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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 GUILTY 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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THINKING AHEAD

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(An Abstract)

MANY will say it is strange how those that have so long been out of body return and bring those things, those conditions that will enlighten and bring humanity on a thinking basis. And so I would call to each one. Have you ever thought that if the so-called death were to approach you (you know not when that very moment is before you), have you ever thought of what is before you and what you have behind you, and what it may mean? Many will say, "As long as I can call on someone to offer up a prayer, or get the last rites, as it is called, then I can stand what is before me." Awaken out of that sleep, for it is what has been summed up throughout your earthly journey that you take with you. It is not what can be thrown aside, it is not anything that we can in a twinkling of an eye make right.

It may take years, centuries, before we can get on the right pathway again. Know ye not it had been brought "He that doeth another an injury must bring it back tenfold, yes one hundred fold." How very small humanity is!

When your loved ones stand at the threshold of your doorway and you close and bolt the doors tight, how can you expect then when your time is come to leave your earthly body and you want to approach one still in body, that they would open their doorway to you? Many times you will draw back. Many times you will go to and fro and many times in anguish and sorrow of spirit. Therefore I say, get in oneness with the Father, with the God whom you worship, and when that hour cometh you then will stand knowing how to continue to make right your shortcomings. I have heard it many times said, "this or that one has entered into those high heavens, those portals have been opened," and I say it is not that a single one who travels this material plane can pass those portals until they have brought back every single shortcoming.

I see how many are going down into the depth of destruction. It is coming close to hand when many will cry to the mountains to cover them from the sight that will be before them. To those that understand I would bring this point, reach out and get on that pathway that will bring you to a higher and better understanding. I see great conditions arising, I see how many will be in sadness and in sorrow. I see how many are standing and watching what will come next. I too see how the well protecting hand of God will be there, how those that are righteous and are on the upper pathway and in brotherhood and in truthfulness, will be spared and how they will be able to reach a helping hand to many that have not been friend but foe. I see then how humanity will come back to the living God.

Humanity does not know of what the spirit is otherwise they would not starve the very spirit part. They would nourish it more and bring on the right path, for it is not the spirit that brings you down, no, much rather the spirit would uplift. It has been and always will be the inner voice that will tell you not to do those things that are not right. Reach to something better. You are part-God. You have been sent forth from the Creator and that atom that is within must be nourished that it can again bring forth those things to the Father as had when first sent forth.

I bring you this, my dear brothers and sisters, that you might be enlightened on the point so that when the last hour comes you might understand and know that what had been sown in this material plane you will reap hereafter. If you have sown weeds the weeds will be your reaping and if you have sown good and kind deeds, then your reward is great. Many there are that call to God for help but few will be chosen and those few that will be chosen will be an humanity of Gods and not an humanity of evil doings and waywardness. It will be one Father and one family and then all will be in oneness with that Creator.

It is not so well when we think we will let things go until the final hour approaches. For there is much on the other side. There are the seven spheres with the twelve compartments and each compartment has its three circles. It is well to gather in now while the gathering is good, otherwise it is sad, for many stand there then as in prison walls, calling and trying to reach out, yet they understand not. Possibly they can stand for thousands of years knowing not that the Kingdom of God only opens once every two thousand years. It is sad when the body is no more and the spirit goes on in desolation.

Abide by the Law of God and follow it and then we will find our being here on the earth plane was worth while and not as many will find when they are over the border, worthless, having only lead a wasteful, low sort of journey. Follow the teachings of the Elder Brother. He said, "Love our neighbor as ourself." Even those that spitefully use you, for they too are part-God. We are all children of the Father. It matters not whether our outer being or man-made part is black or white or copper color—all are of the living God. That small atom, that Spirit-part, that life, that spirit was sent forth from the Creator and must return. It takes with it what it had done, for you cannot erase it. Think not there will be a judge come forth and judge you according to your deeds. O no, for if you think that, then you will be sadly disappointed. Your conscience, your life, your better self is with that spirit. You have either shrouded it in darkness or you have let it travel in Light, which then will be your reward. If it has been well then well for you henceforth, but if you have traveled in selfish, dark hours here, then, my dear brothers and sisters, make haste ere the time, the hour, is come.

When we are over the border we can reach to and try to get in touch with those that are still in body, those left behind, those we loved while here, and yet they do not want to recognize us. But the day will come and they will be glad to recognize us, glad we can get in closer touch with them, for they will know that what we bring forth is in righteousness, truthfulness and brotherly love.

Out of brotherly love we bring it, out of love that humanity might get on a higher understanding and not go down into utter darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Many are called, but few are chosen. The time is when your own loved ones will bring forth those conditions in such a manner that you will recognize them. There will be no death, there will be no parting. If you reach to it, well and good, and if you reach not to it, then may God have mercy on you.

AMEN.

APPOLIOS OF TREON.

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LIFE AND ITS LIMITATIONS

By Louisa Riemvis

THIS great business of life has many obstacles, as all may have observed, and each is a stepping-stone upward. We can attain the higher life here and now if we will, it is all a matter of overcoming the looming obstacles in our way. Life would not have much meaning if all was serene and calm at all times. All life's desire gratified would become palling to our spirit taste in time, and there would be no spiritual progression or advancement.

Limitations when looked at from a philosophical standpoint give a real zest to life, and all is not in vain. Remember, it takes many failures and successes to reach the summit, and what is of greater value than spiritual success and spiritual attainment?

This material life is the great tool with which the spirit must work. The flesh is only an instrument through which the spirit learns its needed lessons! One may possibly raise the objection that life and its limitations must be looked at from a material standpoint if we must live in a material world; and one may possibly ask, "How are we to overcome those limitations here and now?" And I would say, "By the spirit you are able to overcome all seeming material obstacles."

The real part of us is the spirit part, the immortal part that death cannot destroy. The body which we inhabit is only for a short period of time comparatively, as reckoned by eternity. The spirit, being immortal, has passed through many experiences, and will continue to manifest on many planes of expression, long after this earth life is ended.

Death is a stepping-stone to a higher, more spiritual expression of life, a wide-open doorway to higher achievements. Life has many forms, many expressions, the earth life is only one form. Our Father, God, says, "Life is eternal, life is immortal." The spirit MUST inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (or spiritual sphere of harmony), for the spirit cannot inherit the flesh. "The corruptible shall put on incorruption, the mortal, immortality," therefore the real life is that of the spirit.

Any spirit about to pass over the threshold of this earthly life, arrayed in shining garments of purity and spirituality, will be as an imprisoned bird freed from its cage. We are all like birds with wings outspread as we leave this earth life be-

hind us in so-called death. "There is no death, what seems so is transition," wrote one of our immortal poets, and when we know it positively, what greater happiness can we have?

Our orthodox brethren teach us "to have hope and faith," while Spiritualism teaches absolute knowledge, that there is no death with strong evidential proofs to support their claims. Who, then, holds up the great banner of truth and knowledge? Spiritualism! Then it deserves a place in every human heart regardless of past affiliations. The truth MUST prevail, and "Truth needs no confirmation"; it is supreme!

God has sent His holy messengers at all periods of the world's history to spread truth among mortals. If a chosen instrument, or medium, is afraid of ridicule, lay down your banners, fold your hands supinely and remain in the unenlightened, ignorant mental condition of the past! If you have courage and are unafraid, but willing to be one of God's chosen messengers or prophets of Truth, raise your banners, unfold it's folds, press ever onward, overcoming all obstacles, reaching many sore and stricken souls, finding happiness in going along life's highways and byways doing good; ever encouraging, ever smiling, ever sending out good-will to all men, know then, that "the first shall be last, and the last first," and in your innermost depths you can say, "All is well with my soul."

The world has no place for failures! We need strong leaders who can point the way to the Light! Jesus is the Leader whom all must follow! There is no failure in His guidance, yet we stumble and fall in the darkness. We are but children all, following in His Light, following whither He leadeth!

The great light (or spiritual understanding) of Jesus shineth in the darkness! Be comforted and know lest the Light blindeth! (lest knowledge overcome you).

Reach out into the great soul currents of the invisible, and find there your strength; all limitations and barriers down where the soul reigneth it's freedom! The effort is worth while, for in finding our own souls, we have found God, of Whom we are an immortal part.

Faith and Hope is the invisible bridge that crosses the chasm of the Unknown. Knowledge as taught through the philosophy of Spiritualism, is the great staff on which to lean, and then, only then, can we overcome all limitations, all seeming obstacles, and rejoice in peace and happiness of the soul!

THE POWER OF THE HUMAN WILL

By Geraldine Wood

SIGMUND FREUD, the genius, was born in Vienna in the year 1856. He interested himself in psycho-analysis, and became a great student of the most secret and intricate processes of the human soul. He interpreted dreams. He analyzed human creatures, their wants, their ambitions, their desires. He studied sex and its expression in human conduct. He said, "Express yourselves, humankind, repressions are hurtful to the soul's growth." People, afflicted and tormented, came to him and he healed them by his power to analyze and prescribe their future conduct. He was a healer of the soul.

But, unfortunately, he had too many imitators who lacked his supreme genius. These, many of them, had no right to any other title than that of soul-meddler. But they called themselves psycho-analysts. All over Europe the wealthy flocked to their clinics. It was the fad of the hour to be psycho-analyzed. All the most secret processes of the soul were laid bare before the alien eyes of the Freudian followers. Some cures, but many tragedies were the result. Their eyes turned inward, many wholesome, normal people now discovered for the first time that they were afflicted with complexes and repressions which were vitally injuring them. "Give vent to your repressions, give full play to your innate desires, and know the

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liberty of self-expression," was the advice of these imitators. It became a well-known scandal that the first advice of one of the most prominent and expensive psycho-analysts on the continent was apt to be, "Leave your mate, and express yourself." A harvest of suicides, divorces and debaucheries followed. The wonderful science of psycho-analysis fell into disrepute.

So few should touch the soul and its workings, for the soul is a divine thing and should express itself in happy, wholesome, normal growth. True, God's natural laws should be expressed, but we, though natural men, are also upright spiritual beings, and, as such, can not live as the animals do. Two sets of laws must govern us. We must follow not only God's natural laws, but His spiritual laws as well. And the plane of natural law and the plane of spiritual law are distinct and different, albeit in another sense, all is natural, for all is divine and of God.

There was a time when men dwelt almost entirely on the natural or physical plane. He was then not much more than a brute beast, expressing himself after the laws of his kind, but with the dawning of reason and intellect, a change came to this darkened being and he strove to raise and better his condition. In the process of evolution he experienced a quickening of his spirit powers. He was, even in his darkened state, a spirit being, for all life is spirit, but he was not spiritually awakened, for he had not used those powers of his soul, which, in their development, were to raise him above the level of the beast and place him definitely on the higher plane of the spiritual.

Man has raised himself by effort, and so his is a conscious evolution, accompanied by a gradual awakening and development of powers which are no less than divine. He calls these

higher powers the inner man, the higher self, the invisible God within. And he has raised himself by the power of the human will which has directed his every worth while effort. And is not this the divine will for each and every one of us? Some would distinguish between the human and the divine will, but I want to say to you that the human will is God-given and divine, for by it we may raise ourselves to heaven itself. It is a replica of the divine will but still imperfect in its operations and powers. It should direct our every effort. When we go to someone else for counsel and advice, let us not forget the divinity within, that divinity which is peculiarly ours, and intended for our particular guidance. This is why man can not receive more, why he can not approach more closely to the spiritual for guidance and protection. He must, by evolution, raise himself to that level of comprehension and power.

There is ever a conflict between the purely natural and the spiritual. The human race is passing through this conflict. "Shall I obey my desires?" they say. "I can not. They are wrong. It is a sin to obey them, so I will put them aside." This conviction of sin is the warfare between the new and the old, between the natural and the spiritual man, for, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him for they are spiritually discerned." As Paul tells us in I Cor. 15:43-46, "It (the soul) is sown a natural body (the body of physical birth); it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body."

Now, when we have repressions and desires which are truly hurtful, what should we do? Go and give them full expression? No indeed. Correct them by the power of the God-given will and let good desires know expression in righteous conduct.

SUGGESTIONS FROM EXALTED SPIRITS

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THE tallow candle represents the light-of-other-days, so do all of the man-made systems of teaching represent the light of periods of history; but the grand illumination which typifies life eternal, is the philosophy-of-life as taught by those enlightened spirits who wear the crown of divine favor and wisdom from the Infinite.

There is no need of mortal combat between nations, because a cyclonic wave of mortal destruction in war indicates a low state of civilization. Barbaric conflict, even with modern weapons, can and will be supplanted by a standard of spirituality which will sweep the seeds of warlike antagonism from the minds of men and women, and then a peace never-ending will be firmly established on the earth.

What can be more senseless than a fruitless and destructive war? What can be more victorious than peace?

The conditions of mortal life may be disturbed by contention for a while, but the normal condition is one of peace where dwelleth love for others on a mutual basis.

The blessing of a happy home cannot be overestimated, because the home unit is the basis of a sound democracy.

Love conquers hate, and requires no intermediary of arbitration. Our spirit counsellors teach us that love is the solvent for all forms of discontent and inharmony among us. So let

us continually watch, to see that love never be allowed to leave our happy cottage, home or palace.

The fulfilling of the law is a condition of justice that is swallowed up in an unlimited abundance of love for mankind, both in the letter and the spirit-of-the-law.

All of us come to a realization that our friends and kindred in the spirit-world shower on us their love, which betokens a broad feeling of altruism so prized by us in mortal life.

We cannot hope to make much progress here until we get in touch with those finer forces of psychic power that draw us to attracting spirits of deep intelligence and moral worth. Then do we emphatically learn that to embrace the good spirits' influence is to enter into a state of cosmic consciousness that places us on the super-normal plane—as mentioned by old-time men of science. Today it is called plain Spiritualism—put to practical use in our every-day unfoldment of character and moral conduct as censored by advanced spirits in the heavenly spheres of progress and attainment.

Personally, we like to commune with those exalted spirits who fill us with a desire to conform to their suggestions for our practical benefit. And as their instruction is unselfishly intended for all mankind, communion with them fills us with a desire to transmit the news to the public as it is handed down to us.

And may God help us in making every nation a counterpart of the kingdom which is in heaven.

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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 LVIII — LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH STRIFE OR VAINGLORY; BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN THEMSELVES. Philippians 2:3. Wars bring on more wars, for bitterness and malice and envy lingers where ignorance of God's Laws hold sway. Hatred is not the means to Higher spiritual planes. Striving to outdo one another for gain to self or for self praise does not bring lasting satisfaction nor spiritual comfort. An exhibition of jealousy and of greed is vain and for naught. Attempting to reach the top at the suffering of the lowly, is false and deceptive. Such are the ways of man and must be shunned. Pure thoughts, kind words and righteous deeds are the ways of the Nazarene.

Love one another as I have loved you; Do unto others as you would they do unto you; Serve one Master; Let your light shine before all men; Judge not neither be judged by another, are His teachings, are God's way. All are born equal spiritually. When God first sent forth the life or spirit it was the same with each and every child of man. All were endowed with that light and wisdom and power which cometh of the Father who is Love. We all therefore are brothers and sisters in spirit under the Supreme Fatherhood, God. Our Elder Brother held us all in esteem and by so doing holds the Father likewise, since we are all spiritually combined one with another. They who are here and they who have gone into the spirit realms must hold each other in love and esteem and not deny nor despise one or another, to the Glory of the Father with whom we must one day again reunite.

LESSON LIX — WHEREFORE IF YE BE DEAD WITH JESUS FROM THE RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD WHY, AS THOUGH LIVING IN THE WORLD, ARE YE SUBJECT TO ORDINANCES (TOUCH NOT; TASTE NOT; HANDLE NOT; WHICH ALL ARE TO PERISH WITH THE USING) AFTER THE COMMANDMENTS AND DOCTRINES OF MEN? Colossians 2:20-22. Jesus as a man had left off the material desires and lived for spiritual upliftment, and by so doing the spirit mastered the fleshly. When one reaches away from the customs of man he is a subject for persecution and vilification. It was ever thus with the prophets, seers, psychics and mediums who held fast to God's spiritual gifts, many of which the Nazarene had. Lack of understanding has prevented proper man-made laws and safeguards, and it was made difficult for such truthfinders and revealers of the Truth to continue free from the ordinances, commands or doctrines of men. They were denied the right to worship God in truth and in spirit. They communed with the Father and so too with their brother and sister in spirit, yet they neither could touch nor feel the manifestation of their communicants.

What was true of the Spiritualists of old is true today. Saul himself was one who would want to enforce man's ordinances, but later, when he received the light and understanding while on the road to Damascus, where he heard the voice from beyond the realms of man, he reconsidered and then questioned such actions on the part of those in authority. He, Paul, demanded by what right they could set conditions upon spirit and spirit force, and the demand has been in effect ever since.

Because of such conditions, spirit communication becomes difficult and perishes for the time of imposing such hardships.

LESSON LX—FOR IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, EVEN SO THEM ALSO WHICH SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM. I Thessalonians 4:15. Jesus was the son of man and, as all children of men, was born of flesh and bone and blood. The man-made body has within the God-part or spirit or life, and is not perishable but liveth unto all eternity. It is this spirit, created in God's image that arose at the time of so-called death and is called the resurrection. It is not the body that arose. Such however is the false interpretation given by man, but the true follower of the Elder Brother Knows it is not the body that rises but the spirit, and as true followers such spirits too will rise same as with Him. This is true of all spirits, only they do not understand until too late.

It is the body that dies or sleeps or rests and not the spirit. No man can restore that life within its former material abode once it has been severed and found its release into spirit realm. One who is mediumistic can see such spirit loved ones gone out of body, but that is not raising the dead—it is to see them same as was the incident of the ascension. It was His spirit that was seen, not the body, still it was so manifested, that in one case the disciple Thomas doubted it and wanted to "feel," while the others knew better. From the spirit loved ones from the higher realms it has been given us that the body of the Nazarene practically is where it was buried, but the interpretations and many revisions of the Jewish History called the Holy Bible caused the true point to become lost to mankind of today, but the truth is again being revealed for all.

LESSON LXI—FOR GOD HATH NOT GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF FEAR; BUT OF POWER, AND OF LOVE, AND OF A SOUND MIND. II Timothy 1:7. God is Love and is not a God to be feared, and we as part-God have that part-Love and Power that should make us want to look to Him only without fear. God hath created in wisdom and so too His children have come forth in wisdom, with knowledge and understanding, and traveling this earth plane as we do, should hold fast to what the Father has blessed us with, and not let the doctrines of man, or creed or belief overshadow our light of truth. By listening to the better self or inner voice we soon are prompted how rightly to make our earthly journey and then that spiritual knowledge developes sound man and mind, which the rudiments of the world cannot give.

It is wrong to say there is any such thing as an evil spirit, for God is the Creator of spirit and not of fear nor of evil nor of death. This God-creation, spirit, makes its way through the realms after it has left its earthly body behind, and it travels in spirit and manifests itself in spirit and is seen in spirit by spirit in body. That is the power given it and cannot be taken away by man, try as he would. For these truths we acknowledge God and His wonders and seek to better know not to abuse or violate His blessings, that our spirit-selves shall not lament and weep in sadness when we are resurrecting from our bodies and held accountable for our own actions, especially when it comes in the instruction and advisement of our fellow man.

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NATURE HAS NO SECRETS

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HERE is nothing hidden in Nature. It is an open book, written in the objective language of phenomena of cause and effect. We cannot separate mind from an archetypal organism that constitutes an integral part of the inorganic cosmos. Mind is a corporeal entity, which may manifest at its limit of attenuation or involved state, or in its various degrees of corporal evolution and manifestation. Every manifestation of mind or life in nature is an organic phenomenon, therefore objective to the psychic scientist.

Mind organism is an autonomic archetypal physical entity and its motive phenomena must necessarily be composed of organic entities. Therefore all thoughts are objective things produced by a mind organism. Hence we say that Nature is an open book to beings whose mind and senses are turned to perceive.

Whose fault is it that the masses of humans possess no psychic ability and are content with their animal senses for information that affords them food, clothes and shelter? For what does this limited state of mental unfoldment and perception prepare the spirit of man, when freed from its mortal body? When we speak of man, we really mean an accretive organic replica of the Father who was the designer and the creator of His mortal armor or instrument for a special purpose and use on the mundane plane of manifestation.

Why does an embryo god in a mortal replica called man so little appreciate the purpose and use of life and mentally sink below the normal mortal manifestations of beings that are not thought to be in the image and likeness of God, who designed their mortal accretive replica, as observed in all of the various living things that environ man, who proceeds to destroy their mortal existence? Why has the history of man recorded in the Old Testament remained quite the same in the past two thousand years?

Man, being a theomorphic phenomenon, naturally adopted theophany ideas out of which developed various religious sects who merely exacted from their disciples faith, prayer, worship and hope for aid from a God without form or body—an inorganic, impersonal, intangible nothing.

Through such theological notions, mankind became mentally phonographic-record producers, traducing their own God-selves; hence the great lack of moral and spiritual unfoldment of mankind today. They chose to remain in an unthinking state of animal consciousness and perception, therefore vassals to various religious traditions, and destitute of toleration. The ignorance and depravity of man recorded in the Old Testament has made no moral and spiritual progress in the past two thousand years. The masses of mankind are yet groping mentally in their animal consciousness, devoid of any information that could be obtained by the development of their psychic senses. Naturally, a religion which is the product of ignorance makes its devotees dependents, subordinating their God-selves to some fanciful impersonal power.

Erroneous belief has long debarred the mental evolution of Godman and will continue to until schools for the study of psychic science enlighten mankind, teaching them how to think logically and thus unfold their minds, which will be accompanied by realization and demonstration as progress is made

from the easy to the more difficult study of the phenomena of being.

By normal thinking the animal consciousness and senses of man are gradually unfolded and energized through the process of intelligent thinking which tunes the mind organism to higher and higher vibrations, and in due time contact can be made with discarnate beings, after which the mental unfoldment becomes more and more rapid as the laws of mental action are better understood.

Religious devotees converse on what they believe and hope for, indicating a great lack of thinking and, naturally, an undeveloped mind and senses. Mental dependents do not think, therefore have no creative ability to transform their minds and bodies from the state of animal consciousness to that of a psychic being. When a psychic sees the phenomena of the spirit realms, he knows where and how to clarify his knowledge gained from the various planes of being. It makes the phenomena of life on the mundane plane intelligible to him, for he sees the causators of mortal phenomena before they become incarnated. The Godself, Father or Spirit, encased in a seed, nut, root, etc., exhibits its individuality and personality by design in entire completeness before the accretive process of incarnating its replica is afforded conditions which enable it to manifest mortally.

Youth should be taught that the Kingdom of God is within them; that the potential unfoldment of the mind organism is limitless in its creative efforts; that their Godself is an autonomic being possessing the eternal normal laws of Being; that self-consciousness, self-sustaining, self-directing, self-designing and self-creating are attributes of their Godself who incarnated temporarily into incarnate mortal manifestation; that the pure in mind shall see God who brought His Son (man) into mortal existence to gain creative potency for greater work; that the study of the science of the natural mental laws of his being is the only means of progression; that the Godself is ever sending out desire to do something more; that the desires are prophecies, and if emotion, thought and will energize the desires, their fulfillment must take place; that by one steadfast purpose of the mind all holy desires will be fulfilled and made manifest; that patience is essential in transforming the mind and body to higher planes of consciousness and perception; that there is no sacrifice in following the innate laws of one's being; that a tranquil mind is at peace with its Godself and with all Nature's manifestations; that embryo gods have from their germinal state ever been making their mental ascent through creative efforts; that mental dependents have no need for creative thought; that mental vassals soon become phonograph records about the doings of Satan and are full of fear on account of the fall of Godman who in His creative ascent was liable to err; that the Godself of man is greater than the thing created in error and can overcome it by normal creative efforts.

LEAVES

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—MATTHEW 7:20

MOST of us are raking leaves,
At the binding-time of sheaves.
Naught there is for us to bring,
As some few are offering;
Fruits of labor, we all know,
One may reap, if one will sow.

AMOS.

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THE TRUE LIGHT

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Gale Roars Again

AS WE write this the tropical hurricane that left its mark in Porto Rico, Florida, South Carolina and elsewhere reaches us here in New York, although with considerably lessened fury. Shortly after its arrival come the pictures of the wreckage and desolation left in its wake. It makes us think again as to its meaning. So terrific were the winds in the affected storm center that steel girders were tossed about like toothpicks, buildings shattered, trees uprooted, much crops ruined and shipping and business seriously hampered. The driving deluge of rain and the rising tides in many sections also left the mark for sufferers to think about.

Although relief measures were at once ordered by Government Officials for the thousands homeless and starving, we wonder what relief for the departed spirits who but lately were enclined in mortal bodies. Do they who in the twinkling of an eye were called beyond know what it all can mean?

When a Power greater than mere man manifests itself upon this earth plane, it comes with a message, a warning, as a sign. So it was in days gone by and so it is today. The unrighteous and untruthful must awaken to its significance. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." It is up to humanity. Each has his or her part. Get understanding. Peace must rule, harmony prevail and brotherhood endure. Then too will the signs in the heavens be peaceful and harmonious. Then to the

Glory of God shall all stand united. The opportunities are alike for those discarnate spirits as for those incarnate.

Schooling

VACATION time is past and again the children are back at their desks and doing the three R's. By earnest work and faithful attendance they should acquire a knowledge fitting them in part at least for life's worldly journey. It is indeed a blessing in every case where the instructors are well qualified to bring out those attributes of personality and forcefulness of character so necessary in these trying times when temptations toward evil doings are so strong and come so frequently.

Pupils seeking higher education and especially those who attend the colleges and universities will achieve success in purpose according to the groundwork received earlier in their schooling. In this regard the parents have had and still have very much to do.

The very great responsibilities of the fathers and mothers of these children of school age becomes more apparent than when their children were more closely under their direct care and attention. Now others are looking after them. Do they know what is going on with both instructors and instructed? What do the examples of behavior shown the offsprings amount to? Are these young men and women to become vagabonds, thieves, murderers? The elders should be careful to look into the continued welfare of their children and it should be the duty and honor of the children to hold close to their elders. This may seem old-fashioned, but it is worth while.

It may be well to learn much about astronomy, the lost languages, of ancient history and the sciences, but the future of the younger generation will be greatly handicapped unless they are taught more about the living God.

What of the Future?

IT IS claimed that modern science has conclusively established the fact that we tend to grow more and more into the likeness of those things we love best.

Then what of the future of the many society girls who are so passionately fond of dogs? And what shall become of those other maids who simply adore cats? It is noticeable that men imitate the women with uncontrolled passion.

Mankind under these conditions has not a very bright outlook. It is so merely because humanity has ignored the finer and higher things, the spirituality

of being. We may mean well, but that is not what leads to that home beyond this earth realm where we will see ourselves as we really are.

The dream of future civilizations is not upon the lower or earthly levels, but upon the higher or spiritual levels. And if we are going to become dependent upon any science or instruments and apparatus that tells us something we should know of our inner selves, such future as we now have pictured for us will be anything but true.

All of us have the power to think. The mastery of thought will overcome every obstacle of circumstance. Let us therefore grow more and more in the likeness and image of Him who Loves us and who has given us those spiritual gifts from which we draw strength.

Plan to Stop War

THE dawning of a new day on earth can only come when the people of earth evince a sincere desire to attain spirituality—of course, some spirituality is present, but it is limited in volume and scope, and there is need for a grand awakening—a renaissance—so that the progress will be worth while mentioning and recording.

So I come to you today with a message from the advanced thinkers of the sphere-of-progress in the heavenly realm to state most emphatically, that *mammon worship has reached its limit of endurance*, and a change for the good of all must come in order to save civilization, as it is, from utter destruction by war.

"Peace claims its victories no less than war," so it is up before you to see and to realize the plain statement that *war must cease*—otherwise destruction and annihilation for civilization (such as one finds it, in an undeveloped stage, today).

We are not inclined to howl and rave over adverse conditions among nations, because such howling does no good.

The plan we recommend is, that each person (especially Spiritualists) decide today to do all that is possible to better conditions in his own community. Let him or her promise, and commence today, to practice peace in the home, field and factory, and agree with his own conscience that he will evince a *friendly regard for all*, of every race, color or creed, and put it into practice, here and now, today.

This is the way to establish peace on a foundation that is both permanent and pleasing to God and the spirit loved ones of advancement.

(Spirit) HYPATIA.

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Inspired Art

HAVING had occasion to visit the City of Chicago this summer for a brief period, I had the honor of visiting with our brother Wm. H. Watson, of international art fame and spiritual repute. We had quite a lengthy chat wherein he kindly consented to speak of his work and paintings. His great and rare painting, "The Reincarnation of Moses," has startled the art world in its realistic portrayal of the ancient architecture of the ancient Pharaohs. The painting has been estimated and valued at the sum of \$10,000, but who can estimate its spiritual value, inspired as it was by great departed masters of art? The great beauty of this painting is rare in its simplicity.

I stood before it not as a critic, but as an humble observer, drinking in its beauty which found a response in my own soul. The lower foremost scene portrays the royal palace of the Pharaohs; and the river wherein Moses was found by the princess in the bulrushes. The upper central scene portrays a bright, shining array of angel forces spreading their radiance over the lower scene. It is a direct reproduction of the architecture of the royal palace in Egypt as given to Dr. Watson through inspiration and is the only one of its kind in existence.

Dr. Watson is conscious of his spiritual guidance and rejoices in the knowledge.

By AN OBSERVER.

Confession

NOTICE—This is from the spirit side of life, as a confession of one who had been a Spiritual Medium and who renounced Spiritualism through avarice. THROUGH A PRIVATE HOME MEDIUM.

THE news of the coming Kingdom of Heaven on earth is real news for any newspaper; and as I see matters on earth from my position in the spirit world, the condition resembles a great general awakening of the people to a realization that spiritual concepts must find their place, even amid gross materiality in a civilization that is at present sunken to the level of materialism.

But let me dwell on the fact that I am now doing all I can to lessen the effect of my false teaching when on earth.

I, as a spirit entity, endowed with life eternal in the heavens, with consciousness and memory intact, do now experience a deep remorse over my shortcomings as a false teacher when on earth.

I am abiding in the Zone-of-Darkness, suffering from the pangs of a guilty conscience, as I cannot escape from the accusations of avarice and falsity that are

now hurled at me from those whom I deluded, and who, themselves, are inhabiting, with me, and countless other earth-bound creatures, all living and wandering in a place or zone of a literal darkness and gloom, and dreadful to contemplate.

But your words of hope, dear medium, have reached me from time-to-time, from your seance meetings, and I too have hope of reaching the zone of divine illumination, by making amends for the past and by building up a more ennobled character.

At this opportune moment let me state openly and freely that I would wish for all my old students and followers to take up the study of spiritual science (Spiritualism), and through actual personal experience, become acquainted with mediumship, and possibly become spiritual mediums in your own home.

Communication could be established with me as well as with other spirits, and then proof of spirit-life and spirit-return would be obtained by you. Otherwise any qualified medium may be consulted, as they are readily found in Boston and in many other cities.

I want all to "prove all things and to hold fast to that which is good."

And now, dear friends of earth, may the blessing of truth reach your understanding at last, as it has come to me.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

TO
THE TRUE LIGHT
AND AS
ITS EXISTENCE ASPIRES
ONLY FOR
TRUE LIGHT
GATHER ITS FRUIT

—A Contributor

LIFE'S LITTLE DAY

ONE little day, then we are all swept away,
Into the land of shadows and doubt;
One little moment, one little hour,
And what have we to show for having been here?

The yesterdays have passed, the tomorrows
still to come,
But the present for us still to do and be,
So let us take a step in the direction of the
right,
That we may light our paths for our tomorrows.

Vain regrets are useless, sad,
On the road the soul must travel;
Fulfill our duties now while there's still time,
For today we live and labor, tomorrow we
may die,
So let us light our tomorrows by our todays
and yesterdays.

By LOUISA RIEMVIS.

HOMO SAPIENS

WHO is the man who holds himself above
His fellow-men on pride and vanity
And thinking so assumes it is his love
Surmounting self, God and humanity?
None can lead so for all the world was made
For humbler souls to live and man will ask
Of his Creator as he plys his trade
Naught else than that he finish well the task.

Who is the man who of his earnings draws
The honey and cares not for bitter days
To search thru knowledge of the higher laws
The sweeter joys that life thereby repays?

Forbid his lot: the man is nothing but
He who will plod his way out the rut!

By GENE HOMER

LIAR

I REVERE the truth and hate a lie,
But I love the liar just the same.
Ev'ry truth will live, ev'ry lie must die;
Then the liar's head must hang in shame.
Yet my love may win even him from sin
And restore to him a worthy name.

AMOS.

COMMEMORATION

GIVE not a tear,
Nor deck with flower;
Say not a word,
Wait not the hour.

Give but a sigh,
Wrap it in breath;
Say in your heart—
How sweet is death.

Think not of me,
Nor read the past;
Leave not a pain,
Hold up your breast.

Think but of love,
Lift it to God;
Leave it for me
Above the sod.

Bow not your head,
Nor press your lips;
Fold not your hands,
Give not what weeps.

Bow but your soul;
Answer the grave;
Fold in your lips
The kisses I gave.

Wear not the black,
Nor shroud your face;
Kneel not too long,
Bless not the place.

Wear but the white,
Fringe it with gold;
Kneel when my grave
Is blooming and old.

By GENE HOMER.

Do you think it your duty to follow
the chalk line? Remember the chalk
line was made, originally, for people who
did not have brains enough to find their
own way.—CHRISTIAN D. LARSON.

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AWAKE, YE MEN!

Through the Mediumship of Lillian Barit

IN EVERY age man has sought to perfect man's arrangement of earth and earthly things, taking from God's hand the ruling line and sought to make themselves the greater; and to what avail? Only this the result, repeated over and over again, in the years that have passed and has made the Eternal more unrecognizable to the view of His children, and glooming the Word of His mouth with forebodings and His Kingdom retreated further and further from the sight of man. When shall man find the truth in all things and come to the realization of the True Heart, God, beating in unison with "All Good," and seeking ever to divert from man's heart the mistaken idea that God is only with some and absent from others? Purity of heart is the white heat of understanding light that comes after desire's red coals have cooled and right thinking holds its sway. Man's heart still will beat to every new divergence of man-made creed and laws when one hundred centuries will have passed over the face of the earth.

Whether now you call man good or bad does not make him so. All will be good, only when one man shall allow the other to do and say that which to each one seems and is right. God's Law is immutable, but man has tried, many times, changes which seemed better for the time and age; but in another age and time it has been again overwritten; and through the many changes its essentials are there still, and breaks through its holdings, and as a flower raises its head to the sun, finds more light for greater usefulness and gives more spiritual sustenance to souls blown hither and thither by doubts on the tempestuous seas of mortality.

What is it then that man seeks? Man seeks the ability to amalgamate his own idea of the law with the ideas written and spoken long ages ago; and being man, he does not always accede to the principle of learning the older ideas but places his ideas first, so comes not tranquility of mind but warring against principles laid down, thus comes the revolt of youth, which is apparent everywhere now, as always. These half baked humans, only tried in the kilns of life, that have not even hardened, but just crusted over, and must be allowed to ferment and stay half baked until the kiln may be new fired and the hearts and minds of youth become used to the first glimmer of Truth. The revolt of youth, the surge of the incoming tide, not receding, leaves on the shore the selfsame sands that have been covered, in addition to a few new grains washed in.

So it is with youth, if the right implements be given into their hands to dig with, and the leading strings be left almost dragging, and if the ones waiting to instruct with patience would listen to the outpourings, would come the *not over-ferment* that would be of no avail, but the setting to work of all the unused energy of the ferment to the uplift of the *Lid of Human Knowledge*; and with steadiness of the leaders would again appear the Light Divine on the Path of Every Day Life and the Revolt of Youth would be no more.

So shall ye children be led by the light of Faith and Love that all, by looking deeply into your eyes, shall behold the brightening of the Angel of the Lord within your hearts and you too shall be holy. Where then among the children of men, wherever you have searched, have you found courage without truth? The word of truth is always the word of Love and our fiercest exponents in their hours of argumentative discourse have forgotten the admonition to place themselves as little

children in order that they too might enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Man's thoughtlessness and lack of Judgment has given rise to mistaken, so-called, awakenings; pleasures of the body are but lusts which withhold calm judgments. Pleasures of the spirit are like breezes that blow over open heaths, filled with life-giving ethers and delighting the famished soul with visions of the Realms of Quietude and of Peace. When mortal eyes will again be infilled with immortal visions. When mortal forms shall embody spiritual bodies on their everyday wanderings, not donning them to enter God's House and then carefully laying them aside for its next usage; but will permanently don them, weaving them more firmly to them, and forgetting greed for power and gain, will allow one iota of spiritual beneficence to glimmer, and then light the marts of barter and trade, then will come in verity, the oft repeated by rote, but never fully understood by brain and heart, "Thy Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven."

You praise the Father, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit when in communion with them in Their House; but you forget this, that *Their* true abiding place is in the heart that knows brotherly love, and sheds its rays of light on the thorny and seamy path of humanity.

You call the man who gives some of what he has gained, Philanthropist. Oft it is true Love which causes the welfare of man to awake the giving; but more often it is the need, crying within him, to justify earlier actions, transgressions, omissions against God's rulings. The urge to set himself right in the eyes of mortals, and the great hope, not expressed but oft buried deeply in his heart of hearts, to make his peace with his God through charity.

Charity, sweet charity, how much is done, and yet not done in thy name. Thou to whom the humblest of His Realm is as the most influential. Thou to whom, our beloved Leader among men hast given the handling of the alms, because in His sight thou art a worthy Hand-Maiden of the Queen of Mercy and closely allied to Love.

The man Jesus came of preordained stock, those who through long generations of travail slowly shed their cloaks of materialism and gave birth to idealism, which is the first Godly trait seen in upward climbing man. In that day, not any but the rules of the Clans could read the written word, or express their opinion of that word other than through voice. As this is fact, we get the first principles of teaching by word of mouth, and the different portions of the Word or Law became better known, just as that portion found more truth in its teaching in the heart of the individual teacher. Man as he grew in mind and reached upward toward more elucidation, ever found the same difficulty presented to him, viz: the real meaning in the passage discussed, hence it always has been the same; and man takes a varied idea from the identical saying according to his need.

To teach the Law of Moses, as it is written, is simplicity itself; but try to wade through the different and wholly dissimilar eruditions, and one finds oneself totally at sea. To teach the Law of Jesus is simple as well, but again the different exponents have diversified its *unvaried* meaning, until its very clarity becomes obscure. Whence comes the voice of admonition? Whence comes the joy of knowing Him, and the Glory of His Achievement? Within, only within, ever within,

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not without. You sing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and do you then not know you are following His most sacred admonition, "Love the Father, and through Him, my work is done!"

The beauty of His Life is forgotten. The Love of His Life is brought to naught today because you seek your own way, not His Way; and because you deem it necessary for Him to show you signs and wonders, forgetting His Unforgettable Words, "Greater deeds, shall ye do, if ye believe on the Father and have sufficient Faith."

Greater shall be the benefits you shall reap, when you come here and we greet you with simplicity but with truth; and you gather that which is yours to reap from that which you have sown. Teach the children, your younger generation, none are too young or too tender to hear God's Word. Impress on their very tenderness of heart the adage of "Love Thy God and Thy Humankind," and then you shall have started the growing of the small and lowly acorn into the widely spreading Oak of Universal Brotherhood, through knowledge, through truth to spread the Light.

God give you the love, that Jesus had for you all; God give you the peace, that Jesus brought through His message of "Good Will Towards All." AMEN.

P. B.

PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

LESSON X



NCE again use the prayer of lesson nine to open sitting. And again bring the hands into evidence, by holding them out to catch vibrations. By this time your hands should register an electrical contact. They should be sufficiently sensitized to feel presences very plainly, and convey to the brain cells a mental picture of spirit presences, and a panorama of pictures, that if described would be of personal interest to someone. But do not make the mistake that most pupils do: they try to recognize the presences as persons whom they knew in earth-life, or they believe that all phenomenon centers around their own person and interests. This is not true. The genuine Psychic is a person in whom is engendered the power to receive a contact or come into rapport with spirit entities for the general good of humanity, not to sop up all that enters into an hour with the teachers and friends of the higher planes.

If a personality appears, be sure to welcome the presence, but see what word they speak for another instead of concentrating upon self motive and selfish personal gain. That is sure to destroy the benefit that can be derived from sitting for the development of latent, personal forces by contact with the greater COSMIC ENERGY.

Watch for vapor, and if it appears, watch to see the form it will take, and be careful not to imagine more than does take place. The tendency to imagine more than really happens is so strong with most pupils that I have found it necessary to keep a close watch on all that is reported by members of the class, and check the results, so as to be sure that they are witnessing phenomenon rather than creating mental pictures out of desire or by prompting of the subconscious mind, which is merely an index to memory and can drag out anything placed there at any time previous to the sitting. Many mislead themselves by attempting to explain every bit of clairvoyant phenomena, instead of accepting it the same as scenery along the roadway. Be very careful not to be too anxious. Close with prayer as in ninth lesson.

SPIRITUALISM

(A BELIEF OR A KNOWLEDGE)

By Richard Ward, Ph.D., D.D.

2nd INSTALLMENT

THERE are certain, well defined natural forces working in and through man which the average Spiritualist knows little or nothing of. In fact the average Spiritualist knows so little of these forces that he cannot even explain his own peculiar forces to the satisfaction of the investigating mind. To him, all who will not blindly accept his statements are scoffers, whereas, he must come in contact many times a day with those who would gladly believe were they to be shown the proper way to believe.

JESUS PERFORMED HIS EVERY WORK AND LIVED EVERY SECOND OF HIS LIFE THROUGH, AS HE ALWAYS ADMITTED, THE POWER OF THE FATHER TO WHOM HE GAVE ALL CREDIT AND ALL GLORY. THE AVERAGE SPIRITUALIST PERFORMS HIS WORK AND LIVES EVERY SECOND OF HIS LIFE THROUGH, AS HE OFTEN ADMITS, HIS OWN GREATNESS, POWER AND GLORY.

Because of the difference in the above two statements, the average Spiritualist can never perform nor hope to perform, nor act, nor live, nor commune as perfectly as did Jesus, nor enter into the relationship with God as the Father, unless:

The Spiritualist will cease to consider self first and foremost, lifting up his heart to God in all things, permitting an inflow of the God-power that it might operate and bring forth works of the Father in him according to His Will.

Unless one has learned to solve one's own problems in life; unless one has learned one's true relationship to God and God's relationship toward oneself, how can one expect to soar on spirit waves to the highest realm in the spirit world—where all Spiritualists like to think they are to dwell in after transition.

That the Christian Church does not deny spirit communication in its essential principle is evident when we read in I John 4:1 to 3: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets (mediums) are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God . . . " That the Christian Church does not uphold Spirit communication, in a body, today, is because (they claim) so much evil and so many evil practices have resulted from the attempt to establish communication without the Name of Jesus.

Let Spiritualism put on the armor of the Lord, as it once did, and wear it boldly, and Spiritualism will become clearer, more intelligible, more forceful and more helpful than ever before in all its history.

TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE MORTAL AND THE SPIRIT ENTITY IS TO AWAKEN ONE'S SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT TO SEEK SUCH COMMUNICATION MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF CASTING ONE'S EARTHLY PROBLEMS UPON SPIRIT FRIENDS FOR SOLUTION AND REMEDY IS TO PROVOKE MUCH HARM AND LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THAT IS GOOD AND HOLY WITHIN ONE'S OWN SPIRITUAL BEING.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Editorial Note: The Author is aiming to help Truthfinders and he warns against the charlatans and the scorcerers. There are those True Workers to whom the seeker after the Truth can go. Be sure and read the balance of this special serial which deals largely with the methods employed by the false.

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THAT NEW BIBLE

By Walter Scott Haskell

DO WE need a new Bible, and if so, why? There is discontent in the churches, to be sure, but is it caused by any lack in the present system; and why should we change from what is purported to be the inspired WORD of GOD to anything new? We have outgrown conditions prevalent when the Bible was written. We need to keep pace with our growth of mind. We are no longer children. If Jesus came on earth today, He would administer to reasoning human beings that know better than to attribute the roll of thunder to the voice of an angry God. He preached the simple doctrine of love, because his audience could understand no other.

The most perfect religion, if misunderstood, is imperfect in its application. In the past they did not try to analyze life, as they lacked the mental capacity to do so. They took their religion on faith, were superstitious and ignorant of the commonest laws of nature. The appeal was to the imagination, not to the reason. Life is a school where we learn by experience. Our minds have grown bigger. It is a sin to cramp the growing intellect into a narrow groove of an age when the most enlightened possessed less general knowledge than a twelve-year-old schoolboy of today. This is not saying that the ancients lacked a certain kind of wisdom that comes of application and spiritual honesty. Handicapped as they were with primitive ideas, they did wonderfully well, and the Bible is a book that attests to a high grade of spirituality, while very diverse and contradictory in the chronicles of the various writers.

There is a tendency today to leave the churches and take up science that deals with evolution. It gives the mind a chance to get square with itself, to feel that it has a reason for the appearance of life, even though there are missing links.

Who will write the New Bible, if it is ever written? We must assume that God's laws have never changed from fundamental facts since the year of one. If it was possible for men to be inspired to write the Holy Bible, the same laws exist today, and will act the same if approached in the same honest and earnest way. In other words, it is up to man himself to apply himself in a spiritual way to get a new slant on an old truth. If there is a need for a New Bible, the way will be opened, just as surely as that when it was practical to fly, there were men ready to do it. The growing mind must have expression in a religious sense, as well as any other, to satisfy the conditions of growth. It cannot be done in a purely faith doctrine.

The faithists fear that the logicians are going to take the spirituality from the world when they attempt to pin us down to set rules and laws of evolution to account for Creation. It is a groundless fear. Logic will never destroy truth, but lack of logic will. Because of man's lack of a suitable brain capacity to entertain God's Truth in the past, man was forced to put up with a makeshift conception of truth—a simple, childish faith. While we are growing away from the blind acceptance of what the other man tells us is truth, many of us are so hypnotized with tradition that we hug to our breasts traditional lies about God and His Works.

For the sake of argument, let us assume that there is need for a New Bible, can we speculate as to what kind of a Bible? As we are now capable of reasoning in the abstract, our New Bible should lay down principles that constitute the laws of

the universe and their application to everyday life. The New Bible should contain a working formula of the pattern of life, its modus operandi, the way the wheels go round. The arguments should be so convincing that even the most dyed-in-the-wool fundamentalist will take notice. The New Bible cannot be a Godless work and live. It must contain convincing proofs of a divine principle that is the cause of all visible things. There will be startling revelations in the New Bible that will make some of us fairly gasp in astonishment. For instance: Whether we are assuming a personal God or a set of principles as the cause of existence, the fact remains that it requires an organism for a personality. And organisms could not have existed prior to the laws that caused them. Unless we bring in miracle and discard law, we are forced to the conclusion that primordial and inherent forces must have existed before it was possible for any conscious entity to be born. Then where is your personal God? If He exists at all it is in the personalities that have come up from the monad and through evolutionary changes of growth, become identified with the forces, plus knowledge from personal experience. But what is true of one person is also a possibility with another. We cannot exclude the masses in favor of some particular god or saviour without destroying our sense of equity. And why not accept the evidence that God is a principle and lives in every form, every organism?

As life becomes more and more intellectual the longer we live, it seems to point to the mental as the real goal of life. To know life is to realize life. Another jolt to the fundamentalists who have been preaching that blind faith is the passport to heaven, and that brains, if used at all, are secondary in importance. If "to know" is the goal, it's high time that we began our training of the mind to a better mental understanding of life's riddle. We are wasting time in leaving it all to chance, or to an alleged loving Father who watches over his flock. If the Father dwells in the son, in like manner that the life principle of the oak lives in the acorn, we can well imagine that the man containing the God force has got to do the growing, just as the acorn does the growing of an oak from the principles within its mortal structure. We might go on to some length, stating possible changes in the prevailing beliefs of the day, but what's the use to clutter up the pages with suggestions that nobody will accept? Still, there are signs of discontent with the old, and instead of casting our anchor to the winds with no spiritual outlook, the writer is inclined to think that it is a ripe time for a New Bible.

On all occasions, the preservation of dignity and noble bearing will do much to bring others to consider us seriously when presenting the views of Spiritualism. Public gatherings like society meetings, conferences, conventions, and convocations, are occasions for the exhibition of the principles of Spiritualism to the general public, at which times we may, with pardonable pride, speak of ourselves, our cause, and our elevation in spirituality. So much can be gained by giving plain statements of facts regarding the merits of Spiritualism, its phenomena and its mediumship. One need never tire of well-doing to advance the interests of Spiritualism, because its qualities do commend themselves to all investigators as being nearly perfect.

SELECTED.

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THE REWARD OF PATIENCE

By La Pascaline



COME IN, DAN! Don't stand out there baking in the hot sun, when a chair and a cool drink await you in the comfortable shade of the veranda." The speaker, a florid man, with side whiskers, a heavy moustache, and clean shaven chin, waved his hand toward a chair opposite to his own and in his genial way commanded his companion, a lean, dark skinned, rather nervous person, to accept the hospitality so boisterously worded. The expression on the face of the man addressed as Dan did not change; his countenance remained clouded as it had ever since he appeared at the veranda rail.

"Thanks, Cal. It is rather warm and I do not feel too fit. It has been a severe strain upon my compassion, to witness the change in Angela's health, and I am in no mood to be companionable, I warn you." The other shifted his position and answered: "Now, now, no blubbing, Dan; you know I never could stand a lot of sentimental nonsense. Beside, as I have often told you, it gets one nothing and imposes inconvenience upon your friends. Just take things as you find them and let well enough alone, is my way. Eh, Dan, old boy!"

The lean, sinuous limbs of the man addressed as Dan moved as though he sought greater comfort by stretching them as he shifted his position, bringing his face into profile to the man he called Cal, while the muscles of his face worked in a manner that suggested an effort to control his temper, which in truth he found it hard to do in the circumstances. He was familiar with Calvin Wedgeworth's peculiar speech and manner, which were used to hide his real selfishness under cover of an assumptive boisterousness that fooled no one so much as Calvin Wedgeworth himself. Everyone knew how narrow he was, and no one having dealings with him once willingly took a second chance. He had been a business failure, and it was his sister's money, left to her by her mother, who preceded the father by a few weeks into the Land of Mystery and Eternity, that provided him the beautiful home and elegant surroundings in which we introduce him to the reader. His mean nature deprived him of the ability to provide a suitable home for himself, and for the same reason he never had married. His sister was often at her wit's end to find excuses that would cover the breach between him and the servants that had been with her family for some time before the passing of their parents; and it spoke well for her patience and executive ability that she managed so well.

But then, they had promised her mother on her death-bed that they would remain with her daughter until she married and had a husband to look after her welfare. They had been faithful to that promise for fifteen years. Angela was now thirty-two, and if they lived with her until she married, it would mean an extra two thousand dollars each; but if they left her the money would go to charity. They were faithful, and their love for their mistress outweighed every other consideration, and so they bore the contempt of her brother as best they could rather than leave her to the care of strangers.

But as yet there seemed no solution of Angela's problem of marriage, for years before she had turned Daniel Brandt away to make a home for her brother Calvin, knowing that the two men could never live together in the same house without constant quarrels, for Daniel felt no respect for Calvin, while on the other hand Calvin was jealous of anyone sharing the home and fortune of his sister.

Ten years before, Daniel had fallen madly in love with Agatha Spoors, and they were to be married soon, when he met Angela Wedgeworth at a party, became engaged in a flirtation with her and was discovered by Agatha, who in the heat of her anger dismissed him, believing that he would return soon to ask her forgiveness, but to her chagrin, his infatuation for Angela grew into an all absorbing passion. And because of her brother Calvin she had sent him away. Calvin considered that he had been badly treated by his mother in giving her wealth to his sister, but did not hesitate to accept the offer of a home and allowance from Agatha. His selfishness and quarrelsome disposition had worn her naturally gentle nature to the breaking point, and she was pale and thin from worry and exhaustion, and it was to this condition that Daniel referred. Calvin wished nothing so much as to lay the suspicion of Dan on this point and so put himself out to be congenial this hot July afternoon.

Suddenly there came a rustling sound that attracted the attention of both men. The figure of a woman came out of the hall into the veranda, passing on down the steps she disappeared beyond the line of trees to the right. Each man looked at the other; neither spoke. One believed it to be an hallucination, while the other realized the significance of the phenomenon. Dan sat like a man stricken with palsy. Finally Calvin spoke: "I know by the expression upon your face that you saw her; she never fails to warn when a member of our family is threatened with death. My sister or I will pass within a few hours. We will say nothing to her about it, since it is best that she shall not be frightened." Dan's thin hands clasped and unclasped, while his heart lay like a dead thing in his bosom. He dared not think of all those wasted years, and the climax to his yearning hopes for a home, a wife, and family.

Thus they sat for about an hour, neither feeling at liberty to express his feelings. At last the dinner bell rang, and both men rose, relieved to have the monotony broken, and Dan had turned to enter the house, when a whistling sound caused him to turn round in time to see Calvin reel and fall backward. A stream of blood gushed from his forehead. A stray bullet from the gun of a hunter had struck him in the forehead, causing instant death. The bullet, intended for a sparrow, had carried beyond the mark. The decision reached was "death by accident." Agatha was so stricken as to be unable to receive her most intimate friends for several months, but at length her mother's voice spoke to her from the darkness, telling her "to go about in the usual way, and to be sure and write to Dan."

The night is cold, but the fire in the fireplace is bright and cheerful. A man occupies a chair on one side, a woman leans back in a large armchair on the other side, while a youth leans against the mantel. The woman's hair is faded to a pale yellow and the thin man is quite bald. "Now, dad, why do you refuse to have Ralph here for the summer months?" His voice betrays vexation which he is at no pains to hide. The woman raises pale blue eyes that smile at youth's impatience and replies before her husband has time to answer. "Calvin, dear, you are so like your uncle; you tolerate no restraint, and feel abused if your requests are not granted. Well, I suppose it is natural."

"Natural or unnatural, I refuse to have two young giants running all over the place for two of the best months in the year. Don't you think that I want some time to myself? And how, pray, am I to have it with two young savages running

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wild all over the place? Huh! I don't think so!" Such was the verdict pronounced by the man upon youth. The cloud upon the brow of young Calvin deepened, but the woman smiled: "But, Dan, don't you remember what a young savage you were at Calvin's age?" The man raised his eyes to meet the pale blue eyes of the woman, then looked at the boy and grinned. The boy grinned, too. Shifting in his chair, he replied to the grinning youth, "Oh, well, if you promise to leave me at least one good fishing rod you may ask him here for the vacation. But, mind, I am not obligating myself to the young rascal."

"Thanks, dad, I promise you two good poles, and I will dig all of the bait." With that he turned and walked toward the door, smiling to think that his father could have been a "young savage" at any period, to judge from present appearances. Still, "If mother says so, he certainly must have been one. For she knows."

Left to themselves, the man and woman look at each other across the fireplace and smile. The woman repeats that the boy inherits his impatience from his Uncle Calvin. The man's expression grows tender, for well does he remember that fatal day when a stray bullet from a hunter's gun opened the door to the present family relations. And his thoughts are kind. He forgives.

THOUGHTS ON "PARTING"

IF I should leave this earthly plane tonight,
And soar into those wider fields, above,
I say: if I should leave this earth tonight,
I'd like to feel that there were tho'ts of love
To follow, as my spirit made its flight.

If I should lie me down to wake no more
Within this human temple, built of clay,
I say: if I should waken in the flesh no more,
I'd like to feel that some deed done today
Will help my spirit thru that mystic door.

If I should utter now a last farewell,
And free myself from worldly strife and pain,
I say: if lips of clay should speak a last farewell,
I'd like to know I shall return again,
And to my loved ones heaven's glories tell.

If I should close these tired earthly eyes,
And open them no more to light of day,
I say: if I should close, today, my outer eyes,
I'd like to know they witnessed good alway,
And left me beauteous images to prize.

If I should leave all earthly sounds behind,
And hear no more my loved ones' voices, sweet,
I say: should I leave all earth's sweetest sounds behind,
And never loved ones, nor my Master, meet,
I'd like to hear, in spirit, "Thou wert kind."

BYME.

THE MODERN TREND

UNLIKE the ancient collective scientific mind, which was limited to the scope of thought of its several schools, the modern collective scientific mind is seriously engaged in many fields of new endeavor.

Notable among these new efforts is the trend toward the recognition by men of science of the infinity of the Almighty and His works, as expressed in the recent convention of the British Scientific Association in Glasgow, Scotland.

It is inspiring to realize that many eminent minds in that notable convention have conducted extensive investigations in the field of Spiritualism, thus seeking the true light.

OUR AWAKENED SPIRITUAL UNFOLDMENT

THE awakening of the spiritual individuality of the general race of mankind proves to be slow, yet its attainment is certainly to be regarded as a potent factor in the progression of humanity.

Let us say that this spiritual unfoldment is gradual, showing its evolutionary characteristics and acknowledged by all thinkers as the most *substantial*, because *permanent*, of all progressive tendencies.

And in no way do we deplore the attempts of enthusiasts to improve the conditions of spiritual development, be they ever so humble, unselfish and non-mercenary.

Now and then we see the philanthropist leave his ample fortune, wholly or in part, to charitable institutions. Such gifts, while commendable, can not accomplish as much good as individual efforts of mortals to benefit others when coming in close contact with them—just as one sees the parental affection displayed toward offspring.

But this is not all. First, of course, one looks introspectively to discover faults and then applies the correction necessary, so as to fit one to teach others the way the truth and the light of spiritual progression.

So many blight their lives by mistakes of appetite, passion and propensity, by making mistakes that leave their deplorable consequences. But there is hope for all of us. Our physical disabilities are not carried along when we pass to eternal spirit life, and the opportunities for mental growth, moral expansion and an awakened spiritual unfoldment find their way for expression, over there. This is not a "reward," but it is a scientific fact that progression is continued on the spirit side of life, and it gives us deep consolation to know that it is true.

C. O. G.

SPIRITUGRAMS—No. 16

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

1. That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.
2. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
3. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
4. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.
6. All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.
7. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.
8. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.
9. Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.
10. Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 15 follows: Psalms 47:1, 68:32, 90:17, 99:2, 107:31, 9:16, 11:3, 19:7, 31:24 and 28:9 respectively.

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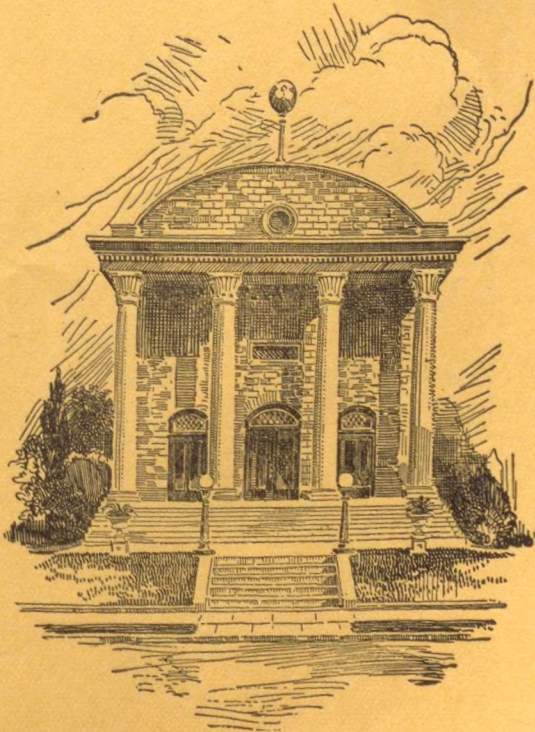
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