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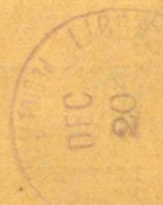
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THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

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

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

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

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

VI.
THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII.
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII.
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

IX.
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

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



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

GOD FIRST

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Class

(An Abstract)

IT IS in great happiness that I come to bring one important fact to each and every one. I want to dwell this evening upon one point of the Law of God. It was given to mankind thousands of years ago through a brother then traveling this earth plane in a manner that was pleasing to that God who gave that Law.

When the Creator gave that Law He said, "I am the Lord Thy God, thou shalt have no other gods before me." Understand it well.

You will say, "We make no other gods." There are out of every one hundred of you ninety-nine who make a god of something. It can be a god of wealth, it can be a material god, a departed spirit or saint. Not even the Elder Brother, Jesus of Nazareth should be put before us and to be made so much of or brought before the Great Creator, the One God, the only One we should worship and worship in Spirit only.

If we go on the right path we will understand, we will know better how to take conditions in this earth plane. They are the ones who say, "It is right—we only have that one living God." Why, then, worship other gods? I could bring before each one of you what you worship. One will worship a god of beautiful clothes in order to look beautiful. It is well for those things are of this material earth plane, but we should not crave after and make gods of such things. Those then are the things you seem to care most for, want more than anything else, and because of that forget the great and most important One, the God and Creator of all. No matter what it is, the Creator of even those material things from which we receive material comforts must come first.

Had not the body been formed by man, had not the spirit taken hold of such a body then there would be no need of these things. The spirit then would not crave after those material things but would worship the one God and it would worship in spirit.

Others will crave a beautiful woman, a handsome young man, each of whom have within part-God, yet looks at the male or the female and worships them before all. There are those who will reach out to the young men or the young women at any cost, who would perish, who would throw themselves into conditions of much sadness and torment rather than give up their material yearnings. They forget the Creator, the Lord our God. Thou shalt make no other gods.

We crave after a position that we have been wanting for years, to become the head of the firm. Do you ever crave and reach out to that living God? The older man and the older woman will look forward to making a god of each other. I see how a mother and a father looks upon their little one, believing there is none like that child. They worship that child, get everything they can for that offspring and under any sacrifice. They say of that child, it is the "apple of their eyes," and in all their love forget the great living God that sent forth those spirits into such children of men. Those spirits are only placed in the care of the elders to see what they would do, whether they would bring them back to the living God or,

whether out of selfishness they would want to keep them only for themselves, again forgetting the Creator and the Law, we must make no other gods.

So it is that most reach after the material things under any conditions. After they have gained their purpose, have reached the goal, they continue to worship the material things. They forget that Creator through whose guidance so much that is worthy and uplifting is possible, and most times is possible only through such leading. Forget not that when one will set up other gods, that great God may step in and in the twinkling of an eye all can be shattered. Then it is that we go about saying that the God we call upon when we are in need does not hear us, that He does not answer our call.

Ofttimes we are placed in such a position as that to awaken us to come back again to that God and learn that there are no other gods that are of any consequence or of any help whatsoever. Too much is made of gods to the exclusion of the living God. It is to Him we should reach in spirit and in truth, direct and not through anything nor anyone. Take these points with you and think of them.

When you call to your little child let it not be as a worshipping idol. Make no idols of money or of beautiful homes. What does it avail you if in such gathering you forget that very god and in the end have to leave it when you go over the border. It may be required to return such gathering and accumulations ten-fold and probably more, and it is not an easy matter when without a body such returning must be made right.

There are many things in this earth plane to be admired. We can have them, but when we reach to them we should not do so with one great selfish motive. Reach to God and He will send forth those here to help you gather in rightly. He will teach you how to cherish your child, your home, your mate, your friends in the right way, and then we need not care what may befall us, for at the same time we have not forgotten the Law that says we must not make ourselves gods or images of any kind, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the waters under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them, for there is one God. Unless you are very careful, iniquities will be visited on your children's children's children. It is well to remember, "I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no other Gods before me."

I am sure you will understand just why I have brought this, for I have tried to do my utmost to bring you the point. AMEN.

JOHN.

This is our brother "Johnny" of whom we have previously read in other issues. He passed out of body not many years ago while still a young boy. His spiritual progress in the realms has been steady and has brought many points it would be well for us to follow, if we would want to make such spiritual progress as has his spirit self. His most recent returns are in the name of John, and we join with him in giving thanks to the Father whose wondrous works have enabled him and other spirit loved ones to reveal for righteousness sake that which is for upliftment of the spirit.

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

FACTS ABOUT SPIRIT-LIFE

By Wm. J. Bryan, M. D.



CONTINUOUS gratitude is evinced for the helpful co-operation of spirits of advancement who help this impressional writer by stating facts about spirit-life.

And let it be stated, that when spirits co-operate with us (like the aid given by inspirational writing), they assist, or work with us, but they do not direct us by any arbitrary method of control. All is voluntary, healthful, and normal, while the writer retains his individuality and thus maintains his own control.

News of Spiritualism is spreading. The time is ripe for the multitudes to gain knowledge of and from their loved ones who have passed beyond the confines of earth life, but are not really dead. They are just "Over There" and fully retain their personality. They are, as progressives, making a success of life, as spirit beings.

O, how good it is to know that they are not dead! And in the quietness of the evening hour, alone, you can listen, pray, meditate, and receive the thought-messages from faithful spirit loved ones, who have returned to us—just as they promised when mortals—to prove their identity according to some secret agreement.

The numerous healing circles of Mental Science and New Thought throughout the United States are teaching others to concentrate their minds on the Higher Thought. When this is accomplished, the next step in advancement is to commune with those spirit ancestors who have progressed in enlightenment, and who can be of help to us while gaining in spirituality.

Follow these simple words of advice—my friends and neighbors—and you will be able to gain spiritual as well as material success. And, above all, do not allow these self-seeking mercenary orthodox pulpiteers to dissuade you from taking a courageous stand for righteousness by communing with spirit ones in your own home.

Law, reason, right, are all on the side of the sacred privilege of personal direct communication with those well-disposed spirits who are waiting patiently for our welcome call. Just call for them audibly, mentioning the familiar first name three times, in a moderate conversational tone of voice. They will respond at once, if you furnish the right conditions for success. What many hundreds of others can do you may also accomplish. Spirit-return is not only probable, but it is possible, and verifiable.

Blessings innumerable come to us, whether we have the ability to comprehend them or even whether we express gratitude for them, or not. But when deprived of some blessing, like sight, the loss is keenly felt, and there comes a knowledge that it is one of the most valuable of our five senses. Psychic sense, sometimes called our sixth sense, is one of those gifts that lies buried within our inner being, until its development causes us to become aware of a most valuable God-given blessing.

To see and hear, with psychic insight, distinctly and clearly, places us in advance of neighbors, and elevates us to a position of higher capabilities, such as direct contact with those righteous spirits. From them is received high teachings on ethics, morality, and philosophy of life, which raise elevated standards of principle, honor and character.

A teacher is in school to instruct and correct the mistakes of pupils, but in the school-of-life each one must correct

his own mistakes. A parent directs the course of his children, but many adults find at times that they are puzzled to determine what course to take in daily affairs; and it is then that our spirit friends are willing to assist us with wise suggestions and hints. And the help of spirit ones of integrity invariably proves to be of great value to us when we are filled with doubt and perplexity.

The harvest of berries, fruit, vegetables, legumes and grain comes at different times, thus giving the farmer ample opportunity "to reap what has been sown." At each period of our earthly career the fruits of experience and wisdom are garnered, and the "solid facts" are accumulated to help us make the most of life here. But the grand harvest of maturity for souls takes place when "the reaper" comes to cut the ties that bind us to earth-life, and our spirit-body (as light as thistle-down) glides away to the heavenly spheres, retaining full consciousness, memory and personality.

INSPIRATION

By Caroline Chilvers



LONG ROADS are good roads, for "It's a long road that has no turning." Distant scenes, whether in vision or in reality, serve the purpose of inspiration. High ideals and visions serve as life's guiding stars and often prevent moral shipwreck. In life's crises one would indeed be swamped if not buoyed up by faith in the goal, even though this goal be only at the end of a long avenue of vision. Pray that more vision be daily given unto you, for it is indeed the guiding light of all worth while.

The vision seen by the painter is far greater than he could express even in what we call his Master-Piece. The real Master-Piece was the vision and that so incomparable that no brush could paint and no human eye see fully with safety. No, this is not hyperbole of language, for many have known these moments of such ecstatic bliss as to amount to agony; when one could stand no more and still remain in the physical body.

This is true to a greater or less extent of all poets, painters, sculptors, composers, writers and inventors who live in their work for ages to come. The vision has then become immortal. Do I say become immortal, nay, the vision was that from the beginning! Each of these artists in spite of his fame knows that the Master-Piece did not and could not compare with the vision.

Is this true only in art? No, it is true in every walk of life and in life itself. The wonderful buildings, the sea-going palace, the human bird of passage from continent to continent, the wonders of this electrical age, all had first to be seen in vision by the architect before they could become a reality.

In life itself we manifest either to the credit or debit side of our ledger according to how we follow the vision and whether we lift our eyes high or look low for our aspirations. When we aim low we are reminded of what the poet has said that "Not failure, but low aim is crime," for in aiming low we only tune in on the finite. If we reach high by "hitching our chariot to a star" we shall find ourselves in the land of inspiration and of undreamed possibilities of accomplishment. The land where one indeed tunes in with the infinite and draws from the great limitless storehouse of the cosmos.

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IMMORTAL LIFE

I ATTENDED a joyous funeral. Old age had suddenly called the departed relative to his heavenly home at the close of a dutiful career. All agreed that his work in mortal life had been a success; so he stepped over into the spirit-world, leaving no grief or sorrow behind.

When all will be able to communicate with their spirit friends as freely as we now use the telephone; when all will take their guidance from advanced spirit teachers, with loving regard; and when all will recognize that they are created in the image of the Infinite—then the fear of death will have no terror, and the grave no victory, because the conception of a happy future will be considered as a demonstrated fact.

Death is not terrible. But morbid thought of death causes fear and apprehension that is pitiable, because unnecessary.

Death of the body is a natural event; and that which is natural need not be mourned over. Like birth, rather let it be an occasion for rejoicing. The spirit entity continues its existence with its kindred and other inhabitants of the spirit-world, growing nearer and nearer to the Infinite as a child of God.

Although the theologians may claim that spirit resurrection and spirit-return are vague and uncertain, or at best, hallucinations, the verifiable truth is that spirit-life is for all. Spiritual phenomena furnish the proof of this statement.

Let us reason over the matter. The first thought which comes is the desire on our part to learn where we go when the body disintegrates. The life-principle which animated the body must go somewhere. We call it spirit, and claim that it is a product or part of the Divine Force. So, spirit, having existence, cannot be destroyed, because nothing in nature can be annihilated. But all admit that it passed through changes. Change is the law of life.

So that "somewhere" is in the spirit realms.

All spirits who have communicated with mortals (and they are legion) have named but one abode of spirits. "Hell" is non-existent, and is merely an invention of some fertile theological brain to frighten the credulous ones.

We are very glad to get our information, as an impressionable writer, direct from reliable spirits of a spirit-band composed of educated and highly progressive discarnates. One never tires of being in close touch with exalted spirits of attainment and character. This is our blessed privilege.

And others who wish may (by sitting alone in the silence of their own home, in a prayerful, meditative and receptive mood), also come in close contact with their spirit friends and kindred. Classes for psychical development are not entirely necessary. But with doubt removed, with the body and mind in a moral condition, and with concentration, some phase of mediumship can be obtained by any normal adult.

More mediums, and better ones, are needed. But as every result must be accomplished by work, effort and personal application are necessary, if one seeks mediumship. Your question: "Why don't spirits come to me direct" will be answered convincingly.

In spirit mediumship one is never fully perfected as an instrument for spirits to exploit, but there is always more room "at the top of the ladder" for further development—just as you find it in the work of any profession, art or science. Attainment is never fully perfected, and thus is life, here and hereafter, robbed of monotony. Variety, change and progress are spices of life.

Life is joyous, depending largely on the liver; and friendship, companionship and love never die, here or hereafter. Philosophers of life agree that the sensuous, the sensual, the grossly material conditions are supplanted by knowledge, self-control, and the spiritual conditions.

Spirit-power is back of all activities; it is eternal because it is divine. So in the ultimate, success of every kind attends the workings of the Divine Mind.

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GOD'S CALL TO MAN

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

THAT GOD has called forth all natural phenomena, and, in His consideration for improvement, He gave to MAN the dignity of superior consciousness, is no excuse for the use to which man puts such knowledge. The very fact that the human family is permitted the privilege of supreme power over the lower or lesser degrees of consciousness of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, is no guarantee that the human race is really of superior calibre so far as obeying the law is concerned. And, in fact, the greater the mental development of the human family, the more pronounced is the tendency to egoism in a material sense; while the men or women who depend upon nature for their guide may be far above their fellow men in a spiritual sense.

The attitude of the modern writer today is to excuse the many excesses of the human family, and when the average excuse is not sufficient they call upon material science to support the claim that LIBERTY alone can develop the higher self, and if individual LIBERTY is curtailed, it suppresses the self-expression and becomes an abuse toward the individual. How long is it since the right of the individual to trespass upon the territory of the many has been adopted? And, to be one's self at the expense of the comfort and convenience of others the motto of a nation? And yet, to America, that very motto is being offered, and our Constitution held up in support of the claim. But such a materialistic interpretation cannot safely be applied to any race or nation. For God's call to man is thoroughly explained in the Ten Commandments given to Moses, and they have not been improved upon in all the intervening years since the Jews adopted them from the hands of Moses.

There is no argument in these Commands that the individual shall exercise his personal desires in excess of the comfort or convenience of his fellow man, nor do they tolerate the miserable filth that is being so generally excused today. They speak the will of the Father in no uncertain terms, and they lay the plank for progress over dangerous routes that the human soul must travel in its journey across life's path.

The call is simple and direct: so simple that a small child can understand it, and they do more frequently than do their elders, for the natural connection between the child and the Father is not clouded by the many "ifs" and "ands" that enter into the problem later in life. They accept the call and are ready to respond as God wishes them to do, until their elders force upon them the paradoxes they themselves have accumulated like barnacles to befuddle the mind, and lead them astray, in an effort that has for its object: MATERIAL GAIN at all cost.

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SUMMERLAND

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



LESSON LXVI—THE FORETELLING OF THE COMING OF THE GREAT LIGHT FOR ALL HUMANITY. This is a real spiritual event, not fortune telling. It was before this present era or over nineteen hundred and twenty-eight years ago that it was prophesied by men who had the sight or vision and who foresaw that one would rise out of humanity, one in flesh and blood and bone, one who would not take lust upon himself, one who would stand as an ideal, as an example for all mankind to follow.

Those who prophesied were the doctors and rabbis who were trying to bring about the understanding as best they could of the coming of a "Messiah." It was brought to them by the spirit loved ones same as in every age. The prediction was not that God would come in flesh. The Messiah was to come in the same manner as all mortals. The Truthbringer would have that **LIGHT**, that **WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING**, and that part-God implanted within an earthly cloak would be as a blessing to his brothers and sisters likewise traveling this earth plane.

This made the wise men of that time happy because they were righteous living men and wanted that a courageous, brotherloving and unselfish man should show all how to be right with the Father.

There are some who are still awaiting the coming of a Messiah or Spiritual Comforter. The spiritual upliftment foretold then is still being looked for by many who do not realize it has come to pass that the Great Light has finished His earthly journey.

LESSON LXVII—THE ARRIVAL OR THE BIRTH OF THE NAZARENE. A boy was born in Bethlehem of Hebrew parents who came from a place called Nazareth. This birthday is celebrated as December 25th. This Jew was born in the human way of all babies and is not an only begotten son, but the same spark of God within as within all beings. All are children of God when it comes to the life that is within the children of men.

The child was named Jesus by his elders, Joseph and Mary. There was much rejoicing and happiness and admiration, same as with most every normal arrival. Many came to see the infant and gifts were made to celebrate the event.

He was not born of humble conditions, for His elders had material needs. They were in Bethlehem to pay taxes, and the time of birth was due, so being without hotel accommodations, and being temporarily from their permanent place of living, they quickly took the mother into a stable. After the little one arrived it was placed in a manger. When the birth took place, the best available means at hand were used, there being no choice because of the crowded surroundings. He was not born to be humble.

Of those who knew of the arrival there were **THREE WISE MEN** who were guided unto the place of birth, where they found the infant resting in its bed, the manger. These men had sight, they saw the **LIGHT**, the star (psychic light), and they followed it out in wisdom. They saw a great blessing for all mankind had come forth which proved the foretelling of the psychics.

Here was the one whom we know as Jesus, whom we call the Elder Brother—the same part of the Supreme Force, God, of whom we too are a part. We are as younger brothers and sisters to Him, and since He is our elder and a real example, we want to follow His lead. Do not call Him Christ, neither

connect Him as for only the Christians. He is for all His brothers and sisters no matter what the color of skin, no matter where they were born, or what their understanding of truth, spirit or life.

LESSON LXVIII—THE BOYHOOD OF THE ELDER BROTHER. He had wisdom and purity. He knew right from wrong, was truthful and obedient to the Laws of God. His earthly father was a carpenter and he helped that father.

His parents saw that this son was "smart," and it became their desire to make a Rabbi of Him. But the boy's mind was occupied with the higher conditions, and he let nothing prevent His serving His Heavenly Father in the right way. He stood for **TRUTH**, from God, not according to man's versions or opinions. He did not guess, He **KNEW**, and He did not violate that communion with those who prompted Him. He used in the right manner the wisdom He had.

It was the custom of His people to have the Law of God before them. Here then was help in the right direction as given by His earthly parents. Whether He would have been the son of king or pauper He would have been the same obedient Spirit. This boy had greater wisdom and understanding than did His elders and He showed it by doing that which is spiritual rather than material. In this way the spirit mastered the fleshly.

At the age of twelve He went among the Rabbis. These learned men marveled at His wisdom. As the loved ones have told us, these men had books in which appeared much of what He told them, so they knew He was right. They did not call Him God as many do today, neither did they worship Him as many do in ignorance today. They listened and saw here was one from whom they could learn.

When about fourteen years of age His parents, who had means, decided to send Him on a travel of learning and experiences, through all of which Jesus never wavered from His stand for **TRUTH**.

LESSON LXIX—THE MANHOOD OF THE ELDER BROTHER. After having traveled and bringing Himself to greater spiritual heights, His cousin, John Baptist, also a righteous living man, proclaims the coming of the example.

The Elder Brother had many disciples, among whom were twelve he selected and whom He taught of the spiritual truths, and later had them go forth and freely administer for all the willing listeners.

Many temptations came before Him, but He would not yield. He went about His Father's work not for name nor for gain, and his trials were many, but He stood firm, and always showed love even for the very ones who would not listen to what He brought forth. He went before Jew and Roman with the truth, ever strengthening Himself by going for many days into the mountains, where He would commune with the Father on high, and where He would purge Himself from the conditions met with during His contact with those in body.

He foresaw His own disciples deny and betray Him. He bore no ill will and never lost confidence in God. What He did was for the upliftment of all mankind, and the mocking and scoffing heaped upon Him did not cause Him to stop in His service for God. It was from His thirtieth to the thirty-third year that all His wonderful works were brought forth. He was always fond of the children, and a great Light was extinguished only too soon. Prepare for great revelation and absolute **TRUTH**.

PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

PAYER for opening this lesson: Almighty God, let the glory of Thy love fill my heart, and open my understanding of the way Thou wouldst have me to go. Fill me with love for my brothers and sisters, and in time deliver me from all selfishness, making me clean and worthy to be called Thy child. Amen.

Now we will proceed to investigate our clairsentient development, and to see if the clairsentience is correct. Are the sensations that we experience found to be true upon investigation of their origin, or do the sensations purporting to be spirit presences mislead us? Too frequently the subconscious mind is at fault, and the sense of presence is induced by one's own desires. Beware of this. Do not accept the mere emotion as evidence, but test the truth of every demonstration connected with class sittings.

And do you actually hear the voice? Or is that voice the inner self talking to the objective self? It is due to the misinterpretation of phenomenon that so many absurd teachings are abroad, rather than positive contact with spirit. Do not accept everything as spirit manifestation of incarnate origin, but be on guard against exhibitions of the ego, for they are truly dangerous, and not always easy to detect for what they are. Psychic gifts can be perverted as well as successfully cultivated, and therein lies the danger; and it is due to egoism that false prophets are going about today, proclaiming many absurdities in the name of Spiritualism, and it was to such false teachings that Paul refers.

Look deep into the well of knowledge; cast aside the desire to be great; be satisfied with a simple life such as our Elder Brother's, for He sought to do His Father's will rather than to be known for the works He did in the Father's name. So, let us go and do likewise. If Clairsentient and Clairsentience have proved to be accurate, then you will know you have been blessed. Let this lesson end our first year with the Masters in PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT. In love we submit these for the upliftment of our brothers and sisters.

Close: Accept our thanks for your presence and your protection, Oh Masters of Spirit Schools. May we be true to your teachings. Amen.

THE VOICE OF GOD

By Zabdiel

A NEW STAR is shining brightly in the midst of the galaxy of stars upon the earth firmament, and a voice shall be heard from spirit planes through an instrument who shall be known among you as "Zabdiel," meaning "the gift of God."

Hark ye, people of earth! The time cometh when spirit speaketh louder than mortals!

Knowledge rises up in sparkling sprays from the Eternal Fountain of Truth from which it springs; ever seeking outlets and grooves that lead to the fertilization of the (mental) ground of men.

From our spiritual horizon we cognize many changes and reforms to the earth plane for a purer period of evolution.

Purification comes through reforms and changes, thus the earth is on the threshold of a great spiritual readjustment and purification through the upheaval and eventual overthrow of materialism.

A new cycle of life MUST unfold; glory to the souls who advance; woe betide those who are in the dark and prefer to remain therein.

Not one moment of Time can withhold evolution; not one moment of Time can advance or hasten evolution. But this I say unto you, the time is now at hand for the onward march, so let us raise our banners of TRUTH, and unwaveringly go forth. For the unseen hosts of the spirit land has given the signal to "March!" and we step to the strains of heavenly music and angel voices.

Lead ye on, ye Light of Jesus; ye soldiers of the earth followeth in the wake of the blazoning glory of Thy Light! Onward march, over rocky paths and smooth, for the Light of God shineth, and the silver trumpet's call quickeneth the heart!

Lead ye on, ye Spirit Hosts, for many are ready to lift the banners and triumphantly start to the front; the front of light, of love, of charity. Lead ye on, into the bosom of iniquity and sin; wipe ye clean the mind, purify ye the heart.

Start ye the grand procession of life, upward to Calvary! On Calvary's hill of life stand ye up and pray, while the lights blazoneth, and the trumpet's call soundeth clear. In the peace and quiet of thine own soul, shall God speak and say: "My beloved son, my beloved daughter, thou has done well; I am proud of thy works. I have prepared a place for all who have followed Me.

"Sit thou at my right side, sit thou at my left; abide with Me in this land of the soul, in peace and happiness. For thou has earned thy rightful place in the mansions of the blest; but thy labors must not cease, the lost must be found.

"Here, thou beloved one, and thou, and thou, and thou; go ye forth into the dark places of lost and restless souls. Cease not until every soul shall have been redeemed from his own folly; then return ye for your reward, for it shall be great."

A great rumble was heard, as of the opening of a dark tomb rent as by thunder, and the luminous forms of God's messengers winged into the "Dark belt" that invisibly surrounds the earth plane; and many souls were saved and raised up to the Light and understanding of immortal life.

But eternity is long; lost souls are many; love and labor go on ceaselessly without end. Down through the past ages, and through the ages still to come.

Life is eternal and immortal, and each soul shall eventually rise to perfect angelhood and dwell in the luminous spheres of Light.

Pervading all, Supreme, Serene, GOD.

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Our Greetings

TO OUR subscribers and readers everywhere, we bid A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year. In extending the Season's Greetings we do so in the usual terms, since words fail us in an effort to express the old sentiment in new terms.

We wish it were possible for our message to find its influence for good cheer and spiritual upliftment into every city, town and hamlet throughout this entire world. Alas, we reach but very few. We are comforted, however, in the knowledge that our kind thoughts are reaching more this season than one year ago. It is also our firm conviction that many wish us well. Perhaps it is proper for us to take this occasion of giving thanks to you who feel that way towards us.

Special Notice

IT HAS been decided to drop the December issue. By doing this it will, among other things, give us an opportunity to catch up in some of our back work, and also will permit us to have a little more time to enjoy the holidays with our families. You may recall that we edit and publish this periodical during our spare hours in the evenings.

A magazine such as ours carries not many pages, but does reveal a most powerful message of Truth and which cannot be valued in terms of dollars. It requires much time, thought and energy, and we are thankful to all who

have helped in one way or another. We have tried to maintain a high standard, and we will continue our efforts along these lines. We do not want any untruths to creep into our pages and also want to keep out irrelevant matter, personal attacks, partisanship or sectionalism.

Many publications do not have such high standards. Seemingly, they choose to give their readers sensationalism and incredible matter. We insist on giving the Spiritual Truths, regardless of the fact that our growth and development might be more slow and even jeopardize our financial strength. However, millions are seeking the Truth, and they must and will find it; and, we hope, us. We can surely help same as we have been helped.

After all, Truth will conquer untruths. The process may appear slow, but any spiritually endowed and TRUE cause must continue. It should be financially endowed as well. To this end we solicit the earnest support of those who are well able to give us such assistance. Remember the rewards are spiritual, are for hereafter, are eternal. After we shall have concluded our earthly journey upon this plane and entered our abode in the spirit realms, it surely will be a most wonderful aid in our spiritual progress to hear the voice, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Your service in the interest of Truth is well known, and it shall bear your record unto all eternity and unto the Father. Enter in Peace and in Happiness."

We Quote

WE RECEIVE unsolicited letters from all parts of the world that give us considerable satisfaction that our periodical is pleasing. The following was taken from one just a few days ago, and it tells its own message:

"You have indeed chosen a wonderful name for your magazine. It is indeed gratifying to get a magazine of such high 'spiritual flavor,' and it gives one the assurance that there are still some Spiritual Spiritualists who are working for the spiritual upliftment of humanity. Having left the Catholic faith in 1921, and striving to learn more of the 'unseen' forces, I have had the misfortune (I call it) to meet many so-called Spiritualists who are a disgrace to that wonderful truth. I am an investigator, also a psychic, but I cannot bring myself to work with so-called mediums of a material plane, living

only for material gain and commercializing such wonderful gifts.

"True, the laborer is worthy of his hire, but I am still looking for the best and highest. I firmly believe in the law of attraction, but then your little magazine is really beginning to bring back my faith and has already changed my trend of thought."

This letter from Massachusetts concludes with an offer to help us in our endeavors. For this we too are grateful, and anything we can do to discourage the necromancers shall be done to the limit of our ability.

Christmas Giving

A GIFT that will do the greatest good to both giver and he who receives is the one which carries the most worthy and lasting characteristics, regardless of material costs. There are not many that would come under such qualifications. Consequently, it becomes difficult for one to select such a gift. Suggestions are sometimes invited. Here is one—send a subscription to THE TRUE LIGHT for either six months or one year, and we will send along our greetings with yours to the recipient.

Change of Address

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

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

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

DON'T'S FOR STAY-AT-HOMES

DON'T stay at home for the big Sunday dinner—get a fireless cooker.

DON'T stay at home for company—bring them with you.

DON'T stay away because it rains—that does not keep you home from other business.

DON'T stay away because the Church is not perfect—how lonesome you would feel in a perfect Church!

Come to Church, and in its atmosphere you will become less critical, less pessimistic and certainly more happy.

—From the Bulletin of Myers Park Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

SELF MASTERY

SET your house of life to rights
And feel no terror of the nights.
A faint heart always fills with doubt,
A brave heart puts all fears to rout.
Despairing hearts bring dire disasters,
Courageous hearts make us self masters.
To gain in wisdom, health, or pelf,
A man must learn to govern self!

JOHN L. McCULLOUGH.

A LIGHT

I KNOW of a household upon a hill
That stands for Love and the Father's
Will,
Erected in memory to loved ones on high,
And bring to humanity Truth and Light.

O Humanity, keep the Law of thy God,
If thou wouldst gain the Golden Shore.

THE SILENT OBSERVER.

OUR TRAVEL

WE are spirits one and all,
Sent from God above,
To come and go at His sweet call
In harmony and in love.

We come forth to do the good,
To cast aside the bad;
And when we fail to do our work
We make that Father sad.

CHRISTIAN B. KALBFLEISCH, JR.

FORGOTTEN DAYS

FORGOTTEN days come back, and lo! how
clear
Does memory shine on the cherished past.
We meet again the pains, the hopes, the
cheer,
And then once more we wish the best
would last.

Forgotten days are dreams where we delight
Where often sad thoughts teem and beau-
tiness;
And all that worthy dreams ever invite
Are days of seeking for our happiness.

Forgotten days will come till even death
Shall quench their sweetness in a sigh that
pains,
Till life itself is reborn in the breath
Of God, till mankind in its love regains.

Forgotten days come back! We know how
dear
Is memory—it matters not how drear.

By GENE HOMER.

MY DADDY

ONCE there was a little laddy
And he had a great big daddy
Down in Philadelphia town.
Every day he wrote a letter,
Every day he loved him better
Down in Philadelphia town.
Then along came Christmas Day,
And a train was on its way
Up from Philadelphia town.
My! how laddy boy did shout
When his daddy tumbled out,
Up from Philadelphia town.
By UNCLE AMOS.

FROM OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Spiritualism

SPIRITUALISM has a message for
the upliftment and enlightenment
of all humankind. The Light that
shines brightest in a dark world is
Spiritualism. The hopes of a future
life and the comfort of this life is
Spiritualism. Hope rides rampant over
the discouragements and trials of mor-
tal life when we have embraced the
philosophy of Spiritualism. Spiritual-
ism embraces all religions, holds within
its folds the essence of all truth, re-
vealing life's seeming mysteries.

But all is light to him who hath Light
within himself. Spiritualism teaches
the way through the intricate labrynth
that lead to the Supreme Light of God,
through the avenues of self.

Spiritualism is the brightest banner
afloat the universe, victory and love
interwoven in its redeeming fabric.

To him who asketh for bread let
him eat of the tree of life, Spiritualism!

B. A. O.

A Sign

A RECENT report of the Education
Committee of the Harvard Stu-
dent Council says, "That organized re-
ligion has ceased to command the al-
legiance of a large number of students
and urges a course in the Philosophy
of Christianity."

The sign of the times, say I. May
not the cause of that lack of interest
be because religion is nearly all organ-
ization? The recognition of spiritual-
ist claims would reawaken the interest
and confidence as it revives the true
teachings that have been given to the
world through all the ages. In the
earlier days of Christianity ministra-
tion of and communion with the spirits
was a recognized fact, as it is today in
nearly all other cults. Weigh, then,
why the present psychic manifestations
among the followers of the early
church? The one faith which allowed
man to forbid that communion was
that it might over-write the true teach-
ings and by it make man's authority
greater than that of God. R. A.

Tidings

THE gleaming pearls of thought
come to us like the shifting sands
of time. Woe to us who benight them,
and grace for those who glean them.
Far from the turmoil of life's work we
transcend the aeons of space to give
to the world our knowledge of love

and understanding. Like the river on
its outward wend gives to the mighty
ocean its tempestuous swells, we bring
on wings of joy and love a message of
our Elder Brother, Jesus.

To those who do His will, He an-
swers with glad tidings of everlasting
peace and goodwill forever more.

By Elizabeth Antz.

Disappointments of Life

FROM my observations, disappoint-
ments may come to one as benefac-
tors. I will try to illustrate my mean-
ing. Recently I had a friend visiting
New York from Woonsocket, R. I. He
wrote me Friday, saying he would ar-
rive Sunday afternoon and for me to
please meet him. I did not get his
letter until Monday. He called to see
me Thursday morning and promised to
telephone me in the afternoon. No
word did I receive. In the meantime
I had engaged tickets for the theater
for Saturday evening following. Still
no word came from him. On Sunday
he called to say good-bye. Not to cause
any embarrassment to him or myself,
I said nothing about the tickets.

To me it was a disappointment, but
it made me realize and to analyze the
difference of my so-called friends and
of my true friends. My advice is,
when a friend offers to treat you 100
per cent, accept and appreciate, for
they are the ones who love you and
who come to you spiritually.

George Heald.

SONG SELECTION

AM ENCLOSING a poem, LAND
OF DELIGHT, which may be
sung to the tune of "Silent Night."
Those who know the tunes can sing
them, and those who do not can mem-
orize them as they are. We sing them,
and perhaps they appeal to your use.

Spirit land! Land of delight!
Visions of splendor burst on the sight;
Nature enrobed in all vestures and hues,
Harmonies perfect no aging can lose,
Bathed in perpetual light,
Land without darkness or night.

Spirit land! Land of our dreams!
Each pure sight, just what it seems;
Crystal clear water, celestial and pure,
Blossoms of springtime that ever endure,
Peaceful and restful and bright,
Land without blemish or blight.

Spirit land! Land of the true!
Like withered flowers, we live anew;
All bid farewell to defects and decay,
Living triumphant in eternal day,
Solace our grief to requite,
Land of perfection and light.

DAISY GIBSON BUETTNER.

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

GOD LEADING, MEN FOLLOWING

Through the Mediumship of Lillian Barit

(Continued from November Issue)



HE FULLY awakened soul becomes as a blossom on a goodly tree, a sign to those of that time, that the Promise of God is full of life and will bring its fulfillment, in the blessedness of Peace, when man becomes holy to his God, and remains holy in all his practices.

Charity is oftentimes used by man as a garment to cover him from other men's knowledge of desires not in accordance with God's Word, or the good will he should show to his fellow-man. True charity does not demean the recipient or the giver. It flows from a softened heart towards the suffering heart it seeks to befriend and sooth. The flow of charity is like the sap of a live tree, when its roots feel the new infilling brought from mother earth, and telling of rebirth in all things. Charity needs no lamp to light the way on which it has its being. Charity needs no herald to trumpet its good-will. In reality charity is the God-spirit of the donor, who is raising the veil to greater acknowledgment of God's True Divinity, and His at-one-ness within and with all men. Charity is a meek "angel" when first viewed; but when true vision opens, she is seen in her true light, which flaming color, points her as a true emissary of God. Pointing out the hearts which already have felt the dart of compassion and have answered the *Call*.

To the donor, true charity has given the lightest taper of sympathy which soon grows into the Godlier light of Love. So love is born in the hearts of men, and begins its work of shearing, of curing, of leading man into the higher altitudes of endeavor to understand the Truth of Supreme Spirit, God. Love will slowly, at best, become apparent, strange longings will shake the frame of man, strange fears and qualms for Man's ultimate upliftment will hold the heart of man. When love-conscious and love-awakened man begins to acknowledge the Universal Laws which have ever been in vogue, he has broken the first and fastest holding link in the chain which held him fast to old and wornout and faded laws. They gave the words and meaning to them of many man-made Creeds and Dogmas, but neglected to insert God's Law of Laws, *Love*.

The fully awakened soul has to journey side by side with unawakened souls, narrow, niggardly souls as well as perverse ones, but they shall not retard his progress, only, his heart will be heavy, and from time to time, he will stop, seek to convey "that," which has set him free to climb. As he climbs out of disappointments, due to these souls not understanding or heeding, he has more vision and greater strength of purpose given him, and pleasanter vistas opened up as to his ultimate goal. It behooves man then to remember that no other man may uncover Truth for him, but only He, himself.

We are coming into a New Day, some say. How little they truly see. We are in a New Day. God's Day. Each time another sees more clearly and proclaims it, a new day opens to the vision of the many. They do not hold to their vision because it is not as it has been taught them, and their conception of Truth is the *only way this Truth may appear*. Again, we are being opposed by Man's "puny" outlook. Man will become God-like, only, when man will forget man and his seeming greatness and see good in *all men*.

Just as light and air and food are essential to man, so to us is essential the air of well-being of man, and the light of

man's aspirations. For it does not avail man to utter things of one kind and think quite a different kind of thing. We see within first and notice the without later, and as "The Heart of a man is, so also is he."

The widely awakened soul, then seeks to live wisely within and shows first to God his entire willingness to be taught the precepts of right thinking, right living, right knowing. That by his everyday life and manner he may become a lesson and a blessing to his fellowman. He becomes a co-inheritor of the Kingdom of Spirit with those teachers from time immemorable who have given their all that Truth might abide forever as the True Expression of *Light, Hope and Love on the entire Earth*.

Man in his progression, then, has reached the God-consciousness and is transported through confidence into seeing the visions of God's own country, begins to differentiate between the colors, blending together in one great Hymn of Thankfulness and Praise. When man is full of the years allotted to him, and his bodily strength wanes; but his strength of confidence, which is of the spirit, becomes increased a hundredfold, he gives his earthly strivings to his own and carries along the last incline the awakened realization of going towards Home.

The Gate to that Home is Ever the same, Death; the end of earthly strivings and vexations, and the string is broken and the spirit is freed. What does this spirit see? Is it at a greater height than when imprisoned in the flesh, and made its flights into the land it now but barely discerns? The spirit is all but blinded by the light shines; and it knows naught but what it knew at the moment of death. Ah, but here await the spirit messengers, who will take the Spirit into a vale of restfulness, where he will abide awhile, and go to the sphere or plane that he has worked for as the *awakened* soul in earthly habitation.

The house where he rests is not only his, but belongs to all who have arrived at his willingness to be taught. Here the spirit is cleansed, if necessary, from narrowed outlooks, and the fountain of knowledge is opened wide; but only its finest spray is allowed to play on the renewed spirit. He is now told that his Creed is no better than his neighbor's. That love and the kindness of love is the leader here; sometimes a spirit refuses this knowledge, he still expounds *this* creed or *that* as better than any other. So, perforce, he is left to unravel for himself, albeit, through many repetitions of the Teachings of Love given him by the Teachers of his sphere; or by journeys made with them to other spirits on this sphere.

Slowly the spirit's spiritual mind awakens to facts, irrefutable, and he too becomes awake to God's Love and an earnestness of realizing and wanting to tell *his own* the great realization, makes him want to hurry to the next step.

But, Earth-Children, remember there is limitless time and no hurry, every step must be mastered before the new step is undertaken. No word's meaning is too minute to merit going over and over, until full understanding is mastered. Periods of dulness, which with us mean but rest from effort, fall often on the spirit. When the waves of thought become impregnated with his wants, they imprint these wants on the cells of the Master of the Sphere, who in turn sends an *Arisen One* to pilot the Spirit on. Many have been so blinded by the first flash of light that it has taken years as you reckon time to become active in knowledge.

(To Be Continued)

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

TO WHOM DO YOU PRAY?

By Ruth Alice

HAVE you who call upon the "Saints" ever fully realized the effect of that act? One who is so "Sainted" has bemoaned that all the prayers (thoughts) that are sent keep them in a sad vibration, as all are for help, though for centuries discarnate she is unable to help because of the many calls and the fact that she is much like the incarnate ones, a soul trying to advance. It would be far kinder to ask an all-wise, all-loving Father or Principle for help and allow His wisdom to allocate the helpers. This is not parallel to calling upon those whom we have known and loved, for their contacts are mostly to those recently known on earth, therefore not more than is possible to attend to and yet have time for their own study, work and advancement, ever remembering that any help they can give makes amends for some act which is recorded against them.

When we realize that there are millions who have been

taught to call upon especial Saints for especial things or need, and knowing the law of attraction, and that the incessant calls are reaching those souls, we know how impossible any one finite soul or Saint to respond to all the demands made upon it; alas, what a reward for some brave or good deed done, to be held in trouble and sorrow instead of being thanked and permitted to go on their earned pathway. May reason reign and the love and reverence we feel for all who have followed the Law of Love make us understanding and help them. They, too, should be allowed to climb the upward path and not to be held by countless millions of prayers through the ages.

To do good is ever their aim, but, there as here, free choice should be permitted their actions and they free as if they had not done some one spectacular act which ages after man canonized, not God. May the prayers of all who read this go out to mitigate the holding close to earth of these age-old souls.

SPIRITUALISM, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By Louisa Riemvis

SPIRITUALISM stands on top of the world as an illumined torch lighting humanity's way to immortality and life. What matters it, my friends, whose hand holds the torch, so long as the light shines bright and clear? It is well that we are able to see this glorious light, for without the light of spirituality we would indeed be in darkness.

God sends out a ray of light into the minds of our orthodox brethren of the Christian churches, but the light fails to reveal to lesser minds the true meaning of immortal life. Yes, they do teach "life everlasting," but they are empty words when not accompanied with spiritual understanding. For centuries humanity has been seeking the true path, being tossed into the lap of one belief and creed, then another; but still the seeking soul found not succor. But the urge was strong and would not be stilled; millions of souls went on ever seeking a way to relieve the heart-hunger that was gnawing at their breasts.

Then came the dawn of Modern Spiritualism, crude at first, but strong as a lusty infant at birth. There came a voice telling us that not only was life everlasting, but that those who had passed beyond human aid were able, in a conscious way, to let us know that life existed beyond the grave. Since then the voice of Spiritualism has grown stronger with the passing years, now standing as a beacon light over the hill, ever shedding its illuminating rays into the dark places. This is an everlasting Light that will never grow dim, but with the future years will take on an added lustre and strength.

When the world is ready to receive the higher teachings of the Masters, that knowledge will be revealed, and it will be revealed through the illumination of the minds of Spiritualist mediums and sensitives who are in direct communication with the higher Intelligences of Spirit.

Seek ye the light of Spiritualism, my friends, for it will bring into your lives something sweet and beautiful, something comforting and uplifting, and will prove to you through its gifted mediums the continuity of life and communication

between the earth plane and the spirit realms. There are millions who have found this comforting thought and have been greatly benefited thereby, but we are seeking still to reveal to other millions of souls the truth of life beyond the grave. Millions there are who have already found this haven of rest for their sorrow stricken souls, but we Spiritualists, following in the footsteps of our greatly illumined Brother Jesus, who had gathered the ninety and nine sheep into the fold, but still went searching for the stray lamb in the darkness. So we hope to bring all the stray souls into our strengthening light and love, and to show that each and every soul, no matter how insignificant in this scheme of life, means as much to God as the greater ones in the world's sight.

We hope to bring to you greater revelations than have ever been presented before; and as the world is ready to receive of the greater revelations, you may rest assured that they will be forthcoming. May the illumined golden doorway of spirit stand open always, that we on the earth plane may catch its reflecting rays of light, and may God's truth ever be upheld by the chosen instruments of this glorious revelation.

THE TRUE LIGHT

TRUE light is a spiritual light

Descended from heaven above,
To guide us safely across the way
That leads to our Creator thru love.
For the light is ever shining,
Shedding its rays o'er land and sea;
It is there to guide both you and me.

We mortal children groping in darkness of sin,
Now, dear brother and sister, open wide the door
And let the blessed light shine in.
For it is a flame that will never grow dim
But thru noble actions grow brighter
As down the years we journey life's road.

So now is the time your spiritual light to show,
Hold it high above you so there will be no dark spaces,
But in the circle of light around you
You will see your loved ones' faces.

By LILLIE BELLE PARENT.

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

DEGREES OF EVOLUTION OF BEING

By Alcinous B. Jamison, M. D.

BEING is an archetypal autonomic organism, one of the integral parts that constitute the inorganic cosmos. It may exist for a time in its involved or germinal state, or may express the potential laws of its being through mortal creative efforts. The prophecy, the urge, the push and desire innate in being is eventually to acquire creative ability, to express its God-self continually in its germinal archetypal form.

To attain this epoch in its mortal creative efforts, the embryo God, from its first simplest creative effort, and on up through all the conscious planes of life, kept up the potential urge and desire of being in its mortal creative efforts, all the while evolving its God-self through incarnating and discarnating—finally through countless periods of time, of mortal birth and death, to make a habitation for a more complex being.

And among all the infinite variety of mortal living entities that helped and continued the creation of the earth, there was evolved a mortal biped (a group of beings) called the dawn-man, in the image and likeness of an embryo God, who finally was able to incarnate in its germinal design form, at the same time creating an abode for his mortal existence on the earth. Yet his task was not complete, for he must continue to think and create and to contend with many destructive forces that environed him as at the present time.

An embryo God manifesting mortally as man possesses innately the eternal normal laws of being and attributes of mind in potentia. It is an uncreated, indestructible being, pushed by self-urge to think and create. Being manifesting as man, having during countless time, through creative efforts, come up through all the domains of nature in its ascent to the form of man, must continue to evolve. Some having passed through the savage and semi-savage states of mankind, have reached a domesticated state of consciousness, while yet many remain in the wild-animal state of mortal existence on earth.

As the population of human beings increased, they were more or less restrained and tamed by human wants and needs and by man-made laws or the dictates of a monarch, all the while requiring immense police forces and large armies and numerous courts to maintain a semblance of the social fabric we have today. This only demonstrates that the embryo God-man as a rule is a domesticated being with animalistic senses for information, like quadrupeds.

The science, philosophy and religion of the human race can be no better than what the evolution of the mind is able to perceive through the senses.

Mankind is yet dominated by animalistic senses, for information, due to lack of unfoldment of the mind—unable to see, feel or hear spirit loved ones who are ever present to help them out of sympathy for their mental darkness. There is a group of humans wearing spectacles to aid their animalistic senses for information, who have evolved mentally to a state of intuitional twilight sensibility and are able to form mental concepts that endanger belief, faith and hope, and they pray and worship.

They are non-thinking dependents upon an ideal conception or fancy about an unknown impersonal God, without form or body, which logically means non-existence or nothing. However, when a group of people are doing the best they can, they do well and should be complimented on their effort, even if they do manifest savage intolerance of the understanding of other groups of thinking humans.

The mental unfoldment of a lion causes him to be a power in his environment. The same is true of bipeds in their various stages of mental evolution. Dogs must bark, bite and kill, because their nature impels them. So by the mental phenomena created by man or groups of men is indicated the degree of the unfoldment of their minds and senses for information and understanding. Mind, being a potential organism, engenders stages of evolution as observed in the conduct of humans and all lesser complex manifesting entities in nature.

Spirit man is environed by entities in an evolved state of expression as well as a heterogeneous variety of degrees of evolved states from the primary to that of animals and men. Therefore no two mortal manifesting entities are alike—a logical evidence of distinct, individual, created designs and mortal replicas of all living things. The oncoming hosts of discarnate beings primarily able to incarnate in the form of man would have to repeat the same incarnating accretive process a great number of times before they could evolve a psychic cosmic consciousness.

The animal mind and senses of a consciousness of belief, faith and hope are implanted by an evolved mind and senses that are able to cognize the phenomena of the discarnate realms. Then the seer realizes that the kingdom of God is within him, and that by normal thinking and creating he fulfills the laws of his divine destiny.

The evolution of the human race from the state of animal-mindedness to that of the consciousness of a seer may never take place on this mundane plane of life, owing to the influx of undeveloped mortal beings called men.

The mundane plane of life is nature's incarnating incubator of birth and death until beings are evolved to a state of cosmic consciousness.

From the age of the dawn-man, generations of men have come and gone through nature's incarnating incubator of birth, sin, sickness, sorrow and death, up to the present incubated generation. The product is the best that could be turned out, considering the lack of scientific mental training. Without it man is only a parrot or a phonograph record of theology and fear, of Satan and his angels, of damnation and hell.

The potential attributes of mind and the eternal laws of being in due time will right all errors, and the Gods and Goddesses will know no evil in the celestial realms, and as the mental urge and desire compel, press on to other more glorious realms that only the phenomena can describe, and not written or spoken words.

GETTING THE FOCUS

By Walter Scott Haskell



CHILDREN are interested in dolls, smiles, petting and persons, animals, birds and things. An adult often speculates as to the meaning of dolls, smiles, petting and little girls. It is the difference between things and the cause of things. A great many adults are in the child class, as far as having any interest in anything but the sensations of objects and things around them.

Love of objects, things, persons, binds us to those things that we think we cannot do without. If we have no glimpse

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of the causes of things, we are held to the level of the earth, to the plane of manifestation. To realize that all phenomena came from the invisible side of life gives phenomena a different rating. Instead of being something separate, the visible things are all united in the spirit of life. A man's thoughts go out from his brain center, yet the brain registers them on the one dial. God's thoughts go out and are registered in the brain organisms He created for the purpose. Man is a little thinking machine for deity. If we don't deify the thoughts, we are scattering them. To regard them all as of divine origin tends to unite and bind into one whole.

The more one understands the spiritual source, the more is one original in thought. There can be no original thinker while the love of things excludes the love and understanding of the source of things; because originality rests on the original spiritual ego in the person. In this sense it is a question if a materialist can be a deep thinker. While material scientists have made many discoveries of new laws, they must have used their spiritual creative powers to do so. While deluding themselves with the false idea that matter is all there is, they unconsciously operate a spiritual mind and discover new laws, which they immediately pin down to matter. Laws operate in both spirit and matter. As we grow out of the child conception of things, into the adult desire to know the meaning of things, we begin to throw off the shackles that bind, become more original, more God-like, and nearer to our spiritual goal.

SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 18

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

1. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2. Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee?
3. O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.
4. Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.
5. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
6. And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee.
7. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
8. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
9. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.
10. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 17 follows: Psalm 31:1, 16:11, 135:5, 35:18, 34:22, 105:3, 22:28, 71:17, 144:4 and 92:8 respectively.

PROGRESS

ONE hundred years ago the school board of a small town in the Central States refused a permit for the use of the school house for the discussion of the question as to whether or not railroads were practical. The respected trustees decided that railroads and telegraphs were impossibilities and rank in-

firmity, and agreed that these things were a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell.

The hard-shelled theologian is advancing the same argument against spirit communication. He is trying to sweep back with his puny dogmatic broom the intruding sea of light and knowledge. Judging by the widespread interest in things psychic, man will soon claim his birthright. He refuses to be bound by dusty dogmas and has started to assert his divinity. When we here use the word "soon," we do not mean the immediate future, nor do we mean the distant future. Truth requires no time limits, but the signs of the times indicate that man is thinking for himself, and this is the starting point.

Man is entitled to know beyond the shadow of a doubt what his destiny is beyond the grave. The divine impulse is breaking through ecclesiastical barriers to function, and this is not the work of any devil. The devilish work is that retarding and selfish influence of narrow spiritual leaders who cling to tradition and obstruct the progressive.

A few hundred years ago they burned witches, or mediumistic people, at the stake. Occasionally they regretted it, for it was discovered a pious one had suffered and died, and to rectify the blunder the accursed one was restored to good standing and called a saint. Today the medium or seer is ridiculed as being unbalanced mentally, but due to progress does not suffer the flames.

It is timely to note that a sweet elderly lady in Germany confounded the scoffers by demonstrating in open court to the satisfaction of judge and jury that her powers were real. This medium had been charged with deceiving the public by telepathy. Her trial had aroused public interest and the courtroom swarmed with admirers and foes. Curiosity seekers, newspaper correspondents from other cities and stern scientific men mingled together awaiting developments. Here at the bar stood a lonely woman, accused by some of being a charlatan, in league with the devil. Her trial was probably the greatest test of modern times for any mystic; for, not only did she demonstrate her God-given powers to ignorant spectators, but she was subjected to the most gruelling test of brilliant scientists. Her vindication was complete. As this white-haired lady triumphed before the world, her spirit was sad, for she wept as she realized that humanity does not as yet grasp its divine mission or its divine powers.

The trial brought forth interesting data for scientists, to say the least. Nerve specialists subjected the medium to their severest tests without disturbing the trance condition. A photographic apparatus installed for the purpose had rapidly photographed every move and change. Three specialists made a thorough examination, even of the mucous membrane of her eyes. In short, nothing was left undone to prove that this medium possessed no power of supernormal character. Her vindication is no surprise to those who realize the reality of trance visions.

The claim is made that the scientific mind has changed in recent years on the hypothesis that there is no actual reality in phenomena displayed. Indeed, the opinion of leading minds has been to undergo a change on this subject, and scientific literature written by men who weigh all sides to a question, men who by no stretch of the imagination could be classed as cranks, lean toward the theory that many of the persecuted mediums of the darker ages did possess supernormal powers.

The world progresses. The trial of Frau Else Guenther-Geffers of Germany is progress. Her victory in open court before a hostile audience is progress. Progress carries on when the narrow limited mind cries there is no progress. The light of progression is being fought for and its rays will never be extinguished.

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REINCARNATION

By William Geiger



WE ALL should understand there is a reason why we are here and that we have been here many times before and are likely to continue to return unless we shall complete our mission while on this present earthly journey. Some will say the past is not to be remembered, others will say only the present concerns us, while those that truly and sincerely seek more light are of the firm conviction we must become vitally interested and acquainted in the future as well. This surely is an indication of spiritual progress and development, for our advance spiritually is wholly dependent upon the future, especially if we would again have opportunity to know the lessons we may have missed in previous journeyings.

In dwelling upon the mysteries of life's origin and the continuity of life let it be known that the all important points discussed in this limited article have been revealed from the highest spirit-realms by spirit loved ones having profound wisdom, and through a Mediumship such as has seldom occurred in the history of man. As an aid in this discussion references are taken from the Jewish History, the Bible, and an example, that outstanding character, Jesus.

Sir Oliver Lodge, one of England's leading physicists besides being a leading Spiritualist, recently stated, "We do not get ultimate explanations in science, but approximate ones. We do not yet understand what life is but do not be afraid of the machinery of life." So in thanksgiving may we proceed, guided by Spirit-force, knowing that as we would reach out for more light and more understanding so would we receive.

God is Love, Life, Light, Supreme. He is the Creator of all good and first sent forth that life, that God-part that is within the children of men. This life is indestructible and man cannot restore it within the breasts of man once it has left its earthly house. That life, image or God-creation makes its earthly journey as it will, and according how its earthly house hath sowed, so shall it reap, in the spirit realms. That life must again make its way back to the Father same as when first sent forth pure and undefiled, purged of earthly iniquities. It must make right its own shortcomings. The more such life enloaked in material form has disobeyed the commands of God the Father, the longer will be its return journey. Because of the severity of its wayward journeyings and the many shortcomings it has heaped upon itself, because of the flagrant and oftentimes ignorant violations of the Law of God, not the law of man, the more often does it take on another earthly form. When that life again takes on earthly form, it is to try and make right the wrongs of previous earthly travels.

Every spark of life sent forth must one time again recombine itself with the Supreme Force and Spirit, God, of whom we all are part. Hence we can understand the prophets of old, "We must be born again," and, "Except we become as little children (pure and undefiled) we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." It is in the Zion, above all spirit-realm, where God abideth supreme, we are again in Oneness with Him, One-whole, as Him, He.

Through all journeys here and hereafter and all of which are before our final entry in the All-eternity, "I and the Father are one," since the spiritual tie is never severed, only that we travel out from Him. As we read in John 17:5, "—which I had with thee before the world was," our return journey is one

we should anxiously want to complete in glory. As expressed in Ephesians 5:8-9, we "were sometimes in darkness," in previous journeys, and again as in Hebrews 10:32, we "call to remembrance the former days" of those earthly journeys. The All-seeing Eye is ever upon us and it matters not how far we stray from the Father, it is well known to Him that our journey is not as pleasing as it might be if we would come closer.

Through one of those blessed Mediumships above spoken of, there was heard the spirit voice through the instrumentality of John the Beloved, that "him that overcometh shall go no more out from the temple of God," Revelation 3:12. Are we now doing right, are we now reaching higher, is our returning to the earth plane one of in light conquering the darkness? If so, then it shall not be required of our spirit selves to again take on flesh and bone, but have everlasting joy in the House of the Lord. Or is it that some of us are still depending upon a saviour?

The prophets of old knew all these things as we can well read in John I, verses 1, 3, 6 and 13. The witness and truthbringer John Baptist and as also noted in verses 15 and 30, knew, "He that cometh after me is preferred before me, for He was before." It is recalled that the Spirit (angel) Gabriel foretold of the birth of this brother John and later again foretold the birth of Jesus, born AFTER John. Who then is this Jesus? It is none other than the Elijah (Elias) and who was none other than the Moses—the one spirit in three known journeys of approximately 2000 years apart. The prophet Malachi (Chapter 4:5) predicted the coming again of Elijah and also in Luke (Chapter 1:17) is recorded that the spirit and power of Elias would reincarnate. In Luke 9:8 the reincarnation is known to the people.

Only God knows of the first coming forth of life or spirit, but one who returns after that is also known unto others. Jesus during that earthly journey spoke often of the Moses and the Elijah. That Spirit or God-part knew whereof it speaketh. The inner voice that prompted that sojourner became tremendously audible even at so young an age as twelve years. The inspiring influences from beyond the realms of man manifested strongly later in life when He so often speaks of the Moses and the Elijah. Jesus well knew and better re-proclaimed the teachings of the previous incarnations.

Proof of this spirit-reincarnation was made manifest unto those psychics Peter, James and John, who beheld the transfiguration. They saw beyond the mortal body and beheld the spirit within. And that mortal frame thereupon became an instrumentality through which a spirit communication was delivered, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 17). He is our Elder Brother, some of us traveled with Him at those previous times, and our Father still calls to us His children, "Hear ye Him." In Matthew 11:14, the Nazarene sayeth Elias is come, and again in Chapter 17, verse 12, "Elias is come already." While at the threshold of mortal death and before His spirit was forcibly released from the body at the hands of the crucifiers, that spirit knew that the Elias is to go soon (Matthew 27:47) back into the spirit realms free from the body, but not of bodily experiences. About three days later that spirit again was seen, soon again thereafter, and many times since, even today.

This in part is the true Christmas message. Sad it is for those children of men who are hypocrites and who bring the false. All of us are brothers and sisters in spirit, why not strive here as in heaven?

OBSERVATIONS

Giving Thanks

PRESIDENT-ELECT Herbert Hoover, in giving thanks to the people of America for having selected him, said, "... it imposes a sense of solemn responsibility of the future and of complete dependence upon Divine guidance for the task which the greatest office in the world imposes." These words surely come from the lips of a man of great spiritual courage. Mr. Hoover knows and proclaims willingly that God does give guidance. Such confidence is bound to bring about complete success during his administration.

Santa Claus

THIS is the time when the kiddies want to know if there really is a Santa Claus. There is but one answer if we want to be absolutely true. Children who are taught to believe in a Santa Claus and in a bogey man and in fairy tales are not entirely at fault when, later on in life, they become "good liars." The elders are wholly at fault for having developed falsehood in the hearts and minds of their innocent young, and who sooner or later must stand in regret for such actions. This Observer recalls a case last Christmas time in which the elder told the offspring that old St. Nicholas lives up at the North Pole, to which the wise one who would not be misled replied, "Why are there so many Santas in the shops and on the streets?" To speak of a Santa Claus as one of flesh and blood and body is one thing, but to speak of the season of giving and its symbols is another thing.

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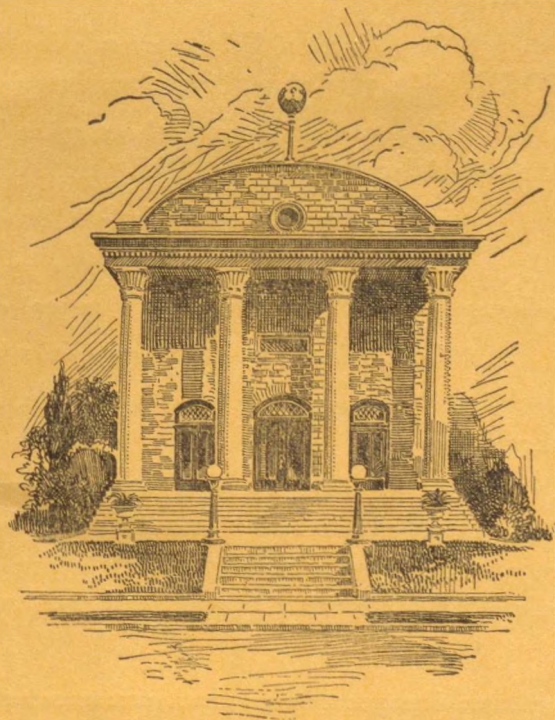
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Storms

NEWSPAPER dispatches bring word of severe storms that are spreading havoc in Europe and on the Atlantic Ocean. Many people have been killed and injured, property damage estimated at millions of dollars is reported, and great losses of live stock and produce included. Earth tremors are felt in many parts of the world. And this all follows closely upon the tremendous volcanic eruption and its consequent disturbance in the vicinity of Mount Etna. Without doubt, many are asking, as does this Observer, WHY? In Romans 15:19 we read, "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God," etc., and we reflect, how much longer before humanity awaken to Truth and make its way back to God in the Universal Way, in the Spiritual way? The signs are in the heavens, and it needs no prophet to interpret its warnings. Those who prefer to go the broad way rather than follow on the straight and narrow way say of these signs that they are natural. Mankind is restless. There is that something that is at least making some of us think, and think as we never did before. Now we feel as if we looked entirely too long upon the rudiments of man and should look more enquiringly into those works of God. The storms are not only about us, but within us. The spirit is crying out for Light, more Light, and is rejecting the doctrines of men. The messages that have been revealed from the spirit-side of life in past generations are beginning to dawn. Peoples are talking about it all, groups have formed for discussions, searchings have been started, the storms are telling!



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"There is always good within us, and it is good our loved ones inspire us to bring out that goodness."

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