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SPIRITUALISM.

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A WARNING TO SINNERS,

TO THE

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES,

AND TO THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO  
COMMUNICATE WITH

THE SPIRITS  
THAT SURROUND US.

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## A CAUTION.

I THINK it my duty, as a caution to those who are seeking to communicate with the Spirits that surround us, to publicly state the wonderful and supernatural experience I have had during the last fifteen or sixteen months.

I have not been connected with the so-called Spiritualists or Mediums, and have had no communication with them until quite recently.

I have had spirit voices communicating in the most awful way, night and day, for the above time, and I now know that it is a fact that the Spirits of the most abominable of those who have died in their sins on the earth, abound, and are suffering punishment on the face of the earth, under infamous evil Spirits, who have the power to throw impulses and thoughts on our minds and excitements on our bodies, to induce us to commit the most lustful and abominable crimes, in which they seem to revel in the Spirit state.

These *Evil ones* have great electrical power, have immense power over vibrations, and have the power to throw pains on the human body, and perhaps other powers which I know not of. They are lying, blasphemous, and idolatrous, and are punishing myriads of *Evil Spirits* (that is, those who have committed vile sins, but who do not yet know what their ultimate fate is to be), who seem to be in a state of transition, and in various grades, from the lowest vile, abominable, unnatural beasts, to the greatest blasphemers and idolators, and those who have denied the existence of the Almighty God. Amongst these *Evil ones* and *Evil Spirits* are those who have been of the highly educated

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in the world, suffering for their filthy lusts. There are also *Spirits of Evil* of a still more detestable kind than the *Evil Spirits*.

These Spirits retain the same nature they had on the earth, but their abominable feelings and malignity are intensified. They can throw on human beings hot, burning pains, cramps, numbness, pains like sciatica, or intense rheumatism or gout, and profess to be on the earth to send these pains as punishment for sins committed, and especially for the very sort of sins which they delight to force on man. Every thought we have is instantly known to them, and they can so mix their thoughts with ours that (even now they are manifested to me) I am sometimes at a loss to distinguish my very own thoughts from those they force upon me.

The awful and terrible trial I have had to go through of having the sins of my life, from my childhood, recounted to me, brought me to such an intense state of repentance that, in agony, I prayed to the Almighty God for mercy; and after going through the severest tests of my truth, and temptations such as I can scarcely suppose man ever had to suffer on earth before in the same way, I have, by the mercy of the Almighty God, had a new and clean Spirit put in me, which renders it impossible for me to wilfully commit the sins which I now know were put on my thoughts and desires, against my own real nature, by these evil Spirits; and by my repentance, and *committing no more sin*, these Spirits who have caused the sins of my life, are now suffering, and will suffer punishment for having caused them; and I believe this will be the case with thousands who *repent* and turn *from their* sins, however vile, and they will have strength given them by the Almighty, if they are firm and *sincere*, to resist all further attacks of these vile Spirits, and be able to lead an

entirely new life, and look on their former life with horror.

I would now caution all to avoid seeking any communication with these Spirits. They are full of deceit, lies, and treachery. If they communicate in voices, they can imitate the very tone and manner of any one they please; and as they know everything about all who are connected with those they communicate to, can profess to be the Spirits of their nearest relations or most intimate friends. To me they have represented a relation who is still alive, and others, so exactly as to perfectly deceive me.

I believe they intended my complete destruction by madness or suicide, but my faith in the mercy of the Almighty God has been my salvation. I have very little doubt that our madhouses abound with those who have been attacked in a similar manner.

I should mention that the Spirits of those who are being punished under these Evil ones are located in the very places where their sins have been committed, or with those with whom they have committed them, and those are suffering the most punishment for the sins they have committed who have given way to the idolatry of worshipping Jesus Christ as the Almighty God, or as the *very God of very God*, as it was attempted to force me to, in one of my greatest temptations, which I resisted, defying the very principal Evil One, who threatened me with instant death, or paralysis of one side.

After they first manifested themselves to me, and I found they were vile and disgusting Spirits, and resisted them, determined to do no more sin, they altered their plan, by pretending to be good and holy Spirits, appointed to punish me on earth by the Almighty. I

then gave myself up to their punishments for about a fortnight, when I was brought into a semi-trance state, and had most extraordinary visions, and went through the most intense sufferings, until I thought I was at the last gasp, and never again expected to be on the face of the earth. During a great part of this time I was oblivious to what was going on about me, and scarcely knew the difference of night and day, or how time went. I was made to put my hands before my face, and a light shone around, and I heard tremendous and wonderful voices, with such language as it is impossible for me to repeat. I was then offered by this great Evil One to be the principal punisher of the Evil ones, if I would give up the hope of the mercy of God, which I rejected. Suffering intense pains, I was tried by visions, and otherwise, to believe in the blood of Jesus Christ to save me, which I could not, but desired to learn more than is known on earth about Jesus Christ. A Spirit, who professed to be Jesus Christ, for two days dictated to me, verse by verse, to re-write a great part of Mark's Gospel, which I was to seal up and keep by me, and not look at again, when they found I did not believe in what was going on.

After intense tests of the truth of every thought I had, in which they could not get me to an untruth, I believe their attempts were stopped by the command of the Almighty God, and they were compelled to give me up, for I was told, in a solemn and tremendous voice—

*“Thy sins are forgiven thee.”*

After that I was told by others, who appeared to be inferior Spirits, that I should have a new and clean Spirit put in me, which I must not defile; that I should go into the world again, and be subject, not only to the temptations of the world, but to every temptation these

Spirits could put on me, which have been immense. Their greatest attempt was to force me to go on my knees during the thunder-storms of last year to worship Jesus Christ as the Almighty God, under the threat of paralysis, or instant death, as I have before said.

The Spirits who are now suffering punishment, who have believed on earth that Jesus Christ is God, and believed their sins were forgiven by priests giving absolution, on penance being done, are compelled to worship Jesus Christ still, and are getting greater punishments. They complain bitterly of being inveigled and brought into this dreadful state by the Roman Catholic priests.

The Roman Catholic Evil Spirits in Salford and Pendleton I have found to have the greatest power, and seem to be the most bitter against me; but although they can give me some pains and much annoyance, they are powerless to cause me to commit evil, or to put evil thoughts in my mind, for any thoughts they try to force on me come to me now in words, so that they cannot, as the Spirits have done before, throw them on my mind without my knowledge of the source whence they came, and so have driven me into the sins I have committed; and I feel good and holy impulses continually, that prevent my giving way for an instant to any evil thought; and I feel that I have now some protecting Spirit, that is not manifested to me—that it gives me the strength I have prayed for, to be able to resist all temptation.

I would now again give a solemn warning to all not to seek communication with these Spirits in any way, for I firmly believe the seeking communication with these foul, evil, *familiar* Spirits to be as great an abomination in the sight of the Almighty God as it was in ancient times.

The impulses from good and holy Spirits come to the mind, the heart, the soul, not manifested by table rappings and absurdities.

## SECOND EDITION.

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Since the first edition was printed, I have come across a Chapel in Middleton where is cut on the stone in front—

“Jesus Christ the only God.”

I understand the people attending this place are Swedenborgians, who must be entirely under the influence of these Evil ones. This seems confirmed by my hearing that there were Spirits there suffering for their idolatry—they have just said, whilst I am writing this, that they are not suffering for infamous sins, but for their idolatry.

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The reader will observe that the command to go forth and baptize in the name of the “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” was given by the Spirits after Jesus Christ’s death, and as they could imitate the exact tone of voice and manner of Jesus Christ on earth, it is probable that, *failing to conquer him in the flesh through his FAITH IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD*, they have succeeded after his death in creating the Idolatry that is the curse of the Christian doctrine—causing the most beautiful teaching of the “*Worship of God in Spirit and in truth*” to become an abomination in the sight of the Almighty, as now carried on by the Trinitarians. Many other things may also have been put on the writers of the New Testament in the same way: Paul’s conversion and the Revelations may be clearly traced to similar manifestations.

\* \* \* Communications intended for Mr. Meeson can be addressed to the Publisher.

*Answers to Correspondents.*


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TO A CHRISTADELPHIAN.

SIR,

I think it most presumptuous in Man to attempt to fathom the designs of the Almighty Creator of the Universe.

The largest and purest mind cannot, with the utmost stretch of the imagination, have the slightest conception of the Majesty, Glory, and Grandeur of the Holy God.

This is infinitely beyond the comprehension of the Spirits, and the nature of their existence is incomprehensible to human beings, even to me, who have had such intimate communications from them in the same way as human beings in the flesh would have talked to me.

How *daring* of Man to try to enter into a theory or conception of the intentions of the Almighty God either in the past or in the future.

That the Spirit of Man does exist, and is suffering punishment for sins committed on the Earth, *I do know*, and that they exist on the face of the Earth, and in the atmosphere, some far above others.

I have not sought this knowledge, and should esteem it a great presumption to dare to investigate anything beyond what has been brought to my knowledge.

It is quite sufficient for us to know that we have an Almighty Creator, who is not only our Creator, but provides us and all creation, not only with everything necessary for our sustenance, but with everything surrounding us to give delight to the senses with which He has endowed us. If we enjoy, admire, and are thankful in our hearts for the beauties, blessings, and mercies which we receive, and if we keep our Souls pure from lusts, and Sins which our own consciences will instantly convict us of, and act justly and lovingly to our fellow-creatures, we may depend upon it we are worshipping God in the most acceptable manner—trusting, *as we may trust*, in His Providence, and thinking of Him and praying to Him with the utmost humbleness and reverence.



I do not take either the Old or the New Testament to be the very Word of God, to found theories or doctrines upon, although there is so much in them that is beautiful, and which we feel in our Souls to be the true knowledge of the attributes of the One only, Most Holy, Almighty Creator.

I decline to enter into any of your petty theories founded on passages in the Scriptures; but shall be happy to answer any questions that are within the scope of my *knowledge* to answer.

Yours truly,

HENRY MEESON.

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TO J. R., *Chapman Street, Hulme*

SIR,

Your note embraces two points :

First—Whether any credence can be placed in the statement that Spirits do exist on the Earth, who can communicate with Mankind. I can only say that all in my pamphlet is the exact truth of a small portion of what I have gone through, and that I would rather lay down my life than *incur the wrath of the Almighty by uttering a wilful lie.*

Secondly—Who and what was Jesus Christ? You will find that under the awful circumstances in which I was placed, and expecting immediate death, that was the very thing I wished to know, and it has not been made clear to me; but it *has been made clear to me* that he was not the Almighty God, or a portion of the Almighty God in the Trinity, and that his blood, as a sacrifice, is not the means of Salvation for those who have committed great sins, but that there is nothing but repentance, giving up our sinfulness, and asking the Mercy of God, that can save us. Prayer to the Almighty God must be the fervent desires of the heart and soul direct to the Almighty, and not through Jesus Christ or any other mediator—desires which ascend as prayers in our minds before we can express them in language in our thoughts (those who have been through great anguish of mind will readily understand this); and *truth and sincerity* must be the foundation of all we do.

Yours truly,

HENRY MEESON.

P.S.—Of table-rapping, &c., I know nothing, never having attended any meeting for such purposes.

## QUAKERISM AND SPIRITUALISM.

On Sunday evening, 27th July, 1873, I went into a Quaker Meeting House in Manchester. Although few persons were present, I found it abounding—I might say more correctly swarming—with Spirits of the class of those which have attempted to force on me the worship of Jesus Christ as God. They were talking to me the whole time, and asked me not to get them punished, which I *can* do by recalling in my thoughts some of the blasphemies and idolatries they have tried to force on me. The consequence of this was that there was no inspiration given to any of the Friends to speak, and after sitting I suppose the usual time, they all got up and went out without a word being said. I *then* thought it right to let them know the sort of Spirits they were waiting for to inspire them: they were those who are under the curse or punishment decreed by the Almighty God.

I think it well all Quakers should know this.

HENRY MEESON.

The author of a book, entitled, "*Where are the dead?*"\* has contributed an article to a recent number of *The Spiritualist* for July 15th, 1873, in which he deals with my pamphlet from the Spiritualists' point of view. I subjoin a short extract from it:—

"Many Spiritualists will doubtless have heard of a pamphlet by Mr. Henry Meeson, of Manchester, entitled, '*A Warning to Sinners,*' &c., in which the author details some very painful experiences he has had in connection with Spiritualism. I requested Mr. Meeson to call, and took down in writing the following explanatory statement touching the cause, origin, and nature of his experiences, which will, I trust, throw some light upon his case, and enable Spiritualists to make a proper use of his '*Warning*':—

"Mr. Henry Meeson, the author of the pamphlet, says he first became aware of the presence of spirits about February, 1872, although he now knows from their communications that he has been under spirit influence (so far as regards mental suggestions and lustful impulses) from his earliest childhood. These suggestions have been of an immoral and evil nature, prompting him to the commission of evil actions, and resulted, previously to February, 1872, in reducing him to a very deplorable and miserable state of mind, in consequence of which he was led to drown the memory of the past in drink.

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“The first occasion on which he became aware that spirits had any connection with him was about February, 1872, when he fancied, one night as he lay in bed, that he heard voices in the adjoining house, seeming to come through the wall, and apparently carrying on a conversation upon the most abominable and hurtful topics. He thought they belonged to people in the next house, but could scarcely believe it possible anyone on the face of the earth could have such vile ideas. Shortly afterwards he heard voices downstairs, as of a detective and others coming to the house and speaking to the landlady, and professing to have come to arrest him for something he had done. The voice of the landlady was so accurately imitated that he fully believed it was she speaking, and he got up and listened in great alarm. The voices near him then began speaking to him again, and directed him what he was to do in order to escape the imaginary detective. He made the necessary preparations, then went to the door and shouted to the landlady, but was astonished to find he had been deceived, and the house was perfectly still. He then saw that the voices were supernatural, and as they continued speaking to him he concluded they were spirits. He asked them if they could show themselves. Whereupon there appeared ‘a kind of prismatic light on the wall like an indistinct face,’ which only remained for an instant of time. This is the only instance, except one, in which he has seen anything, excepting in visions where he has been partly entranced. Their usual mode of communicating is by the voice. The voices are, however, inaudible to other persons. Since that date he has been followed by voices at all times and in all places—when perfectly alone, in country places, away from human habitations, by two voices only, one belonging to a male and the other a female. The male voice appears to belong to a man who on earth was very clever and highly educated. He talks intelligently upon all subjects that come up in Mr. Meeson’s thoughts, and follows and comments on anything he is reading. He is, however, of a very low moral nature, and professes to be compelled to obey the commands of other evil spirits who are about him, and to be the medium of communicating from other superior spirits occasionally. He hears many other voices besides the foregoing, some appearing to be confined to certain localities which they are unable to leave. In each populous place there are distinct spirits. These are suffering punishments in their own localities where their sins have been committed.

“He has had several visions which he does not wish to attempt to describe, the same vision being repeated several times for a special purpose. He felt some kind of manipulation upon the top of his head when he first passed into the trance. He has remained partially in that state for about a fortnight, and afterwards was made to write a great deal from dictation, amongst others, the ‘*laws of the consanguinity of the generations of mankind,*’ in very wonderful and precise language, which brought to his knowledge the heinousness of some of his own sins, and showing that *family ties are of the most sacred character in the sight of the Almighty*, and that sins committed with or against near relations are the most abominable; but all that he wrote he was ordered to destroy. He suffered from pains in various parts of his body, which the spirits had the power to produce whenever and wherever they liked, during the time he had given himself up to them. They could also surround him with some kinds of noxious fumes, and make him hear various noises. Many of these noises seemed to be caused by

vibrations of sounds produced at considerable distances off, and which they are able to bring close to and increase in power. Thus, in speaking to him, if there is any sound such as the trickling of water or the rumbling of a cart, or even the loud ticking of a clock, they are able to convert the vibration into a voice speaking to him. 'These,' says Mr. Meeson, 'are distinct from the direct male, female, and children's voices, for children are suffering for filthy sins.'

"He has suffered much from the temptations and evil suggestions of these spirits, as well as from the physical pains and sensations they were able to cause him, and was nearly reduced to the point of death. He succeeded in resisting their temptations, and at one time prayed fervently that God would permit him to die, fearing to face the sinful temptations that would beset him in the world. Afterwards a change took place. He heard a solemn voice say, 'Thy sins are forgiven thee,' and was told his spirit would be cleansed. He felt then as if a new spirit had been put into his body, which he accounts for by supposing that the power which the evil spirits had gained over him was removed, and since then he has been under purer influences, and has been able to reject all the evil ideas which the bad spirits continue to suggest to him. He still hears the voices wherever he is, but he feels that he has a spirit protecting him, and enabling him to keep entirely free from wilful sin."

Mr. Meeson adds, in a letter :—

"I still think I do right in warning persons not to seek to communicate with spirits who produce such results as I read of in table-rapping, &c.

"I have had the female spirit put to me some most beautiful language, professing to be a ministering angel, giving me most extraordinary ideas about the universe, comets, and nebulae, which I have found to be intended to lead to the greatest blasphemy against the Almighty, as I have discovered her to be the most vile, deceitful, treacherous, lying being of all I have had to do with.

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"I fear these manifestations on earth can only come from evil spirits, but I can readily imagine, indeed I know and feel that there are beautiful, good, holy impulses, from spirits to our minds, which I should be sorry to say a word against ; but I cannot connect these with such absurdities as I have heard of in connection with some spiritual *seances*."

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I may add, it has been the *certain knowledge* of the immensity of my sins, and my sincere and intense repentance, and determination to turn away from them, that has brought me the *certain knowledge* of the *boundless* MERCY of the Almighty God, to those who do, in all truthfulness of heart, repent of and turn from the evil of their lives.

HENRY MEESON.