, carefully tended, taking the tares from its rooting, there arises again to Heaven as incense the "odor of sanctity" that is ever missing when man becomes the prominent ego, forgetting God. God, the real wisdom of life; God, the Father who forgets naught, but forgives much to him who tries seriously to master the way and God's Law which is universal. How long? asked the scribes of old, and covered their heads with their scawls, awaiting the answer which was not forthcoming. Why? For God has given us the earth, and all therein, thereon, as ours if by *our efforts* we have courage and determination to keep them. So with Love for all Mankind, no matter what their mental states are, real love that asks not for the return of same, but gives ungrudgingly to his neighbor of that which he knows and fearlessly goes on with it, not stopping even when the recipient oftentimes seems most unworthy. For, what mortal eyes see is only the thin outer covering, but the naked soul, with all its attained quiet, is what the Father in Heaven sees.

So to those who are likewise asking, How Long? The answer must needs be the same. When you may dwell together in love without jealousy then will the "Kingdom of God" be manifested on this, your "Earth," and the children of men again come into their true heritage of Love, not hate. Open then the "Gate of Truth," O, those of you who already see one glimmer of the seen, to all those unseeing, unthinking, unloving, unprepared in every way humankind, and bid *them* come close and share in the blessing of the knowledge of *real* love, of *real* life that is and always will be, Eternal Life, the satisfying, the all-embracing life that heals all wounds, that carries with it its Divine blessedness of reunion with loved ones beyond that thin veil whose very flimsiness they, the blind ones, know nothing about. Give, Give, Give, so that in turn the *worker*

in the "Garden of Contemplating" may bring the flower of your prayer into the Holy of Holies and return to you God's Peace, the perfected answer to true Prayer.

The quest of Life, oh idle words, when it be only the quest of self. Love of Life is ever inherent in the minds and hearts of men; but, in the heart and mind of the Supreme is only love for *mankind*. To all the commands ever written, added to them time and place, give due consideration and take heed lest your minds be overshadowed with scorn, and so your eyes read in *only* mortal truths. Give a breath of quiet contemplation to the facts presented, then strip off the overlaid man-made rulings, and see emerge Truth Supreme.

Since Man is Man and must needs be led, so God has at all times appointed Spiritual Leaders from among them to give the pure and unadulterated meaning to His Selfsame Teaching, "Love the Ruling Power." Of what avail is worship? When it comes not from the well-spring of the *Soul*. What is Man? has oftentimes been asked of many by many. Man is the expression of the God Principle of Love, never-ending, inexhaustible, uncontrollable by man, "God's safeguard." Man is a God *embryo*, a bud placed on the Tree of Life, on which Tree through various progressions are grafted slowly, to be sure, the branches of knowledge of varied kinds and the True Wisdom of *All Ages*. For, think you that the Divine Source would place that bud and then send the Winds of Adversity to demolish it if it were not that the *True Man* at his *True Growth* is the product of All-Wisdom, and as he withstands the onslaughts of the Winds of Adversity, so does his *soul* grow, it either becomes bigger and therefore better, or it becomes dwarfed and therefore the worse for the Winds of Adversity. Man's body comes of dust and in the end returns to its component parts, dust, but as these "parts" become more infilled with the will to do, they take on the greater life-giving properties which free it, and leads to the opening of the mind.

Mind in its awakening has many lessons to learn and also to *unlearn*. When mind, at last awakened to the call of Reason, and throws off its sluggishness and lets the pure power of love light it and sustain its reasoning, then is beginning to evolve the *Man* that God *wants*.

So to that struggling mind, beset by doubts, and still more doubts, is sent one who is strong, but not one who will condole or condone, but who will make reason unwrap and straighten for the mind its doubts.

Wrestling with the Angels is as prevalent today as it was centuries ago. Those who are coming in direct contact with earthly vibrations are rejoicing in the questionings, the delving for Truth, but with all minds the kernel of Truth is ever different, and so no set ruling may be stated, but just as truly as seasons change, just so surely will minds, honestly groping, be satisfied in time and every need of every creature assured a hearing.

When the mind of man, therefore, has become alert, and the soul begins to strive for its awakening, the picture becomes intensified and the Light of Dawn begins. When one is a child, childish things are all that are wanted or needed, and so with the awakening soul, small things, glimpses of spirituality are all that is needed to bring joy and keep that soul on its way, but were that all, the Soul-power would soon become self-satisfied and self-satisfaction is the *surest way* to kill spirituality.

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Newer and better ways are shown, knowledge is the open road to better soul advancement. All that is needed, then, is a mind actively attuned to that which is going on, the willingness to help those we come in contact with, to keep them climbing, not making the errors we have just passed over or avoided, and materially pointing to the fact that Spirit is Everlasting, Ever-Progressing, Ever-Helping until it too attains God's Way. Masters and Maids, Mistresses and Maids of Everlasting Love enclose all the "Ways" to the different planes of Endeavor. Eyes should be opened by those who do know, to the fact that every action, every thought, every word is indelibly written and must be made right when the Earth Life

is over. Each soul has many rules to overcome. Each heart has much sorrow that it has borne to be erased, but also each heart has much sorrow caused to others that it through itself must undo.

So as you journey through Life "Say Your 'Say'" about that which you know, give comfort to the sorrowing ones and follow the True Word of God which is imbedded deep within you and never dies.

You are the dearly beloved child of God just as much as was the "Nazarene." You are the spirit of righteousness, just as was "Moses." All in One, One in All, God-consciousness and Love of One Another.

THE GOD-MAN HIMSELF A CREATOR

By Alcinous B. Jamison, M.D.

FROM the dawn of civilization to the present time, God-man has been a mental dependent, morally and spiritually, an inheritance from his long line of forebears.

It demonstrates how animal instincts and habits of mind prevailing through thousands of years may be transmitted from one generation to another of all the various species of mortal, living things. In truth, God-man is no exception as long as the instinct of his animal nature dominates his conduct, as shown by his present state of mental evolution.

The moral and spiritual consciousness of his ancient ancestors serves him now in feeling, thought, will and conduct, without any higher concept of his nature. It could not be otherwise, as he is still under the guidance of his animal propensities, as evidenced by the limitation of his perception by the use of his animalistic senses.

Naturally, such a person would combat vehemently any higher spiritual realizations and demonstrations on the part of beings who use their more highly developed powers. Both the vocal and the written utterances or the phenomena of any being indicate the plane of consciousness to which such being has evolved.

Through racial or national environment, the thought, feeling and will of God-man has long been mummified or imprisoned, as they became devotees of some one of the forty-seven Gods, or of some one of the so-called Saviors; or to one of the twenty-six books or Bibles.

It follows that all the God-men of the earth are still incarcerated in the tomb of their ancestors' beliefs, repeating their old, old story, ever new to them, until their mental emancipation occurs—"sometime, somewhere"—on their progress toward their immortal destiny.

Just think of the 1,600,000,000 of mummified Gods of this earth today called men, who might more justly be named parrots, repeating the old formulae handed down by their ancestors!

Naturally, the followers of this ancient, popular custom of the Gods of the earth must designate by a dignified name those whom they employ to dwell mentally in the tombs of their primitive deities, so called them theologians, pastors, ministers,

reverends, etc., and quite properly so, as they derived comfort from their ministry. Think of the outstretched hands from the mental tombs of Gods, Saviors and Holy Beings during the past two or five thousand years, still counselling this generation of God-men!

Mental self-imprisonment in some ancestral tomb of belief robs the God-men of today of their liberty to feel, think, will and create as they would otherwise be able to do through the innate laws of their being!

The first chapter of Genesis has so indelibly stamped its ideas upon the minds of God-man of today that a corporal God created the world and man, even walking and talking with him, that it will require five thousand or more years for God-man to realize that he himself is a creator of his own microcosm, as well as being a factor and recipient in the creation of this world.

Primitive God-man found himself a biped animal, living an ambrosial life among all other mortal, living things upon the barren earth, and as his thoughts, feelings and will evolved, he directed his creative ability to transform the surface and interior of the earth and used the waters thereof for navigation. At the present time God-man is amazed at the progress of his mechanical, creative ability. Yet he also begins to realize that these past creative results have only laid the foundation for much more astonishing wonders of his creative ability.

Comparatively speaking, it is not so very long ago that a God-Man who dared to think, feel and create anything new, was obliged to recant or be put to death. But the potential urge and evolution of God-man slowly gained political freedom and, in due time, gained also some theological freedom from the dogmas of his ancestors, permitting him to transform the earth into a fit habitation for his evolving consciousness.

His final Gethsemane is close at hand, through evolved thought, feeling, will and creative power, enabling him to liberate himself from the trammels of theology, to be at liberty to express his God-self with full power to follow the dictates of his divine nature.

Thus there will emerge a spiritual, moral, religious, philosophical and God-like being, freed from all mediaeval mental luggage of belief, faith, prayer, worship and hope, entering a state of actual knowledge, where he can truthfully say that he knows the plan, purpose and duty of his being and its destiny here in both the mortal and the discarnate manifestations of being.

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LIFE'S DIVINE PATTERN

By Louisa Riemvis

IN THE shadowland of human souls, where the weaknesses of human nature show up clearly against a background of gray mist, we come in close touch with reality; for in the shifting sidelights we get many gleams of variegated colorings. We are all familiar with the darker shades of life, the grays and blacks being mostly in evidence, suggesting many of life's pitfalls and vicissitudes, but through it all gleams the faint thread of gold in its finer tracery of pattern, and we may discern it through the darkest mist; showing us that somewhere, outside of all things, way out in the background of life lies the unknown, the unexplored.

This golden thread interwoven through and penetrating the darker shades suggests an unknown beauty in its glorious pattern. It is the most powerful activating force in nature for the upliftment in a constructive way for all humanity. The shuttle of life, weaving in and out continuously, is daily forming and reforming, building and rebuilding the old for the new, patterning after divine perfection.

When the shuttle of life ceases and death of the mortal form ensues, we may look over our life's completed fabric and note the golden thread has formed a beautiful pattern over many a ragged edge, many a bitter experience that we have had to pass through.

It is only after we have passed through the rebirth into spirit life that we can look back in retrospection and tenderness and feel thankful that all was as it was. The bitter and the sweet, the joy and the sorrow; for is not one the counterbalance of the other?

We can then in the promoted life begin to remould the soul's pattern to a more perfect ideal, drawing nearer by suc-

cessive steps to the divine. For the rebirth into spirit life gives us a more wider vision and a broader understanding; gives us a chance to rectify the mistakes of the flesh, or earth life. As we grow into a fuller knowledge our souls bathe in the reflecting radiant splendor of God. Each rebirth in spirit is a stepping stone to a more advanced state, but always the golden thread gleams brighter and brighter as we advance in progression, tracing God's divine pattern in our souls. Always are we guided by its bright rays, until we reach the state of complete mastership. But that, my friends, is as far as we can explain to you at this time, for your finite understanding could not comprehend the Infinite. Sufficient for all to know that God is the golden thread that traces its beautiful pattern in our souls, that leads us up and out on the road to Eternity.

Its golden light casts its reflected glow before us, its glorious radiance reflected within us.

In the corridors of Time, at the shrine of Almighty God, our souls are wedded in a holy and perfect union, "for I and my Father are One, and we twain shall never be parted," and thus we kneel at the holy shrine of God in silent gratitude and love, the crown of eternal life is bestowed upon us; "bride and groom" decked in luminous splendor, supreme happiness stamped upon noble brow, steps over the threshold of immortal life.

The wide vista of great beauty beckons us onward, the gate of eternity swings open where a vision of indescribable beauty meets our enraptured gaze.

The union of the soul with the great Divine has merged into One, the Father has become glorified in the Son, and the Son in the Father.

Thus we of the mortal plane may get glimpses into the Hereafter, the eternal heritage of the soul!

AT HOME

AS THE tourist or traveler meets with pleasant experiences, some discomfort, and fills his memory with a storehouse of experiences, he is glad to reach home again, to see the faces of relatives and friends, and to think over his wanderings to bring his chain of incidents afresh on memory's vision.

As a parallel to this vision, considering that all of us are travelers along life's highway, meeting with ups-and-downs, but always with a heart's desire full of yearning for heaven, whence home, sweet home, in the home, we came, from soul-points to mortals in embryonic stage—conception, quickening, birth, maturity and—transition—the short walk across the border line of the here, to the eternal hereafter.

Our great Shakespeare evidently made a mistake when he likened heaven (the final abode of all) to an undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns. When one becomes an inhabitant of that so-called undiscovered country, almost his first desire is to make a gliding trip (angels have no wings to fly; they glide), to just see how the old homestead and the folks look.

We will let the reader imagine the surprises, disappointments and changes that the spirit one experiences on his first and subsequent gliding trips to earth. We mortals have "eyes

that see not" the spirits, and "ears have we that hear not" their earnest efforts to be recognized as spirit ones, alive, not dead, as the mourners imagine.

It certainly behooves us mortals to learn something about spirit-return and mediumship, so that we may meet our spirit ones half-way, as it would help them to progress and it would enable us to be more prepared for so-called death and all that follows.

Homesickness is a disease that gnaws at our most vital sensibilities—as everyone has had this longing for home.

Just imagine the despair that must come over a spirit who returns to the old place at home to find the occupants out in some cemetery grieving over the individual who is not in that grave, and never was there!

Some very appalling mistakes are made by us mortals when we turn a deaf ear to the fact of spirit-return, perhaps in scorn, ridicule, or swayed by the false ecclesiastical teachings of the age of treason to truth!

On the other hand, Oh, what a relief to believe and to know from facts of proven knowledge that those who have gone before us are just beyond, Over There, alive and waiting for us to join them when our allotted time on earth shall have been filled, and we, in turn, step over into the "undiscovered country" called heaven.

C. O. G.

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PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

Lesson VIII

BEGIN lesson with prayer used to open the last lesson. Sing one verse of "Abide With Me." If the last lesson and the succeeding evenings were successful, the pupils saw some unusual things within their own souls. They plumbed the depths of selfness, and saw much to surprise them in the evil tendencies of mortals. But to learn the limitations of self is a step in the right direction, and now we are prepared to effect an elimination of the undesirable tendencies of our ego. We will not sit before the mirror this evening, or during the next three weeks until the next lesson is given, but instead, let us face toward a plain surface, in subdued light, having relaxed, submit to the spirit teachers whose presence should be distinctly felt.

Name all objects shown clairvoyantly, and ask for an explanation of same, but do not attempt to use every object registered by your clairvoyant vision as a symbol of personal interest, nor expect every object to be intended as identification of a given purpose. Many things are seen that are not shown. What the spirit friends show us as symbols are not the only things seen by clairvoyants, but are due to the penetration of the pupil into an area beyond objective vision, and are as independent of spirits as the views enjoyed during a tour of the country.

To expect to understand or explain all such phenomena would be just as absurd as to attempt an explanation of all the scenery upon a journey. Only the direct or distinct phenomena should receive notice, and that should be understood as nearly as possible under the direction of the Master spirit or teachers. Be as receptive as possible, and hold an humble attitude toward the Masters, for they are so superior to mortal that to feel like taking a liberty with them would very naturally drive them away from one, and in their place there would come the less advanced spirits, who frequently mistake conditions of earth-life, in much the same manner as do mortals, giving false impressions or wrong interpretations of time, place, and personality. Such are the spirits that govern illiterate and commercial mediums, encouraging them in trying to advance so-called information to persons seeking enlightenment that is not borne out in experience.

Do not ask pertinent questions of the Masters, but allow them to direct the demonstrations according to their knowledge of Natural Law, and never seek to penetrate the veil too far, lest false interests are involved, and again the less advanced spirit steps in and gives unfounded impressions of the BEYOND. Many a medium has ruined a brilliant future by indiscretion, and many have been the unlikely descriptions of the spirit realms and weird stories given out as having come to the recipient from spirit. But surely if they did come from spirit, they were creations of the spirit's imagination, the same as they probably told when in earth-life, and no more authentic than the old yarns with which they awed many a party of friends.

One must avoid the improbable, as well as the impossible, even when in communication with spirit friends. All are not Masters, but the Masters can be cultivated. Ask for Truth, and you will receive the Truth if you have made conditions favorable for the advanced spirits. Close with prayer as last lesson.

(Letters from members of our Psychic Class will be welcomed.)

SPIRITUGRAMS—No. 14

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

1. I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me.
2. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.
3. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
4. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
5. I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
6. The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous.
7. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.
8. He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: His word runneth very swiftly.
9. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
10. Save thy people and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 13 follows: Psalms 124:8, 123:2, 107:43, 111:2, 112:4, 147:14, 146:3, 140:3, 105:4, and 136:26 respectively.

OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

IT IS WITH mixed feelings that we read and hear the plea that one should pray for the dead. Now just what does that mean? To this Observer it is about as stupid a thing to do as to go before an image and pray to it. If any good could come out of it our support would be unqualified. Instead, we give our support to those who pray for themselves and for the living, be they in body or out of body. Do it freely and be permitted freely to do it, is our hope along with the thought that each one should do his or her own praying and not ask another to do it for self.

KNOCKER OR BOOSTER

THE CHRISTIAN, the Jew, the White, the Colored, Priest, Minister, Rabbi and Medium will criticise each other with a bitterness that is causing them to drift further from God and from true brotherhood. What grieves us about such actions is that Mediums, who in this very day and hour are the mainstay of TRUTH, do criticise each other even before they know each other in person and in action or intention. It is all due to jealousy and to greed. Every mortal has the right to God's gifts, and none are doing right by those talents given them if they idle their time and effort to pull another down, and with it go down to self defeat, from which recovery is doubly hard. Take lesson from the life's earthly journey as exemplified by the Man of nearly two thousand years ago.

Instead of gossiping and listening to gossip, seek the truth. The fact is that gossip is about one per cent true and that one per cent is so twisted out of shape that it looks entirely different from what really is. No one loves the knocker, though it may seem so for a time. It is the booster that deserves and receives the praise, though it may seem slow in coming. After all, anyone can tell the difference if only he will use the gray matter in the upper section of his earthly structure.

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

"AMOS"

THIS month we are presenting a group of "Uncle Amos" poems. As perhaps you have already found out for yourself, "Amos," writing for the grown ups, just naturally becomes "Uncle Amos" when his talents are used for the children.

To know who "Amos" is may not be half as interesting as it is to know just how he came to chose this particular pseudonym. "Amos" has spent most of his adult years as a salesman. Some years ago, when studying the minor prophets, he discovered that Amos, the herdsman of Tekoa, had lived a life pretty much like his own, going from place to place with his wares and jotting down the things that he thought ought to be of interest to his fellow men.

It was natural that Amos should become his favorite among the prophets, for they had many things in common. Then one day the present-day "Amos" was toying with his signature, and as he tried to pronounce it just as it looked and sounded he was pleased to note how closely it resembled the name of the man who had passed on with his herds so long ago. That day he began to use the pseudonym by which we know him.

THE TOYMAKERS

(To the makers of happiness round the world, co-workers with Him Who said: Suffer Little Children To Come Unto Me, And Forbid Them Not, For Of Such Is The Kingdom Of God.)

IN A wonderful land of toys,
Set apart for our girls and boys,
Are the kindest sort of men
Living over their lives again.

Though their bodies are old and bent,
They have hearts full of youth unspent;
So they fondly recall each day
When to live meant to laugh and play.

From the dreams of these happy days,
Then are gather'd the brightest rays,
And, along with their greatest joys,
They are scatter'd throughout the toys.

If you listen, you'll hear their song
As they quietly toil along,
And the hum will be soft and low,
For it comes from the long ago.
By UNCLE AMOS.

FIDGETY

"I AM so fidgety, what shall I do?"
Eyes mischievous have looked you
through and through;
'Tis all so very plain, the word is new,
And he awaited its effect on you.

All day this active mind, just lately four,
Works with its newest find and turns it o'er.
It must be rightly placed or used no more
Until he's satisfied upon that score.

The dinner gong has sent its notes afar;
The dulling knife does little more than mar
A baffling bird. Suspense, then tragic jar:
"Oh, daddy dear, how fidgety you are!"

By UNCLE AMOS.

BEADS

ON THE liveliest of crossings,
In the busiest of towns,
Stood the loveliest of ladies,
With the sorriest of frowns.

At her feet upon the pavement
Lay a scattered string of beads,
Which had loomed a hopeless problem,
Till a Scout had sensed her needs.

True, the traffic cop was nettled,
As he saw congestion grow,
Still, in deference to the lady,
He withheld the right to go.

So between them boy and woman
Picked up every single bead,
While the traffic piled up deeper,
Unaware of cause or deed.

Then the lady, thanking sweetly,
Said, "I'm glad it could be done,
For my little grandson gave them,
And I couldn't lose a one."

To her courteous young helper
Next, a gracious, "I thank you."
And the cop was beaming kindly
As the traffic flowed anew.
By UNCLE AMOS.

ALFIE'S NURSE MAID AT THE ZOO

LITTLE Alfie's nurse maid,
Pretty Kitty Kincaid,
Quite unlike a nursemaid,
Went a'walking in the zoo.

She had on her best clothes,
Feathered hat and silk hose,
Think of that, her best clothes,
What a funny thing to do!

Lion, spying nurse maid,
Shook his mane and then said:
"Wonder what a lone maid
Can be wanting at the zoo?"

Said she to the lion:
"Wish you had a tie on,
For I like a lion
When he's just as nice as you."

Tiger asked the nurse maid,
If it really had paid
For a lonely nurse maid
To be wand'ring in the zoo.

Then she told the tiger,
Standing close beside her:
"Surely, for a tiger
Likes to look at beauty too."

Monkey called to nurse maid,
Snatching at her green jade:
"What a silly nurse maid
To be dressed up at the zoo!"

Said she to the monkey:
"I must rate a donkey
Higher than a monkey,
For he's not as rude as you."

Lastly, pretty nurse maid,
Coming where the birds played,
Heard them sing: "Oh, nurse maid,
You are queen of all the zoo!"

"Thank you, pretty song birds,
These are kind and strong words,
And because I love birds
I have tried to dress like you."

So, unlike a nurse maid,
Pretty Kitty Kincaid,
Little Alfie's nurse maid,
Spent her day off at the zoo.
By UNCLE AMOS.

THE SEQUEL

POOR MUT, your yellow coat now worn;
By midnight somewhat held in scorn,
Of glory shorn
And quite forlorn,
No wonder then the past you mourn.

Indeed, you once were chief of all;
'Twas when your master was quite small.
He, growing tall,
Has let you fall
Among the things beyond recall.

To think a kitten should displace
A shaggy dog with woolen face.
Come, take a brace!
'Tis no disgrace,
You did your best, long set the pace.

I watch her toss you in the air,
I wonder that her claws don't tear,
Then oddly stare
At her fond care.
She hugs you, licks each straggly hair.

Well, after all, that's not so bad,
And there is much to make one glad;
In Middie's fad
We both have had
Again the feel of cuddling lad.
By UNCLE AMOS.

HOW TO READ POETRY

REMEMBERING that poetry always has rhythm, first read your poem to discover the lilt, not caring much for the meaning; the inmost beauty may be revealed only long after you have learned to love the poem for its cadences, says *The London Daily Express*.

Read quietly, using the lower notes of your speaking voice, not too slowly, and, above all, not sentimentally or with melting sadness. Poetry may be sad or glad. If it is real poetry it will be strong—and strength must be expressed in the voice of the reader.

You may have to read a stanza half a dozen times before you are able to speak it well, but each time you will be a step nearer understanding the spirit of the author.

You will not spoil a poem by knowing more than just enough about it. Beauty has always an inexhaustible enchantment, and every fresh discovery shows that there is something more to be revealed.

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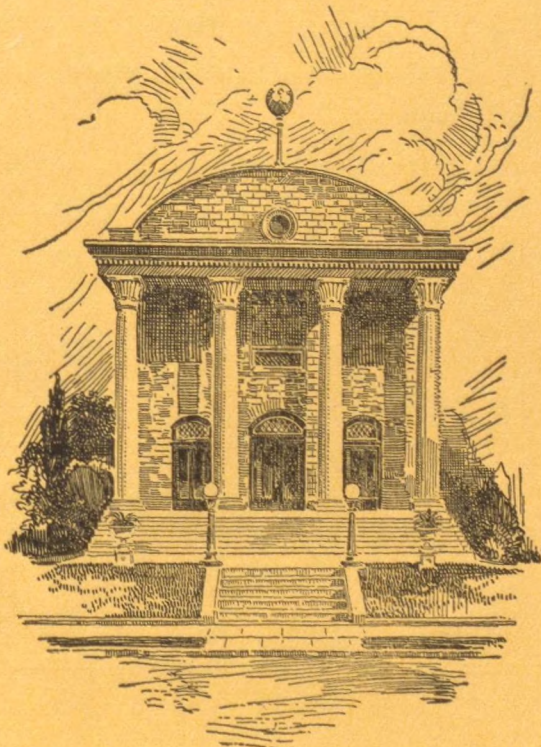
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