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THE LAW OF GOD

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II.

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANYTHING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH. THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM NOR SERVE THEM: FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE ME AND SHOWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

III.

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTLESS THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.

IV.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOR AND DO ALL THY WORK: BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, THOU, NOR THY SON, NOR THY DAUGHTER, THY MAN-SERVANT, NOR THY MAID-SERVANT, NOR THY CATTLE, NOR THY STRANGER THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES: FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, AND RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY: WHEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND HALLOWED IT.

V.

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

VI.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII.

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

IX.

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

X.

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



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Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



OFT has been said in times gone by, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after that which is right for they shall surely be filled." So I would call from one to another. Blessed, I say, are they that want righteousness, that want that which is right, truthful, that which will uplift the spirit, the life, the very soul that surrounds that life. When I say that they are blessed it means that they indeed shall find righteousness and truthfulness and that which is brother-loving. Enlightenment then comes in the very darkened hours, our spirit self reaches forth to that Creator, to that God, to that Father whom we worship.

How often we fail to find the God, find that Supreme Force, until the very darkest hour has drawn us down while here traveling in our material cloaks. Then we will call, "Why has this come to us, why does that God if He is a just God send forth those conditions to us in this hour," and I say, it then is the hour of awakening.

We have wandered up to that time in total darkness. We have only looked at the surface of things. We have only seen what our naked eye showed us, we have not taken any trouble to look into that which would mean so much for us in that dark hour. Yet we will say it is the God that sends forth those tribulations. Again I say, it is not God, the Father, the Supreme Force that sends forth those tribulations. We bring them on ourselves. So we can see how in our narrow way of traveling this earth plane, we bring so much upon our bodies, in thought, in word and in deeds.

Humanity must become more enlightened, reaching out to that Higher Force, reaching out to the God whom they say they worship. But how worship? They worship in vain words, in book form, in all sorts of ways, not reaching spirit to spirit with that Supreme Power. Are you not part of that living God? Why worship then in book form, in all vain words? Call to that father as a child calls to its earthly parent. Call to that Supreme Power in a righteous and truthful way and your calling will be heard. There is never a closed ear with that Jehovah.

You will say, "I have been calling and calling for the last fifty, sixty, yes, seventy years and more, and I have been going to and from my meeting place, my church, to mass, and yet, it seems that all seems to become more darkened in my darkest hour."

Why make the hour dark? Make it light when you know, when you understand that there is a God the Father, that you are a child, that you are part-God yourself. Reach then to Him, spirit to spirit, and you will find that God will hear you and that your pleadings will not be in vain.

Too many things in this material plane come about to draw your attention from the spiritual things, especially to those that are just growing out of childhood days. When I look about I see how many of our mothers and grandmothers who should show us the right way of traveling here are themselves going down and down. They let conditions of this material plane draw them down. That is not reaching to God whom they must sooner or later recognize, to whom they MUST come, to whom they must combine themselves, for they

are part-God, and therefore even the neglected, the cast away, they all must return. Think not that when you have gathered in certain things in this material plane that absolutely no one but yourself knows and understands the things you have either done or you have left undone. When you pat yourself on your shoulder and think you have been rather smart and wise, at that moment there is an All Watching Eye. There is the very spirit part within that bears witness and knows what is done and what is left undone.

Remember, we can all make right those shortcomings that have accumulated into our very beings and that have left us sad and desolate. Reach to that God and that Father will hear you, that Father will embrace you, that Father will call you back to that fold.

We have erred away, we have lost our path, we have forgotten that it is someone who is far mightier than anything in this material plane from whom we have drifted. We have left this One to the very, very last moment, yes, almost till the eyelid of the material body closes forever. Is that right? It is not right.

Recall those beautiful words of the Elder Brother who had so often told to those about Him in those days when He traveled in body, that they are blessed that seek after righteousness. They shall be the ones that shall be able to see their God. They are the ones that will feel the very presence of the Almighty, and they are the ones then that will reach out in that hour and will cleave to that Father as never done before. Think of it!

I bring it to you that you might be able to reach out, to purge out, to throw out those shortcomings that hold you down as a prisoner; that you might be able to loosen those chains and throw them from you and that you might again find your way to the living God. You are part-God and therefore you must stand in righteousness, in truthfulness, in brotherly love, if you want to follow the pathway that the Elder Brother showed before you. Then when you have started on that pathway, you will find how all will be yours, yes, for the very asking. The Father will hear you and in a mysterious way your answer will come. You have been just and you have done right and you shall also reap your reward, not alone hereafter, but here while you are still in body, while you are still traveling in this material plane.

To each one I would call, commune with the Father direct, spirit to spirit. You will find how peace and harmony and that very calmness will remain with you. Then there will come your words, "Thy Will, not mine be done, O Lord." AMEN.

JOHN THE BELOVED.

This brother now in spirit was one of the loyal disciples of the Nazarene and one who followed closely the teachings given him by one whom he loved and was loved by. In his latter days of earthly journey nearly two thousand years ago, he foresaw and foretold many things that were to come. The messages he revealed then came in a manner same as do the messages of today, including the one recorded on this page. How well one can understand them depends upon each one and we sincerely urge every truthseeker to become not discouraged, for truth will out and will make us all free that accept.

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SPIRITUALISM

(A BELIEF OR A KNOWLEDGE)

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AMONGST Spiritualists of today there is prevalent a general tendency to accept, without question, as strictly true and unchangeable, as bona-fide beyond all doubt, as just and as certain as the fixed laws and principles of all Nature, as reliable and infallible as the Godhead, any and every communication delivered them through the mortal instrument of a medium purporting to be en-rapport with the Spirit World and Spirit entities therein. This tendency on the part of those who claim Spiritualism as their faith, and who pin their every hope upon that faith, has led to some mighty serious complications in their worldly, if not their spiritual, affairs of life, and it is the purpose of the writer to point out through such methods as will apply directly to the reason and intellect of these same folks some of the fallacies existing in and through modern Spiritualism as it is taught in our halls, Churches, and meetings today.

There is a vast difference between the casual visitor, the believer and the practitioner in Spiritualism; one who is not on the "inside" (so to speak) will not realize, at once, just how vast this difference is; nevertheless, it is there, and because it IS there we must consider it as an important factor in our attempt to analyze and point out existing faults, that we may know exactly where and how best to correct them. The difference does not lie merely in point of view, but rather in point of conception, and, remember, it is according to our point of conception that we realize fully or partially all that passes before our notice. To say merely, "A rose is a rose," does not permit the student to declare one is learned in botany; it is as though one would say, "Pie is pie," and thus declare oneself at the start very ignorant of pies in general. To say, "All communications received through a medium come from spirit entities," is gross ignorance itself, yet this is exactly what most people believe, and when I use the term "most people," I include the majority of mediums, themselves.

Spiritualists are prone to declare that Spiritualism is a science; in this they err for the simple reason that a science embodies such indisputable experiments which never vary, never disappoint, and always bring forth the same results from the same given causes! This Spiritualism fails to do, and always will fail to do, because science belongs to matters and conditions pertaining to the Cosmos, while Spiritual phenomena pertains to matters and conditions pertaining to the Cosmic, and this point is so very important to hold in mind that unless one does hold it as a very important point one will very often find oneself led astray, and, again, drifting off into the realm of the fanatical.

That we have always had our prophets, seers, and magicians, everyone knows; but as one reads through history's pages, one learns that in every age there have also been charlatans abounding. The same conditions exist today as in the yesterday, and tomorrow shall see them abounding as does today. In all, charlatans have always existed and always shall exist. In fact, we could not very well do without them, for remember, please, that there could be no charlatanic endeavor lest there existed a truth for it to counterfeit, and as long as there are unscrupulous people who want something for nothing (such as those who are willing to buy and attempt to pass counterfeit money, for instance) the charlatan will counterfeit

Truth and they will accept it. It does not matter so much whether they know it to be counterfeit or not—they are still held accountable because: "IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE."

When the sun is shining brightly, and everything is running smoothly; when the brow is smooth and the heart is light, the acceptor of Counterfeit Spiritualism is quite content to leave things as they are, quite willing to let someone else do the work, and he will make no effort to dig beneath the surface in order to discover the claims of the medium, speaker, or teacher. It is only when adversity hits him, and hits him a good, hard blow that he jumps up, grasping for the solid log he thought was near, to find only a thin, broken straw. Struggling to keep his head above water, he cries out to those who had led him into his present faith-belief to find that they, themselves, are powerless to help him except through words—words which are now lifeless—the life-preserver that looked so new and good on the outside is now found to contain lead, and he sinks downward into the miry waters of life and will drown beneath them unless he has something away back in his mind to call upon—something which will assist him to devise a means and a way to keep his head above water, and that "something" must be bigger and more powerful than himself.

No one knows better than the writer that the average Spiritualist of today, in this country at least, is being made a "Spiritual Parasite" on the backs of Spirit friends. God has made us all in His Image and Likeness; God has given us every gift we could possibly hope for; Life, Reason, Intellect, Creative Power. Within all this, and much more, a great many Spiritualists choose to set God aside—to set aside the infallibility of the Father—to grossly neglect and abuse Him—to even DENY Him—and instead, fasten themselves upon spirit entities, real or imaginary, through the instrument of, in most cases, a person less spiritually progressed than themselves.

The writer admits, and upholds as a sacred truth, that Spirit Return and Communication is a FACT, and that it acts in accordance with God's Laws. But he denies, emphatically, that all "Spirit" phenomena through all Mediums is likewise a fact and in accordance with God's Laws. This he denies because: (a) Many mediums are not living according to the laws and principles of God demanded of them to establish strict spirit communication; and (b): Many mediums are self-conscious during such attempts at establishing communication; and (c): The majority of mediums are not able to distinguish between exact spirit communication and all other psychic communication, such as telepathy, psychic rapport with the sitter, psychic (second) sight, etc. To say that because a medium is able to tell a person who and what his grandfather was, how he looked, what he died of, where he died, how much money he left, where he hid certain papers, etc., etc., does not go to say that the medium has established a spirit contact with that person's grandfather. The writer realizes that this statement will be disputed, insofar as it will bring to mind many cases where even the sitter did not know of certain conditions in his "grandfather's" life, estate, birth, death or residence, and only verified them after the medium had stated them to be the case; but this—even this startling evidence—does not permit the writer to let down the bars to admit that in view of such evidence, true though it may be, there is evidence established to change

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his word. On the other hand, when one fully understands psychic life and psychic law, one will agree that such evidence is commonplace with those who disclaim any and all spirit contact, and who support their seemingly miraculous "reading" through the knowledge that *it has come solely and wholly through their ability to contact the Cosmic realms wherein records of all that has occurred are established and maintained.* This sounds rather doubtful to the average seeker in Spiritualism, and amongst Spiritualists themselves will often be heard a disdainful voice proclaiming the "medium" to have spirit contact without his knowledge.

It is not only ridiculous, but gross ignorance itself, to state that because a person who reads cards, palms, heads, etc., and tells you that which later turns out to be true, that person is guided in his work by spirits. You might just as well say that because an Astrologer draws up an accurate Life Chart that he has done so because of his spirit guidance, and although he may deny it, he only denies it because he does not know about it.

Permit the writer to make this statement: Anyone who is really and truly guided by Spirit Forces or entities, is fully aware of it.

Spiritualists who seek to cover any and every TRUE prediction with "unconscious spirit guidance," are like the old priests who, in days when ignorance amongst the peoples was paramount, sought to lead the people into a belief that their magic was due to their communion with the gods. And if Spiritualists are to lead the people of the world out of their darkness into the Light, they must show that Light before them, and cease to hold forth Blind beliefs and false hopes.

(To Be Continued)

EDITORIAL NOTE: The author strikes a most timely warning. The charlatans and the sorcerers must be unmasked. All truthseekers must be aided in their search, and we will give all assistance possible. Be sure and read this special serial.

A DISCOURSE ON SATAN, OR THE DEVIL

By Louisa Riemvis



SATAN, or "the devil" as he is familiarly known, is a much abused expression in the vocabulary of a so-called advanced race.

Reviewing the general orthodox teachings extant, the devil is "one of God's angels fallen from grace." He is believed by an unenlightened majority to be a real personal entity, capable of innumerable crimes, and ever ready to pop out at inopportune moments and take us unawares. He has been empowered by the clergy as being able to impersonate God, the Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient.

How little do we know in reality of Supreme Intelligence. God would not be omnipresent, omnipotent nor omniscient if He could be overshadowed by Satan, the devil, or any other personality, known or unknown.

God is Supreme Intelligence representing the greatest Illumination in the universe! Therefore all entities, embodied or disembodied, are subject to divine laws which are fixed and unchangeable. No devil can impersonate God, no matter how great the power of evil (or unenlightenment) wielded.

Stop for a moment and think, my friends, of the many souls embodied in flesh who have fallen from the grace of God. Thousands upon thousands. Yet no man considers himself in the light of a devil, in league with the powers of darkness, no

matter to what depths he has sunk. And neither is he. It is all a matter of spiritual development. No man has sunk so low that he cannot be retrieved and rise to heights illimitable. But not in this world of flesh. Time and eternity are long in which to grow into the light and grace of God.

Therefore Spiritualism teaches in direct opposition to orthodoxy, that no soul is ever lost; that there is reformation and advancement for all.

So let us embrace the TRUTH, as it is given to us by our angel messengers who come to earth willingly and tenderly to enlighten those who seek. The great Master Jesus' command was, "Go ye in search of truth, and ye shall find that for which ye seek."

As the pearl which lies cloistered in the heart of the hard-shelled oyster, in the ocean's bed, unseen by mortal eye until searched for and dug up, so is the TRUTH cloistered securely in the deep recesses of the soul, surrounded by the hard shell of materiality, but ever ready to shine forth in blazoning glory when diligently searched for.

So seeking, ye shall find the great hidden truths of God, not shrouded in mystery, but on the topmost pinnacle in the soul, hidden, yet revealed.

It is strange how really blind we are, when all God's so-called mysteries from the beginning of time have ever stood revealed to those souls to whom spiritual enlightenment has come. It has taken man many centuries of evolution to advance to his present state of development, so should we retard our progress by going back to the dark ages and believe in a personality known as "Satan" or "The Devil"?

Rather, let us bow down before graven images than regress into the dark ages of time!

No, my friends, let us look up to an Intelligible God of light and understanding, knowing that nothing shall ever overshadow His great Illumination!

DIVINE POWER

By Alberta



DIVINE power which permeates every cell and every fibre, is that soul-power designated by the word "life." And life is another word for God. So divinity moulds and vivifies us, and sends us forth into the arena of life to fight the battles for character. This is the ample "reward" or "prize" which we carry to the new world of eternal existence when we pass over the boundary line between mortal and immortal existence.

So soul power, coming as it does from the Infinite Spirit, gives us the life force to carry us through our mortal career; and, not stopping there, it imbues the spirit form with a continuity of life-force which enables us, as spirits, to function on the astral plane of thought and activity.

And right here we may offer an apology for reiterating that spirit-life is not one of rest, but it means the activity which accompanies progression.

Let us not falter when the act of transition takes place, because so-called death is a change which becomes a natural experience to every one, sooner or later.

Happiness and bliss supernal become the possession of every soul of character and of righteous endeavor, and those who wear the jeweled crown and the raiment of heaven prize the record of a well-spent life here on earth as a most precious possession and as an incentive for rapid progress in the heavenly realm.

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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 LIV—THOUGH OUR OUTWARD MAN PERISH, YET THE INWARD MAN IS RENEWED DAY BY DAY. II Corinthians 4:16. That which God hath created is not to be destroyed and we spiritually are in His image, making our way homeward to Him who first sent us forth. While making our earthly journey we do well to listen to the inner voice, that better self, that God-part within the temple or man-made body. When the earthly journey is ended, and the spirit part or life is required of us, the useless body is then returned to earth and the spirit goes on its spiritual journey. This life continues in different planes or spheres and its abode is according to how it prepared while in bodily travel. It has a will, a power of divine origin, and it goes to its destination, and as it passes onward and upward, the higher light and better understanding or greater wisdom is the strength that renews it for continuing the spiritual journey.

The spirit is renewed as it purifies the conditions taken upon itself while traveling about the material plane. When first sent forth it had all that which God, its Creator, gave it—purity, wisdom, light, love. The earthly conditions which the spirit accumulated while in body must be cast off, and not until entirely purified and freed from the earthy, can it again combine with its Creator. It is not an easy task, for the struggle for upliftment in the realms is as the struggle in the earth plane. Unless we will think and learn and know how to renew the spirit here, how can we follow hereafter? We go step by step, and what may be difficult to do while in body is difficult to do while out of body. The Law of God is Universal, and that is what we must fulfill ere we reach the higher abodes in the Father's House.

LESSON LV—EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HE PURPOSETH IN HIS HEART, SO LET HIM GIVE; NOT GRUDGINGLY, OR OF NECESSITY: FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER. II Corinthians 9:7. The good thoughts, the kind words and noble deeds, these God-like qualities come from within. The spirit prompts the flesh, and when the outer or fleshly is so led by the spirit, the higher and finer purposes of life are revealed. Our own conscience knows what to do that is right if one but follows it instead of being misled and falsely guided by man and mammon.

What we do to one another we do unto the Father, for within each child of man dwelleth that spark of God. We therefore would please the Creator who provideth all things for every living thing in every part of this great universe. One who is less fortunate with worldly riches may have comforts from one who has more than his needs, and who shares willingly in that true and brother-loving way. One who has more spiritually than materially likewise would give freely of his blessings. Ill-gotten gains are without spiritual value, and must be accounted for by those who have thus accumulated such gain, and it has no profit either for the one receiving. So it is in how we give rather than what we give that counts much for ourselves spiritually, and then we can understand the voice out of the realms, "Well done, claim your reward."

LESSON LVI—BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH,

THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. Galatians 6:7. God is Love and does not punish. It is our own very selves that bring the sadness and lamentations. We wander in darkness because of our own shortcomings, and none other can purge the conditions for us or take over our own iniquities. We should better know ourselves and understand our mission and how best to make our return journey to God. We suffer the penalties of our shortcomings, not God. Mocking Him or what is of Him is to be accounted for by the violator. We must not speak ill of him or of His children. His wondrous works must not be scoffed at and the ways of the Creator as manifest in all planes must not be mimicked nor mocked. We are held accountable for foolish words as well as for deeds not done in wisdom and righteousness. God's Kingdom and all that in them is must not be done in idols and images and likeness that are a mockery to truth.

Do not criticise anything of the Father and His works unless you know whereof you speak. Because one violates the gifts of the Father is no reason for one to heap condemnation upon the Father and those who do rightly by Him. It is required of us to be cautious and not fall into the deceptive ways of the false. Take not in vain the name of God, sow good deeds and truth and reap the benefits of such righteous ways. In love go on, and judge no one, but give all your kindest thoughts. Hold firm to one Master and carry on with a courage and a freedom that reward your patience, for what you ask for, what you seek after, will be given you in the measure of your worth.

LESSON LVII—FOR YE WERE SOMETIMES DARKNESS, BUT NOW ARE YE LIGHT IN THE LORD; WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT: (FOR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS IN ALL GOODNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH). Ephesians 5:8-9. One in darkness is as one following man-made customs and rules and ignoring God's. The followers of the evil—vice, greed, lust, who kill, steal, lie and commit other violations of the only sacrament for all mankind to follow, the Law of God—they are traveling in the dark. As they go here so go they hereafter. Aimless, careless and shiftless as they journey here, so will they continue their lowly way, until they accept the Light, the Truth, the Father, and then they better behold how to make the balance of the journey. Travelers are many times back in body because they refuse to understand and be led by the Spirit. They are hundreds and thousands of years making the way back as they should, but once they will reach to the right and the light, then they are better known as they really are. Then it is they would stand in praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

The spirit loved ones who are disrobed or discarnate are without material substance such as the earthly body. In no other realm or sphere or plane throughout the whole universe is there any material other than in the earth plane. The children of light, the spirit loved ones, are seen as a light, the lower the station, the darker and less transparency is their light that shines. The brilliancy comes through the nourishment of the good, right and the true. These are the ways in which we go, even though it may be we do not awaken to understanding until over there.

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SPIRITUALISM AND THE BIBLE

By Geraldine Wood



OUR BIBLE is a book of spiritual philosophy as well as a record of psychic manifestations, for the Hebrews and the early Christians had, even as we do, their spiritual philosophies and their psychic manifestations, which, even as in modern times, came to them from the realm of spirit through human agencies or mediums. It is not our purpose to question the reliability of these scriptural records, but rather to show a comparison between their psychic revelations and ours.

In vain do we say, "We have our mediums today who can bring you the precious things of the spirit." It is of no use, the outsider will not listen. He still believes that the days of heavenly revelation are past. Yet, even as the early Christians had their demonstrations of the continuity of life, so do we have them. In the Bible we read of healings by the power of spirit, of visions, of materializations, of trumpets, of voices and prophecies. What of our modern prophets? Our materializations? Our trumpet and independent voice mediums? Our message bearers who both see and hear the things given them of the spirit? How explain these things?

The point of contact between these so-called old and new religions lies in the unfailing reliability of the psychic laws. Psychic laws are the natural laws of the spirit world. It has only remained for us to rediscover and put them again into use. We are told that six thousand years ago, Jehovah, Israel's great spirit guide and leader gave to his servant, Moses, the tablets of the law, written by the independent hand of the spirit. Through the operation of these laws Noah was warned of the flood, the coming of Christ was prophesied, as well as all the calamities which came upon Israel. Let us respect these revelations given to another race even as we would have them respect ours. The gifts of the spirit are natural gifts, and a few in all generations have known and practised these gifts.

When spirit guidance departed from Christendom, that which was vital went with it. Christianity became a man-made religion clothed in memories of the past and smothered with creedal explanations which no one understood. Much credit is due to the pioneer, Andrew Jackson Davis, who helped unite us, and who called us back to the simple trust in the healing and uplifting power of the spirit, and our divine union thereto, and who taught us again the sweetness of spirit communion as it was known in Biblical times.

And as the cry for aid went up from earth to heaven, it was answered. Spirit guidance came again to man. Heavenly messengers returned to warn, to encourage, to educate, to heal, and to guide us. To give us words of love and comfort and every possible proof of survival. When we think what we have done in these modern times, let us not forget what the spirit world has done for us. It has spent years of effort to train and to teach its mediums to respond to its stimulus so that no effort has been wasted and none have been forgotten. Kindness, sympathy, and patience have been shown to us at all times. Like children, we have tried to learn, and, like children, we have been taught until today we have a living religion which is demonstrable daily.

But there are thousands of people who still believe that the only revelation man ever had from heaven is found in the scriptures. That is the reason they love their Bibles so well. That is the reason they turn its pages again and again and say, "Is not this the record of God to man? All this guidance is

from heaven, all these precious promises are mine, are they not?" This book is something to cling to like a strong mast during the stress of storm. Nor do we wish to take the mast away. We merely wish we could show them that this book, the Bible, is not an infallible book, but is a record of heavenly guidance and ministrations to the persecuted Jewish race. If all these thousands viewed the Bible as we do they would all be spiritualists, living their Bible daily, for they would understand that the psychic laws, which laws are also the laws of God, are ever in operation, and are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

LESSON IX



TONIGHT we begin upon the development of another phase of contact. Let the pupil be seated as usual, in a dimly lighted room, feet not touching each other and perfectly comfortable. Not too supine, but sufficiently relaxed to be receptive to the Forces. Offer the following prayer: Great Father of Life and Truth, we desire that your Masters shall sensitize this body, and use the hands as conductors for the contact instead of the brain. Make them such true conductors of vibration that I shall be able to determine the presences of the spirit friends and Masters of the intellectual planes; and also receive the spoken voice into my palm with the same accuracy as my ears register material sounds. So sensitize them that an error will be quickly recognized by me. Give me conscious knowledge of good and make me worthy of thy Love and Care. Amen.

Now, allow the hands to move outward toward the incoming vibrations, and let them follow the drawing in any direction toward which they are drawn. In this way the brain is spared unnecessary strain, and the nerve centers are not destroyed nor even strained by such contact. Whatever is registered should be noted in a book kept for the purpose, so that the pupil can refer back to the different sittings and check the progress made. Otherwise there is no way to determine the degree of progress one may make.

It takes some time for the hands to become competent to follow the electro-magnetic influence, but once they become accustomed to the gestures that invite the Force, there is little difficulty in recognizing through this source the most potent influences; and personalities are more easily described by this clarsentient contact, for it is a soul sense, and naturally very clear and correct in analysis. Each sitting should be devoted to this phase of development. It takes time and patience to acquire anything worth while, and there is no use trying to hurry psychic development. Hurry brings error, and gradually turns to guessing. There should be no guessing in spiritual matters, for at best it is difficult to get to the root of TRUTH.

Closing prayer: Dear Masters, I thank you for your patient care and ask you to guide me in all things pertaining to this life, and prepare me for thy service, that I may earn my way to DIVINE KNOWLEDGE. Amen.

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Spreading Truth

SO MANY happy and encouraging letters have been sent us about the efforts put forth by this publication in support of TRUTH that we do not hesitate to admit a certain amount of pride. But it is not of selfish purpose. It is merely trying to do our share in bringing Light.

The work is interesting, but an uphill struggle. The message of Spiritualism is not given space by many magazines and newspapers, and so the task is one for Spiritualists. The workers in the ranks of Spiritualism are fewer than in those of other faiths, and there are not those organizations that can be depended upon to aid financially as in the case of other causes. The world needs all the spiritual knowledge and truth that only Spiritualism can satisfactorily give. But how best can the work of spreading truth be accomplished?

It requires brave and courageous supporters and doers. Lectures must be given, literary ability must become more powerful in writing the message, more meeting places of larger and commodious facilities provided and to be under far better leadership than we find now, legislation obtained that will defend the really True Worker from the influence of the false, and to establish and maintain cooperation with other organizations in the work of education within the ranks of other religious bodies who are endeavoring to seek all the Light possible. Not to detract from any of these, however, there is a very important phase to consider. It is in the schooling of the rising generation that will have to carry

on the task after we of today step one side.

Now all of this requires financial assistance, and it is so with any movement, be it religious, commercial, medical or political. The people are hungering and thirsting for enlightenment regarding the change after so-called death. Life everlasting has been spoken of all through the ages, but most all humanity are still groping in the dark. We want to continue our part. Do you want to help?

Give us your financial support, no matter how small it may be. With it will come to others the joy you now have, that there is nothing to fear in death. Make it possible for the mourner to know how communion with the loved one gone beyond is possible. Help us to bring forth the revelation of what lies ahead in the realms and how best to prepare for that spirit abode. Remember, it is the Father we would please, and what we do for one another, we do for Him.

Now is the time to do it. In doing your part, we would suggest that it be done also with a thought of those who have already left this earthly journey, and who will be pleased spiritually with your good efforts.

Let Light Linger

DR. SPURR, English pastor, avows faith in mediums at Fifth Avenue Church. He admits that some are frauds, but asserts a positive belief in genuineness of others.

It is timely to quote Dr. Spurr's remarks as follows:

"PROVE THERE IS WORLD BEYOND"

"Mental telepathy, clairvoyance and clairaudience, and the revelations of the camera, which sees what even the human eye cannot see, all these and more furnish evidence that there is a world beyond, and that the promise of Jesus Christ of a life after death is founded on the rock of truth," Dr. Spurr said.

The question of immortality recurs every time a friend dies, and at every funeral, he said, in spite of the fact that it is one of the oldest beliefs that man has. "As far back as history goes," he continued, "we have evidence of belief in a life eternal, but it is only within the last few years that we have had any basis except instinct on which to found our belief. Since 1888 the subject has been investigated thoroughly in a scientific manner, and we have what is to me proof positive that the soul is eternal."

How anyone can refuse to investigate the claim set forth by Dr. Spurr is a mystery itself. As nothing is so important to man as his future life, we hope many other spiritual shepherds will follow the example of their brother from across the sea and simply search for proof until they find it. Let light linger.

Spiritualism Defined

By WM. J. BRYAN, M.D.
Impressional Writer and Author

THE whole realm of thought is being revolutionized. That which was deemed impossible yesterday, is possible today. The self-constituted "authority" of mortal thought is neither infallible nor truthful, because it is founded, like a house built on sand, on conjecture.

In this consideration we refer to thought on man's soul, whence it came and whither it goeth.

Quite evidently, the body perishes when decomposition pervades it. But what about the soul-body inside the mortal body, and which can be discerned by clairvoyants? And what about spirit-power which animates the soul-body and till lately animated the body of flesh?

These pointed questions seem to irritate the clergy and the blind-leaders-of-the-blind in richly endowed colleges.

They can't explain matters, so they endeavor to "explain away" all spirit phenomena, which are produced so as to furnish tangible proof of spirits and of their return to us. The professors of tradition are worldly-wise, but they lack the spiritual wisdom which transcends all other thought.

Levitation, etherialization, dowsing, clairaudience, materialization, raps, accurate readings of your past, present and future by some psychic stranger, trance, automatic writing, independent slate-writing, table-tipping and other phenomena by spirits are actually here. They cannot be "explained away." Thousands of reasoning minds are being convinced of spirit power. Thought is changing from satanic darkness to spiritual illumination.

So, my friends, let us not become confused over the idea of a personal resurrection of the body. For such an event is both improbable and impossible. But spiritualism teaches that the soul-body (which is another name for personality) persists as an entity, and continues to live, on the spirit side of life.

Sensible, normal people find great comfort in receiving sensible messages from enlightened spirits. Names, events and dates are mentioned by the spirits as proof of verification and identity. This is very interesting to any honest, sincere investigator, and it is very convincing. Those who seek for "tests" usually get them, whether skeptics or believers.

Our mission is not to advance any plausible theories, but to aid seekers for spiritual facts and truth in finding them.

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All who have psychic ability are urged to develop it, so that it will illumine the mind of mankind to a realization that personality is co-existent with spirit-life in the heavenly spheres. Then the false idea of complete death, which enthalls the minds of many eminent materialists, agnostics, freethinkers, and churchmen too—is replaced with the fact of immortality as a natural condition—not a mere ecclesiastical statement.

Furthermore, the ideality of Spiritualism embodies a high degree of morality as applied in practical daily life here.

A Spiritualist is defined as follows: One who religiously believes in the phenomena of spirit communication through mediumship, and who moulds his character and daily conduct according to the highest teachings of spirit loved ones.

Peace !

Notice—This is from the spirit side of life, on the subject of Peace. Through a private home medium.

THE time is nearly ripe for an upheaval of humanity, not a cataclysmic catastrophe, but rather a spiritual awakening that will shake off the old decayed timbers of a past regime of society (as one finds it), and in its place we will find the new growth of a sturdy growth of timber that may be said to embody the idea and the expectations of a new social structure founded on the stepping stones of brotherly love and human cooperation.

Understand me, I do not advocate nor sanction any bloody conflict or warlike struggle for national supremacy. No, but I do earnestly hope for a consolidation of interest, one nation with another, so that peace may be firmly established on a foundation of enduring qualities.

Money may go, fame and caste and their prerogatives may cease, and the mammon worship of money may be supplanted by the rule of love and kindly interest. It is possible. It is probable! And if I can do aught to stimulate children-of-earth to arouse themselves from a lethargy of selfishness, my effort will not be in vain.

So I say, with careful planning, and with a foresight that is the result of ages of experience: "Go forth, my friends, to do battle with ignorance, error and superstition, and slay the demon of hate and plunder, and return to the home of contentment, surrounded by kith and kin, in peaceful surrounding of agricultural and industrial production—for human good and need—but not for pecuniary profit that can be stored up into senseless and destructive accumulations!"

I come to teach brotherly love. I come

to bring the wisdom of the ages, with its practical application to mortal life on earth at the present disturbed period; and if I could emphasize any one statement till it became as prominent as God's power, I would say: "Leave Mammon and seek ye the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and all divine blessings will be heaped upon you!"

HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Plain Spiritualist Proposition

THE time comes to every one when he is bound to consider his future prospects in the Great Beyond, and he thinks deeply and earnestly over the problem of extinction or of continued life beyond the veil.

But few realize how thin the veil really is, or they would mentally pierce it and have a view of the distance that lies just ahead, called the spirit-world. And it is with no fear, apprehension or trembling that anyone with a little assurance may penetrate and feel well repaid for the effort.

We either die, or we pass over, in a state of transition. In a way, we do both. I mean that our body dies, and our spirit entity, our real personality, passes up or beyond into the spirit-world to continue our endless pilgrimage toward the source of all perfection—the Deity.

So the proposition which Spiritualism brings is a very plain one and easily understood. *One does not really die and remain in a state of oblivion.* No! Every mortal is destined to live on, and on, forever!

A child can understand this spiritualist proposition; and so, how ridiculous it seems when so-called learned men of collegiate training and with a vast fund of mental attainment fall short of the teaching of *the greatest revelation*, namely, that spirit-realm claims us all as our destiny, and that we can, as spirits, return to earth again, on visits, to bring our messages of love, and to teach the gospel of divinity, and to bring the hope of a glorious immortality to earth-folks, through our chosen instruments—commonly called mediums or psychic intermediaries.

C. O. G.

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SEEK Truth and, in the seeking, find
The stubborn viewpoint of a wilful mind
Needs most, gets least, of pity and is blind.

Know Truth and, in the knowing, learn
A half-truth has a danger few discern.
What lies it shields! How covert its concern!

Speak Truth and, in the speaking, hear
The hollow sounds that fall upon the ear
Of him whom sin, relentless, binds with fear.

Live Truth and, in the living, kill
Whatever ego bars to God the will;
High vision then its purpose can fulfil.

Share Truth and, in the sharing, give
The whole of self. God's hands now holds a sieve
That sifts so cleanly men will see and live.

AMOS.

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

SPIRIT PHENOMENA

By William S. Devone

I WANT to write to say that all spirit force (which cometh to us in its various forms and qualities) is such as appeals to our good judgment as being from spirits.

And it is possible for spirits to give evidence of their presence by showing a materialized form, in part or whole, so as to convince us. And while these physical manifestations are interesting and also convincing, they require considerable clairvoyance by which to visualize the spirit forms.

So, while the physical exhibition of spirits is always pleasant, no doubt many of us would prefer the mental phenomena—which some consider more intellectual and more refined. Both kinds of phenomena, however, have merit, and therefore both are convincing to the laity that there are evidences of spirit-life that are indisputable. So let us choose the phenomena which suits us, and then we will carry with us a satisfying feeling over the matter of spirit-return.

It happens that many people prefer to hold spirit meetings in the home, instead of the church or public meeting-place, because there is less disturbance to be expected than in a church building. However, the main thing to describe is the proposed development of psychic ability.

How many times do people look at spirit phenomena askance, and yet they have a desire to have spirit readings, with questions answered and with nothing to learn. Many are opposed to spirit-return, because some fraudulent foreigner happens to come to entertain us with magical apparatus that is confusing.

To pay our respects to spirits is considered a worthy and progressive sign on our part.

When one is sitting in silence for spiritual development, the reason for not crossing the feet is because the electro-magnetic current is made too continuous or connected for proper use or guidance.

Those high moral standards which are formed by uprightness of character and steadfastness to good principles are often formed by past experiences wherein *patience* and *forbearance* with others become prominent virtues in our life.

And it certainly is trying, nearly exasperating, to feel the check-line drawn firmly to keep us back from activities along the pathway of high endeavor.

However, our spirit friends try to help us in our firm resolutions to progress toward spirituality, and great is the satisfaction when all obstacles to advancement are finally overcome by the co-operative help of spirit ones.

The tendency, now, is for us to seek the spirit influences that are right-minded, sincere, and good, for they bring blessings and success to us which indicate high spiritual aid.

When out-of-doors, one can get wonderful impressions from spirits of advancement, and it then becomes a source of pleasure to commune with them, so to improve, and to gain in unselfish desire to help others who are less fortunate, to see the beauty of Spiritualism.

How thankful one feels toward his spiritual helpers when base conditions of life have been overcome, thus allowing us to have a foretaste of the unapproachable glory to be experienced in the heavenly realm of harmony and happiness! And a fitting reward for high endeavor is found in having the association of those honorable spirits who always wish to see mortals advance,

with firm resolve to embrace spirituality and the highest morality.

While it is fruitless to dwell on the chilling blasts of traitorous envy and the base ingratitude of others, let us hasten our steps toward the seance room, singly, or in company with congenial souls, to gain new inspiration by communing with our spirit relatives and friends.

OBSERVATIONS

Churchly Funeral Services

A SIGHT frequently seen at funeral services is the soldiers' guard of honor that accompanies a corpse to church and then to its final resting place. Here one may see the uniformed men with their instruments of death and of torture emblematic of hate, war and killing in contrast with the church, which should stand for God, for love and for brotherhood.

The volley that is fired by that guard over the grave wherein is the body that just lately held life is indicative of certain honors, but it provides little PEACE for that spirit one "gone home." God's Kingdom is not revealed through shot, and it is far better for the mourners to speed the traveler on his spiritual journey by sending forth thoughts that will guide and strengthen and uplift one. These thoughts are God-like, spiritual, free from man-made customs.

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

ONE who has given honor to father and mother has a cherished blessing that one can enjoy the memory of. Recently an old man from Newark, New Jersey, advertised that for one hundred dollars anyone could have him and use his services. He needed clothes and wanted to enjoy a little more of life. Perhaps he had children who deserted him in his old age. There are many selfish and ungrateful children who do that.

Visit Blackwells Island in New York and see the many old men and women inmates. Surely many of them could tell a tale that would almost sound unbelievable.

Quoting from a published sermon of a famous minister, he said that the Jews put the Christians to shame, for they are one race of people that look after their own aged; they have and always will agree with Moses, who said to honor father and mother that one's days will be long in the land of happiness.

GEORGE HEALD

One World at a Time

"WHAT good will it do me to know about what lies beyond the grave? One world at a time is enough. When I get over there I will go on the way then required of me." So spoke our acquaintance whom we approached on the subject, but we wonder if he really meant what he said. One who does not know how to make his way here is very likely to find it difficult to make his way hereafter. Here is the training school, and now is the time to prepare. It reminds us of a story we heard.

Two men were arguing the need for prayer. The one asked for guidance while the other did not see the necessity and therefore did not pray nor seek understanding. Said the one who regularly called to the Father, "If there is nothing after so-called death, I then have nothing to lose and neither have you, but if there is something, then I have much to gain and you have lost much."

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BE UNDERSTANDING, YE CHILDREN

Through the Mediumship of Lillian Barit



WHEN men were kings in the sight of men they did many things that proclaimed them men, but alas, not holy men. In their abhorrence to words of trust sent to them ever through the voiced words of men of God, ever did these men who were kings slay for truth, pillage for power and called themselves great. As they were not just and forgot that they were dust, God would raise a wind to admonish them. The hand of God was not against them, as it was always written, but rather that the awakened still small voice, their consciences, made for them the wilderness of doubt, the unpeacefulness of minds obscured from the Sun; and so they went down to defeat and into the Darkness of oblivion. Now, as then, man pays for what man does. Sows he a good seed in a good field, reaps he a good harvest in the Lord. Sows he an indifferent seed with indifference to the cry of suffering and want of his brethren, and, while at first he prospers and believes all safety is his, comes the destructive wind which lays low his sowing and he also reaps that which he has sown. Tares are found everywhere, around all good things that grow, so ever in the tide of years must the good and the not so good be side by side, row by row; and always as the human side flows or ebbs with Godlike Love and mercy, so does the good or the not so good become the greater issue. Wilfulness now, as ever, is paramount in the hearts of oppressors, but God is the Acme of Love, His graciousness is felt always when in prayerful attitude the soul which is not altogether stainless asks to be led anew and waits for the light to be shown. God holds naught from the knowledge of the seekers, for those who seek in peace and for the uplift and honor of all will find plenty to gather, bring back and lay before those willing to be taught. No one people has the whole truth. No one generation should be proud or boastful of its own attainment or strive to leave on the minds of the new generation its vain boast of knowing all.

God, the Source of All. God, the one around whom all Light revolves, breaks away a little ray at even times and sends His Light along the much traveled road when it seems most to be needed. Enlightened minds acknowledge and seek to impress this on the minds of those groping to find a foothold on the steps of the Road to Truth.

The Sun is the open door unto day, the moon unto night, the stars are planetary lights by which the mariner may guide his ship and the landmen may distinguish their direction. Man, then, has been given everything, ready arranged to his hand, if he will but see the signs. All teachers are to be revered for their teachings, their lives and the way they used the light given them, and by their acts shall you know them.

Pleasure is gaiety satisfied. In different climes and different tongues, pleasure is differently understood and taught. Gaiety of heart is peace of heart, through the joy of knowing God's Love and His Ever Watchful Eye. Not then as men see us, but as does God's Eye. As you truly are, light or dense, according to the amount of truth that you have assimilated.

Night is given so that the cares of day may be dissipated for a time and the soul to go on its instructed way in the interval of sleep. When dawn lightens the sky again, you go on with a more courageous outlook caused by your wandering in

the lighter atmospheric plains and the school's training, even if unrecognized when awake, is very deeply imbedded and arises to help you on your upward way.

God praises His children by making them more watchful, more understanding toward their fellow-man. God erases from the minds of His followers through the wisdom of His teachings all the wayward thoughts carried hitherto, and in their place makes Truth the need, the striving point of height on their paths.

The Path of Unselfishness must travel through the morass of self seeking thoughts, through the clearing waters of unselfish seekings, and at last climb out onto the clear path of duty to one another; the path then widens, the branches of the evergreen trees cast grateful shadows for tired pilgrims and the flowers of varied hues blend with the crystal clarity of the ethers and Hozannas to the King of Kings, God, may be heard.

Hozannas that are echoed from the far planes where are the entirely Pure. These same hozannas that help the weary Pilgrims to climb are the sounds which anoint the upward striving souls whose unselfish tendrils seek through word and thought and deed to embrace the staunch trunk of the Tree of life. This tree grows in "The Eternal Garden of the Lord," and its shade is the beneficial understanding of the love and purity inherent in God's children, humankind.

The Kings among Men who belong to God may be found on every strata of existence and oft in many garbs. Not always as the holiest among men, but sometimes amongst the most lowly; so shall the bells of Heaven chime with perpetual hozannas, when man is prepared and crowned King among Men by his God, because his heart enfolds all his fellows and his love overflows and feeds the needs of his fellow creatures; all created alike in love and for the splendor of His Name and Kingdom.

When the heart is weary at what the eye sees, turn the eye upward and gather fresh strength from the pure ethers for the ascent. Have you met disappointment, then turn it into victory, by seeing the good in everything, and by lending a helping hand to another climber whose strength is all but spent and who has not the basic principles fast and who would, without your guiding hand, slip back into the void. So you have used the kingly prerogative and have helped God to hold another child to the climbing path, and you have turned your disappointment to victory over matter, and another star is added to your Crown of Blissfulness. A crown that shall be a fitting one for you to wear all through the ages so that all in "Our World" may at a glance know you as you are.

May the Lord of Hosts bless you ever with an understanding heart, so that sorrowing humans need not speak their pain to you in order for you to comprehend, but rather that your heart will bound with helpfulness that will bless and uplift them and give them a true incentive to delve into the innermost recesses of their hearts, and there come face to face with their God. May the Lord of All give you many peaceful years to assist Him in gathering His children of every clime into a willing army ready to carry the White Banner, not into battle, but into The Greater Peace, which will fill the entire earth when God's Kingdom is here in your midst.

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GOD OF THE LIVING

He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.—Mark 12:27.



WHEN our Elder Brother was here among men he was asked questions by different schools of thought, just as we have been asking the spirit loved ones questions when we had the opportunity. When a question is asked, we do not mean to judge another, but we do form an opinion based upon the character of the question. As questions were asked the spirit loved ones in our hearing, we felt that this question was material and perhaps should not have been asked, while another question was spiritual. Whatever the question, an answer was desired to satisfy. Likewise, questions asked the Nazarene required answers and showed that many doctors of the law lacked spiritual understanding.

Now there came to Jesus the sect called Sadducees which say there is no resurrection. To emphasize their point they referred to the seven brothers who had married the same woman without issue and asked this question: In the resurrection therefore when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. The question is logical and proper to ask by any person who realizes that a dead body, either of animal or human, is valueless.

We have a lot to learn of life, for only the foolish man claims that knowledge is limited. We actually do learn, step by step; yet any child of reasoning age knows that a dead body cannot be refilled with life. The Nazarene did not place too much importance on the physical values as many of his so-called followers do today. As he answered the question of the Sadducees, he emphasized the spiritual in these words: 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, 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.

If we will follow the Elder Brother's teachings we will not walk in spiritual darkness and misunderstand the power of God. As he said that the departed spirits live on, why does humanity continue to doubt that its loved ones exist? They certainly question the power of God by saying the dead are dead. They ignorantly consign their departed to sweet oblivion and cling to a false hope of a physical resurrection, when graves will open at the sound of music for dead, decomposed and destroyed bodies to rise to be judged. Does not the very thought seem unreasonable and bring discord. Such teachings contrast the Nazarene's teachings and belittle the power of God.

If one holds to a physical resurrection there are important questions to be answered. If you are sincere in your belief that dead bodies will resurrect to be judged, think of what it means before you ask another to follow your understanding. Go, if you desire, on any Sabbath day to some of the beautiful cathedrals which adorn our earth plane. As you listen to the high-priced orator in the pulpit, his words will fall on your ears like sweet music. When he joins with his congregation and repeats, "I believe in the resurrection of the body," remember it. After the service shall have been concluded, approach that pastor and, taking his hand, say unto him, brother, you said you believe the body shall rise. My heart is heavy and my

mind is so confused by the opinions of men. Would you please answer a few questions for me? Where is the life which occupied the physical shell? Has it ceased to exist since they say the dead are dead? Why was the life destroyed and by whose authority? Will it be recreated, and why? If it exists, has it hopes and desires for something better or worse, and can it aspire to be of service for righteousness sake? Friends, you will be surprised at the foolish answers from brilliant minds. In some cases you and your questions will be postponed for a more convenient season. In other cases honest men will say, we do not know, but accept these things on faith. I say that as part-God they should know the Father's plans for his children. We therefore brand all false teachers as the Sadducees of the twentieth century.

We were Sadducees ourselves, and not so long ago. Some of us had stood at bedside of loved one as the shadows fell. We noted the changed countenance as spirit departed and body relaxed. As we viewed that empty frame, we sent forth the selfish cry of all time, that no sorrow is as great as mine. Friends offered words to console our troubled hearts, but in vain. Common sense told us that that body was dead beyond recall, and we pondered as to the destination of the departed life. For the first time in our lives we used our brain and thought for ourselves. We began to seek as Jesus taught us. We analyzed the teachings of our youth and found no comfort there. Finally we did the best thing within our power, we talked to God and said, please, God, give us light, or we used words which had that meaning. Light came forth to enlighten us, and in the secret place of the silent chambers we heard the small voice, the God-part speak, and it said, Father is not the God of the dead, He is the God of the living. We also had erred.

As life lives forever, it functions when in physical body and when released from body. In other words, your Heavenly Father and mine is the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob; also the God of all the countless spirits which have ever trod this earth-plane in flesh. There need be no mystery about this, and to ignorantly question it, shows, as our Elder Brother stated, ye do not understand the power of God. The Creator did not create to destroy. That human organism which we call body, the creation of man alone experiences death. The life called spirit never dies, for it is of God, eternal. Brother Paul said, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. And again, there is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.

The masses today fail to understand their relationship to God, due to the ignorant teachings of ignorant ages. Many explanations of departed life have been unreasonable and, I might add, ungodly. Does spirit rise from flesh and soar with the speed of lightning to the estates of the pure in heart? We cannot answer yes, for we see imperfection about us and we mould our destinies in the mire of our failures. Destination of spirit is the reward of life work on earth, the reaping, nothing more. Therefore, as the so-called death sets in and earth's joys grow dim our eternal spirits resurrect from flesh and take abode in what we call the spirit realms. This is the resurrection, a spiritual one, and there is no other. In this spiritual resurrection, partiality is unknown. In spirit no angry God awaits our arrival to punish according to churchal creed, for God is love, and creeds should emphasize this fact. In spirit we cannot practice deception, for we will be unmasked of flesh,

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with all our failures which stand before us as a mountain range. There no mediator or redeemer with magic wand erases the pages of our life work, while we sit back and enjoy the performance. Each of our accumulated sins has to be made right to the utmost farthing.

In love we were fashioned spiritually and sent forth free. As God-part we should master earth's problems and exercise our divinity among men. As God is the Father of the living on both sides of the border line, the Father is no respecter of persons. The human distinctions which we so tenderly cherish are not so important. Flesh and blood cannot enter Heaven, but purified spirits do.

The idea of purification is claimed by men to be impossible, and once again they misunderstand the power of God. They prefer the easy way of least effort and embrace selfishness and privilege, but it will avail them nothing. Humanity concludes that perfection on earth being impossible, it will not be accomplished elsewhere, for the dead are dead. Purity, however, is required of the Father who sent us forth pure. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. As the pure in heart see God, is there any provision made for the imperfect? As God is the Father of all, loving each God-part with equal love, we would be disappointed and lost beyond redemption if the loving Father did not provide an equal plan of salvation for all. Oh, we do not find any flaws in the plans of God as we do in the plans of men.

Brother, whether in flesh or disrobed, if you desire light, if you are anxious to know life, live the law. If you are confused by the opinions of men, talk to God in your own way and wisdom will come forth if it is wisdom you are seeking.

The wisdom I referred to is not necessarily found in a book store. Certain books, including the history, have the proper places, but if you would be wise, be humble before God and obey his commands. This is the purification process. By this method we rise from the low estates to the realms of the pure in heart. In simple heartfelt words we talk to God, and the divine fountains of wisdom pour forth their sweet waters to refresh our spirits. We journey as pilgrims refreshed as the light of God beams upon us. Spirit to spirit we commune daily with The Supreme Force and the high spirit forces. What man should say we are silly? Did they not say a similar thing at Pentecost, when power from on high controlled mortals on earth? They ridiculed divine inspirations then as they do now. Humanity may sneer and curl up the lip as we contend that the God-part within does commune with the unseen world. Humanity will not always scoff. Draw near to the heart of the average individual, so near that you can almost hear his heart throbs, and as his inmost thoughts are revealed to you, spirit to spirit, what a fertile field we find in which to plant the seeds of truth. Plant patiently and lovingly, and the Father will provide the increase.

He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. We acknowledge with thanks the benefits we enjoy from the spirit side. We realize our shortcomings and the loving patience which the spirit loved ones have manifested on account of our failures. They have come to us with power for our good and for the good of our brother man. Friends spread the tidings of great joy to all mankind that the so-called dead exist, and to open the doorways wide for truth to demonstrate. Point out how impossible it is to destroy life which is of God. Ignore criticism and doubt of your brother man. Let your light shine, and even if you may think its rays will not reach far, some weary pilgrim may be guided to the True Light of God. Resent with all your power the claim in high places that

spirit communion is a thing of evil. Resent that slander against God, for He does not permit truth to be overshadowed by evil. God is spirit, is supreme, and rules worlds visible and invisible.

We have communicated with the invisible world each day, and where shall we receive greater knowledge of the unseen spheres than from the inhabitants of those spheres. We know whereof we speak and solemnly declare that our Father is not the God of stone, of graven image of any likeness of anything that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. He is the God of the living. It is our sacred duty to inform men of their divinity, a fact they sense but do not always admit. Once they grasp this fact it should not be difficult to convince them of the positiveness of life beyond the grave, where they must rise step by step to perfection. Scatter seeds of kindness and the greatest kindness which we can do for our brother man is to point to his eternal side, the part that never dies. God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living; ye therefore do greatly err.

T. R. W.

A WANDERER'S RETURN

(Impressional)

(1) As I sit in the silence, alone with my All, Dear Source of all Being, this is but one name, to Him who worked wonders, yes all without fame.

(2) Long years have elapsed since and great is the change, since one so devoted to righteousness came and tried to unfold unto others their right to have peace and pardon and everlasting life.

(3) Though the truth He expounded, He did make it plain, healing sickness and sadness to all to Him came, yet blind were the people who put Him to test, they scoffed and they scorned, but Jesus was blest.

(4) Blest of His Father, no man He despised, but prayed without ceasing to open their eyes, of those who opposed Him and treat Him thus, and today this is proof, for I'm not the first.

(5) To turn and seek pardon for that which I've done, been careless, indifferent, left my work undone, but now I see clearly the wrong from the right, I want to go onward and help the good fight.

(6) Today I see clearly that one without fame, for Jesus of Nazareth, for that was His name, He now is most famous of all the most fame, most marvelous, inspiring, that to earth ever came.

(7) Take courage, dear comrades, now here begin, there's nothing impossible if you just look to Him, be faithful and willing, God does answer prayer, you too can return, and still have your share.

LIFE'S PLENTY

THERE is salt in the sea,
There is gold in the earth,
There is love—for in me
And the world there is worth.

There is light in the sky,
There is breath in the sod;
There is hope—for in me
And the world there is God.
By GENE HOMER.

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SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 15

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

1. O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2. Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord.
3. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish it.
4. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all people.
5. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.
6. The Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.
7. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
8. The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
9. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.
10. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; His countenance doth behold the upright.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 14 follows: Psalms 77:1, 142:6, 90:14, 92:12, 118:17, 146:8, 103:14, 147:15, 25:3 and 28:9 respectively.

PSALM 34:1-4

Inspired by Rev. J. Gillespie Balchvie
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READ here where David, the servant of God, blessed the Lord in his soul. I wonder how many here doth bless God in their soul. How many can really say in their very soul, I do bless the Lord, He has helped me overcome many difficulties. Have you realized how true it is that if we have confidence in God, He does help us in all our travels on this earth plane?

David says, I have sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears. Have we any fears we want to be delivered from? Brothers and sisters, are you still traveling on through this life fearing the end of the way—are you fearing when this life is over and you must make that change called death that you are to be separated from those who are left behind? Have you still the fear that the end of this journey on the material plane brings you to a sleep after which you shall wake up to be set before a great white throne and there stand face to face with a judge that shall either promote you to a city of gold and present you with a golden crown, or, condemn you to a place where God hath forgotten to be merciful, condemned to a lake of fire where to remain in everlasting punishment and where only weeping and wailing is to be your continual entertainment?

If this be your present state of mind, if you still go about with this fear, I say unto you, be like David of Old. Call upon the Lord from the depths of your fear. Seek ye the Lord and He shall deliver ye. God shall deliver ye from all fear. He shall deliver you from fear of the separation from the earth plane and your loved ones, fear of the passing out of spirit from the body, fear of eternal punishment. He will give you new thought on this subject if you ask Him to give you knowledge, wisdom. God hath prepared all things that ye shall not be afraid if you but call upon His name.

Search the scriptures and there ye shall find instruction, there ye shall find many lessons where God's children called

on Him, and not one was turned away without instructions. Seek ye the Lord in sincerity out of the depths of a pure, contrite soul and God shall deliver you from all fears. Ye shall learn then how to work for God, how to serve Him. You will know how to live for God, who will cast out all fear. You will learn how to praise God that when your travel on this earth plane is ended you will be ready to sing the song of the brave and the true while entering that new home.

Let there be no fear in your heart when you have to lay down the mortal toil, for God hath wiped away all tears from your eyes and hath delivered you from all fear. AMEN.

REMINISCENCE

WHEN the golden sun is setting,
And your mind from care is free,
Do your thoughts stray back to childhood
And the days that used to be:
Days when we were very happy, and our hearts were full of glee;
Do you ever, dear old playmate,
Do you ever think of me?

Do you think when night comes stealing
O'er the earth with silent tread,
Life to us was sunny weather,
Regardless of the clouds o'er head:
We were just two happy children, living in our guileless way;
We are older now and sadder,
Life has not been fair alway.

Do you ever stop and wonder
Why our ways should drift apart;
Why we could not be together,
Walking down life's restless mart?
There is One who knows what's best, dear, One who lights and guides
our way:
If He should deem it best, dear,
We will meet again some day.

By MARY E. FLANDER.

THE TEMPLE OF LOVE

PRICELESS treasure, this vision to see
Beyond the mortal stream of life,
To glimpse the rainbowed crystal sight,
A temple grand of power, of might.

Builted not by hand, but by loving thought,
This temple of the soul's sojourn;
The soft-carpeted path of noble deeds
That needs must be ere vision behold.

The saintly tread of sandaled feet,
The Master walks in silent revery—
A garden unfolds before His sight,
His inner vision reflecting the light.

A temple reared through ageless time,
As up the golden stairway of life
Millions have tread to reach the heights
Of life sublime, the soul's heritage.

The highest peak of wisdom's knoll
In ancient symbols oft are told,
As though in mirrored memory
The magic spring it doth release.

Revealing what beneath it lies,
Piercing the earth, reaching through the skies:
An inspiring view to mortal sight—
The temple of Soul, the seventh sphere of light.

'Tis ever thus that Love reigns supreme,
And to reach the heights, one golden beam
Of noble thought, of precious deed,
It need not be great, but to one in need.

Its rays stream forth to light the way,
Up the stairway of Love's path, the goal:
The transcendent light of Love Divine,
A priceless jewel in life's pantomime.

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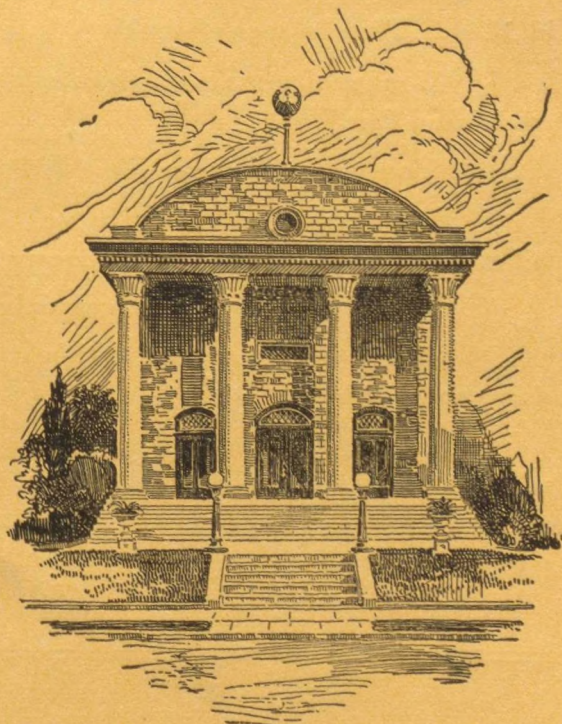
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